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Thursday, February 17, 2000

This being the first Day of the Fourth 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-sixth day of January, in the year of our Lord two thousand;

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

[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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2000

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.

The Speaker entered the Assembly and took the Chair. After delivering the opening day prayer he invited Mr. Paul Lorieau to lead the Members of the Assembly and guests in singing Canada's National Anthem.

While awaiting the arrival of Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker spoke about the history and role of the office of the Lieutenant Governor.

Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor entered the Assembly and took her seat on the Throne.

Her Honour then read the following Speech from the Throne:

Speech From The Throne

Fellow Albertans, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the Fourth Session of the Twenty-fourth Alberta Legislature. I am honoured to speak to you today as Alberta's Lieutenant Governor, a role I accept with pride and a full appreciation of its time-honoured place in our cherished democratic system.

As Alberta and Canada welcome the new century, let me begin with a quotation from the first Throne speech of the previous century and the first-ever presented in Alberta. It was delivered by Lieutenant Governor George Hedley Vicars Bulyea on March 15, 1906.

Our thanks are due to Divine Providence for the bountiful harvest with which we were blessed during the past year. Inasmuch as the fruits of the soil are at the basis of the material prosperity of any country, the glorious heritage to which the people of this province have been called justifies a boundless confidence in the future.

With that eloquent endorsement of Alberta's potential, so began the province's journey as a partner in Confederation. Today, Albertans look back with tremendous pride for what they achieved through the twentieth century, and look forward with confidence to the challenges and opportunities of the new century.

We are honoured to have in this Assembly today an Albertan who was born in the year that first Throne speech was delivered. Mrs. Mathilda Hirsch of Edmonton, seated with the Premier's guests, was born in Wetaskiwin and represents four generations of Albertans – men and women who weathered the storms of war and depression to bequeath to us and to our children a province well-poised for growth and prosperity in the coming century. We thank Mrs. Hirsch, and the many Albertans like her – some still with us, many not – who worked so hard throughout the twentieth century so that the new century could offer such promise.

Also present today are 13 students of the Class of 2000, along with their teacher, Mr. Jeff Larbalestier. These students, from the International Baccalaureate Program at Stratford Campus of Jasper Place High School, will be Alberta's first graduates of the twenty-first century. They are beginning their journeys to adulthood in our province.

These students represent the generation that will continue the work of Mrs. Hirsch in the coming years. Among them lie the potential of today and the energies that will fuel tomorrow.

These young Albertans, along with their classmates and peers in high schools across the province, inspire great confidence and hope for Alberta's new century.

Finally, I wish to introduce Baby Micheal Tustin, along with his parents, Theresa and Dwayne Tustin. Baby Micheal was born at the Grey Nuns Hospital early on January 1, 2000 and is one of Alberta's millennium children.

With Baby Micheal and all those born in the opening months of the new century, lies the potential of tomorrow. Every child born in Alberta is blessed with a birthright of Canadian citizenship in this province – a birthright of economic opportunity, personal freedom, clear choices, and safe communities. They, in turn, will grow into adults who will work to ensure that birthright endures for their children.

As this Legislative Assembly begins its first deliberations of the new century, the Government re-affirms its commitment to maintaining this birthright for Baby Micheal, for the Class of 2000, for Mrs. Hirsch, and for all other citizens in this province who, together, turn potential into reality.

This birthright is based on certain values that have distinguished Alberta within Confederation since the time of Lieutenant Governor Bulyea.

Albertans are confident – confident in their province, in their ability to succeed, and in the strength of their province.

Albertans are entrepreneurial people, who believe that citizens should have the freedom to pursue their goals. They also value innovation, and are not afraid to take risks or try new ideas if the goal of these actions is worthwhile.

Self-reliance is another key value for Albertans. Albertans accept personal responsibility for their lives while recognizing that many of their neighbours sometimes need assistance, which they are happy to give.

Albertans are also a spiritual people, who embrace their faith with a quiet passion while respecting the faiths of others.

Recognizing their province is blessed with unmatched natural beauty, Albertans also place a high value on enjoying and protecting our natural environment.

It is these values – the values that have shaped almost a century of Alberta history – that will guide the province through the twenty-first century.

It is also these values that shape the principles by which this Government will govern over the next year and beyond.

These principles are:

- Fiscal responsibility, which has become the basis of Albertans' confidence in the economy;
- Innovation, which means making effective change that benefits the province;
- Equity, which includes fairness for all citizens and respect for diversity of culture, age, gender, and other characteristics; and
- Balance, especially balance between revenues and expenditures, saving and spending, and development and sustainability.

Today, this Government re-commits itself to these principles and lays out a plan that is based on them. The plan, like Albertans themselves, is bold and forward-looking. It respects the values of Albertans while recognizing that a new century holds new challenges and therefore requires new ideas to meet those challenges.

When Lieutenant Governor Bulyea spoke of Alberta's bountiful harvest, he spoke primarily of the province's agricultural strength. Today, Alberta's harvest spreads beyond our expanse of farmlands. We reap the harvests of a vibrant energy sector, of an energetic retail and service sector, of a public service delivering health and education and other services, of a growing high-tech sector, and of a bustling international trade sector.

But just as in 1906, the harvest of plenty begins on Alberta farms.

Agriculture will continue to be a cornerstone of our provincial economy. While making up nine percent of Canada's population, Alberta accounts for 20 percent of the nation's primary agricultural production. One in every three jobs in Alberta depends on agriculture, from the farmer in the field to the person working at the supermarket.

The Government recognizes that these are challenging times for agriculture – that this industry that holds together countless Alberta communities is at a crossroads. Some family farms are in jeopardy, and the ties that bound neighbors together in Lieutenant Governor Bulyea's time risk being severed.

Our Government will not stand idly by to let this happen. The family farm of a century ago is bound to undergo change, but the agricultural industry will remain vital to this province's prosperity.

As a result, the Government has begun to develop a plan to ensure the long-term sustainability of this diverse industry. The recent agricultural leaders' workshop will lead to regional meetings throughout Alberta in March. The process will culminate in Ag Summit 2000, to be held on June 7 and 8.

The Government will continue to provide a responsive safety-net package for farmers facing disaster. A review of Alberta's Hail and Crop Insurance Program will also be undertaken, resulting in a restructuring of risk management programs to better meet the needs of our producers.

We will also continue to work with the Federal Government to advance Alberta's interest in improved trade rules and market access for the industry. The focus is on expanding access for value-added products that use Alberta agricultural products as input. As Alberta has many farmers who depend on commodity exports, efforts to remove barriers and subsidies in the European Union and the United States will continue to be a priority.

In other areas of economic activity, we also commit to maintaining a plentiful harvest.

This spring, the Government starts work on implementing an updated economic strategy for Alberta. The strategy will help create an environment in which Albertans can build on the province's economic strengths by forging strong links among economy, innovation, learning and quality of life.

The strategy lays out a comprehensive plan for the future that focuses on competing in the global economy and maximizing the human talent and ingenuity of all Albertans.

Alberta's Aboriginal peoples are key players in the province's economic future. Following consultation with First Nations and Métis leaders and organizations, industry, municipalities, and others, the Government will release a new Aboriginal Policy Framework. The framework will guide Government in its relations with Aboriginal peoples and create an environment in which Aboriginal peoples can better participate in the Alberta Advantage.

In the area of innovation and science, the Government recognizes that Alberta can and must be a leader in the areas of information and communications technology and leading-edge research.

To that end, this year the Government will work with its partners to connect communities across Alberta with high-speed, high-bandwidth Internet access. This will create enormous opportunities for all Albertans, regardless of where they live, to benefit from distance learning, electronic commerce, and better access to Government services.

Legislation will be introduced to establish the Alberta Heritage Foundation for Science and Engineering Research. This \$500-million endowment fund will enhance research in the fields of science and engineering in Alberta and help the province maintain a leadership role in areas that will play crucial roles in the future of the province. It will encourage Alberta's brightest minds to stay here in Alberta, and to recognize that Alberta is the place to be. For the Alberta of the twenty-first century, it creates a legacy of excellence.

In addition, over \$90 million will be allocated to support research initiatives in the areas of agriculture, bioscience, health, forestry, energy and industry. From these funds, the nation-wide "brain drain" problem will be addressed by an allocation of approximately \$18 million to continue supporting faculties at Alberta universities and research hospitals, and a further \$10 million to support the Informatics Circle of Research Excellence, which will attract communications and technology researchers to Alberta.

Attracting researchers is important to Alberta's economic success. Equally important is developing a well-trained and highly educated work force right here so that Alberta's economy can respond effectively to changing market demand and industry needs. The Government will continue to create a positive and stable labour climate that fosters one of the highest productivity rates and most-impressive workplace safety records in Canada.

This Government will also continue to help build a strong and skilled labour force through expanded programs to help youth entering the work force get the training they need to find meaningful employment. Changes will be introduced to provide more flexibility in Alberta's apprenticeship and training system while maintaining the province's high industry standards.

Recognizing that a competitive tax regime is essential to economic growth, the Government will continue to reform the provincial tax system. In this session, legislation will be introduced to put into law Alberta's tax reform plan, including a phasing-out of the remaining surtax, the elimination of the eroding effects of inflation on workers' salaries, a significant increase in personal exemptions, the removal of 132,000 Albertans from the provincial tax roll, and the move to a new 11-percent, single-rate provincial income tax – all by January 1, 2001.

A comprehensive business tax review will be completed in the coming year. It will examine how business and corporate taxes can be reformed to enhance the Alberta Advantage. Whether they be small family businesses or globally competing corporations, all forms of enterprise will be included.

We will also conclude the review of provincial fees and charges, and ensure that these fees and charges are reasonable and reflect the cost of the services provided.

In the area of nonrenewable resources, the Government will proceed with the orderly restructuring of the electricity industry. Deregulation and the introduction of retail choice in 2001 will create a competitive marketplace for new generation and retail services that will offer options to consumers and ensure that Albertans continue to benefit from a reliable power supply.

Our Government will work to ensure Albertans understand their options and rights in this new electricity marketplace so that they are well-equipped to make informed choices when choices become available. A regulatory framework will be developed that focuses on consumer protection and awareness, and a fair marketplace with a high standard of business conduct.

This year, the Energy Statutes Amendment Act, 2000, will be introduced. The Act will expand the current Abandoned Well Program. It will enhance the Energy and Utilities Board's ability to manage site abandonment and reclamation in a responsible manner that ensures safety and protects the environment and the public purse.

The Government is committed to ensuring Alberta's international marketing activities are globally competitive, coordinated, and focused on promoting continued economic growth and prosperity. Therefore, the Government is developing an international strategy focused on building relationships with foreign governments, removing barriers to trade, and promoting investment, trade and tourism in partnership with the private sector.

A significant opportunity to build global relationships will be Alberta's participation at the 2000 World Exposition in Hanover, Germany.

The Alberta Government will use the 2000 World Expo as a high-profile venue from which to launch its longer-term European strategy. Alberta's Expo participation will focus on technology and innovation.

The people of Alberta work hard and with pride to reap the economic harvests that make Alberta strong. They know, however, that economic prosperity is not an end in itself. Albertans expect that the results of their commitment will be a good education system, quality health care, effective social programs, a clean environment, and safe, strong communities.

The Government will take action in each of these areas over the coming year.

Our Government will work to make Alberta's education system a leader in Canada. It will introduce a new, \$3-million academic scholarship program that will benefit approximately 3,000 second-year post-secondary students and reward them for their hard work. The Government will also increase student financial assistance levels and will continue to improve the student loan application process to make it easier for students, and will work with students to enhance available information to help in planning for a post-secondary education.

Our Government will also expand the Child Health Benefit to cover children of low-income post-secondary students.

A key area of emphasis will be on continuing a collaborative, flexible and responsive learning system that encourages Albertans to be life-long learners. The Minister of Learning will work with Government's education partners on school and student improvement issues such as literacy and class size. As well, fund-raising in the primary and secondary school system will be reviewed to ensure that students and parents are not fund-raising to meet the basic educational needs of their schools.

The Government will work with institutions on enhancing access through technology, and will work with partners to promote second-language programs to help students participate in the global economy.

In the area of health and wellness, a six-point plan will be implemented to keep Alberta's health system sustainable and effective in the face of mounting pressures. Alberta will continue to play a leadership role across Canada in working to strengthen the system, and will renew its pledge to respect the principles of the Canada Health Act and maintain a single-tier, publicly funded health system that is accessible to all Albertans on an equitable basis.

Legislation will be introduced to help protect and preserve the publicly funded health system by putting Alberta's commitment to the principles of the Canada Health Act into provincial law and enabling health authorities to pursue new, innovative ways of delivering publicly funded health services.

The Government will implement the overall directions for enhancing continuing care resulting from the Long Term Care Review, and it will also work with regional boards to follow up on the review of the Persons with Developmental Disabilities program to strengthen support for Albertans with developmental disabilities.

Government will continue to focus on maintaining and improving the health of Albertans through prevention of illness and injury by expanding screening programs for breast and cervical cancer, and by launching a new three-year immunization plan. And, Government will increase access to essential services by increasing front-line staff levels in the health system, and by reducing waiting times for surgeries and diagnostic procedures.

We know that the harvest of prosperity is not always equally shared by all members of society. Therefore, programs to protect and assist those in need will continue to be a focus in the coming year.

We will continue to support those who need assistance, and help people ready and able to re-enter the workforce. The Human Resources and Employment Minister's Employability Council will look at ways to ensure that all Albertans have the opportunity to contribute to the strength of the province.

To address the pressing problem of homelessness, the Government will work with public and private partners to coordinate programs that provide access to affordable housing and shelter for those in need.

For children, the Government's emphasis will be on providing early support for children and families to promote healthy development.

The Government will respond to, and act appropriately on, recommendations from the Alberta Children's Forum and the Task Force on Children at Risk. The Government will also address issues and needs of adolescents through a Youth Secretariat.

An external review of the factors leading to rising child welfare caseloads will be completed. In addition, the mandate of the Office of the Children's Advocate will be reviewed to make sure the voices of vulnerable children and youth are heard. The Government will continue to back its groundbreaking legislation to protect children involved in prostitution.

Government continues to focus resources on crime prevention so that communities in Alberta are safe. Continued support for policing, for the active pursuit and prosecution of organized crime, and for local crime prevention initiatives will help reduce the provincial rate of adult and youth crime.

The Government will continue to increase the efficiency of Alberta's courts, using mediation and other effective dispute resolution measures. The Government will also review Alberta's Police Act, and continue its work to improve access to the justice system for Albertans.

An important part of Alberta's communities are seniors, who today number about 300,000, and who are a vital part of all Alberta communities, contributing energy, wisdom and time to the development of the province. The Alberta Government will continue to provide support to seniors who need it.

In the coming year, the Government will increase financial support to the Alberta Seniors Benefit Program so that cash benefits for clients reflect rising costs. Additional funding will also be provided for the Special Needs Assistance Program, a highly successful initiative that has helped thousands of seniors deal with financial emergencies.

The Government will also complete its study of the impact of the aging population and will consider recommendations that will strengthen programs, services and housing supports for seniors to enable them to live in security and dignity.

Recognizing the importance of heritage in communities, legislation will be introduced to return objects of religious importance to First Nations peoples. This repatriation legislation will ensure that First Nations communities have full ownership and responsibility for these spiritual artifacts.

Effective ties with other orders of Government are important to the province and its communities. Over the next year, we will work with municipalities across the province to strengthen our partnership with local governments. The Government will work to improve service in its approach to provincial-municipal policies and programs, and eliminate unnecessary overlap.

Our Government will also work in partnership with other governments toward common goals. Alberta will continue to seek a strong, productive partnership with Ottawa and the provinces to address issues of national concern effectively. This partnership is essential to ensure that initiatives from the two levels of government complement each other rather than duplicate, and that programs are responsive and accountable to the needs of Albertans and Canadians.

To improve the way Government provides services to Albertans and communities, a wide range of services, products and information will be made available through a one-window approach. This will enable Albertans to get what they need without having to know from which department to get it. It will also allow them to decide how they want to get it, whether over the counter, over the phone, or over the Internet.

The Government will continue with its \$900-million, three-year reinvestment in provincial infrastructure systems, ensuring that the province's roads are safe and meeting the needs of Albertans.

Albertans desire a clean, safe, natural environment. The Government will continue to show leadership in preserving and protecting Alberta's environment and, with it, Albertans' health and quality of life.

The Government will build on last year's consultations to address issues such as climate change, sustainable development, protection of endangered species, and parks policy.

Through Climate Change Central, the Government will work with industry and communities to continue to develop practical strategies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. As well, the Government will monitor the status of species at risk in the province and develop management strategies to restore populations to sustainable levels.

Alberta's diversity of wildlife and habitat is part of a natural heritage that citizens want to protect and enjoy for the new century and beyond. The Government will continue to strike a balance between preserving Alberta's natural heritage and sustaining its use as a contributor to outdoor recreation, nature appreciation, and development.

In this first year of the new century, Albertans can expect to be blessed with a harvest as bountiful as that which ushered in Alberta's first year as a province in the twentieth century. The values that characterized Alberta in Lieutenant Governor Bulyea's time still shape this province today, and they will continue to mold the Government's agenda in all of its aspects.

As Alberta begins the twenty-first century, the Government commits itself to doing all it can to nurture the province's bountiful harvest of prosperity, safety and quality of life. At the same time, the Government recognizes that Albertans achieve best when Government does not erect barriers to their success; therefore, the Government pledges to stay out of people's lives when intervention would only be intrusion.

Alberta's new century begins with a recognition of the importance of the agricultural industry; a new economic plan; a renewed commitment to the Canada Health Act and the quality of health care for all Albertans; a strong and responsive education system; a sound fiscal plan and a commitment to lower taxes; and a variety of initiatives to strengthen communities and those who live in them.

This plan bodes well for Alberta. It is as bold as Albertans themselves. It is rooted in the soil of the province's rich past and will be nourished by the promise of the province's future.

To Mrs. Hirsch, to the Class of 2000, to Baby Micheal, and to all Albertans, the Government promises to work with all of you to ensure that in the new century, this province continues to write a history of greatness, and a legacy of hope and promise, for all of its citizens. We trust that our deliberations in this Assembly will continue to be for the common goal of achieving what is good for Alberta, and that the citizens of this province here today will see fit to judge their harvest bountiful.

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

Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly, I pray that the blessing of God may rest on your deliberations, just as it did on Alberta's first Assembly in March 1906.

God bless Alberta. God bless Canada. God save the Queen.

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

While awaiting the return of the Premier, the Speaker commented on the events that would follow noting the traditional formalities of the opening day of Session.

Government Bills and Orders

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. Klein have leave to introduce a Bill entitled "Alberta Heritage Foundation for Science and Engineering Research 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 Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, which was laid on the Table.

Sessional Paper 1/2000

Government Motions

Moved by Hon. Mr. Klein:

It was resolved that the Speech of Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor to this Assembly be taken into consideration Tuesday, February 22, 2000.

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)

Trynchy <small>(Chair)</small>	Carlson	Lougheed
Doerksen <small>(Deputy Chair)</small>	Clegg	Shariff
Bonner	Hierath	Stevens

LAW AND REGULATIONS (21 Members)

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

LEGISLATIVE OFFICES (9 Members)

Langevin (Chair)	Ducharme	Jacques
Friedel (Deputy Chair)	Fritz	Olsen
Dickson	Hierath	O'Neill

PRIVATE BILLS (21 Members)

Graham (Chair)	Langevin	Renner
Burgener (Deputy Chair)	MacDonald	Sloan
Bonner	Magnus	Soetaert
Cao	Marz	Strang
Coutts	McFarland	Tannas
Jacques	Paul	Tarchuk
Kryczka	Pham	Thurber

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

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

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS (17 Members)

White (Chair)	Graham	Nicol
Shariff (Deputy Chair)	Herard	Olsen
Amery	Johnson	O'Neill
Blakeman	Klapstein	Pannu
Cao	Kryczka	Yankowsky
Forsyth	Lougheed	

PUBLIC AFFAIRS (All Members)

Strang (Chair)	Fischer (Deputy Chair)
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The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 4:03 p.m. until Tuesday, February 22, 2000, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, February 22, 2000

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. Earl Hardy, Member for Bruce, 1948 to 1963, who passed away on January 15, 2000, and Mr. Anders Aalborg, Hon. Member for Alexandra, 1948 to 1971, who passed away on February 13, 2000.

The Speaker also requested and received unanimous consent to provide for the singing of the national anthem on the first day of each sessional week for the duration of the Fourth Session of the 24th Legislature, to be sung immediately following the daily prayer.

Presenting Petitions

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood, presented a petition from 1,078 Edmonton and area residents requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mr. Wickman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, presented a petition from 1,003 Edmonton and area residents requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, presented a petition from 1,027 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, presented a petition from 1,059 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, presented a petition from 1,021 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 111 Albertans requesting the introduction of a bill banning the establishment of private for-profit hospitals in Alberta to maintain the integrity of the public, universal health care system.

Notices of Motions

Pursuant to Standing Order 34(2)(a), Mr. Havelock, Deputy Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following Written Questions and Motions for Returns to be dealt with Wednesday, February 23, 2000:

Written Questions: Stand and retain their places.

Motions for Returns: Stand and retain their places.

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, recognizing that the public health care system is the most cost-effective way to deliver quality health services, urges the Government to ban private for-profit hospitals in Alberta and provide the necessary funding to maintain the integrity of the public, universal health care system.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

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

Bill 202 Marriage Amendment Act, 2000 — Mr. Doerksen

Unanimous consent was not granted.

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Third Quarter Update: 1999-2000 Quarterly Budget Report, release date February 22, 2000

Sessional Paper 2/2000

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 1999-2000, Quarter Ended December 31, 1999, release date February 22, 2000

Sessional Paper 3/2000

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

3 reports entitled "Inspection Report on the Care and Handling of Animals and Facilities" prepared by the University of Alberta, University of Calgary, and the University of Lethbridge

Sessional Paper 4/2000

Hon. Mr. Lund, 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 1998-99

Sessional Paper 5/2000

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

Surface Rights Board and Land Compensation Board, Annual Report 1999

Sessional Paper 6/2000

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of International and Intergovernmental Relations:

Report entitled "A Framework for Alberta's International Strategies" dated February 2000, prepared by the Government of Alberta

Sessional Paper 7/2000

Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health and Wellness:

3 fact sheets entitled "Health Care is the Number One Concern of Albertans" and 1 fact sheet entitled "Improving Alberta's Public Health System: Alberta Replies to Allan Rock"

Sessional Paper 8/2000

Report entitled "Policy Statement on the Delivery of Surgical Services: Questions and Answers" dated January 2000, prepared by the Government of Alberta

Sessional Paper 9/2000

Report entitled "We are Listening Here's What We've Heard: A Summary of Albertans' Views on the Policy Statement on Surgical Services" dated February 2000, prepared by the Government of Alberta

Sessional Paper 10/2000

Copies of 8 studies in support of Alberta's surgical services

Sessional Paper 11/2000

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader:

Notice of Motion pursuant to Standing Order 57(1), for the establishment of four subcommittees of the Committee of Supply with the following names, Subcommittee A, Subcommittee B, Subcommittee C, Subcommittee D

Sessional Paper 12/2000

Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Letter dated February 22, 2000, from Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, to 16 Alberta students extending congratulations on being chosen "Great Kids" in Alberta

Sessional Paper 13/2000

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

Draft copy of Bill 201, Medicare Enhancement Act, 2000 dated January 28, 2000

Sessional Paper 14/2000

Management report entitled "HRG Health Resource Group Inc.: Management Report for the Year Ended March 31, 1999"

Sessional Paper 15/2000

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Letter dated January 24, 2000 from Jeanette and Rob Van Camp of Edmonton regarding the negligent care received by their disabled son Ryan at the Glenrose Hospital in December 1999

Sessional Paper 16/2000

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

2 letters and 4 e-mail messages expressing concerns with private for-profit health care facilities and the current health care system

Sessional Paper 17/2000

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Information leaflet regarding monthly meetings, prepared by the Edmonton Osteoporosis Support Group

Sessional Paper 18/2000

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

Letter dated February 11, 2000, from Eleanor Goss to Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, expressing concerns with Bill 37, Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Amendment Act, 1999 and Bill 40, Health Information Act, 1999

Sessional Paper 19/2000

Letter dated February 8, 2000, from Juliet Shupac to Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, expressing concern over private for-profit health care and support for the current health care system

Sessional Paper 20/2000

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

Letter dated January 26, 2000 from Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, expressing appreciation for his input and support on the issue relating to the shortage of health care professionals

Sessional Paper 21/2000

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

Information sheet entitled "Health Care Debate: Monday, February 28, 2000" prepared by Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview

Sessional Paper 22/2000

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

Report dated January 25, 2000, from the Office of the Ethics Commissioner regarding allegations involving Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora

Sessional Paper 23/2000

Report dated January 25, 2000, from the Office of the Ethics Commissioner regarding allegations involving Mrs. Tarchuk, Hon. Member for Banff-Cochrane

Sessional Paper 24/2000

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

Members' Services Order 2/99, Constituency Services Amendment Order (No. 5) dated December 16, 1999, Special Select Standing Committee on Members' Services

Members' Services Order 3/99, Transportation Amendment Order (No. 3) dated December 16, 1999, Special Select Standing Committee on Members' Services
Sessional Paper 25/2000

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Children's Services, made a statement regarding the Alberta Government's first Great Kids Awards presented on Family Day, February 21, 2000 to 16 young Albertans who are making a positive difference at home and in their communities.

Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, commented on the statement.

Oral Question Period

During Oral Question Period, Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, tabled the following:

Letter dated February 3, 2000, from Roger D. Mariner, Freedom of Information and Privacy Coordinator, Health and Wellness, Information Services Unit, with attached documentation in response to a request from a Liberal staff member for records documenting the development of the policy on contracting out for insured and non-insured surgical services with private providers from January 1, 1999 to November 17, 1999

Sessional Paper 26/2000

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

Report entitled "Policy Statement on the Delivery of Surgical Services: Questions and Answers" dated January 2000, prepared by the Government of Alberta

Sessional Paper 27/2000

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

Letter dated February 18, 1998, from Jack Davis, Deputy Minister of Executive Council, to Mr. Peter Valentine, Auditor General, regarding the framework developed for contracted services and grants based on the recommendations of the Auditor General

Sessional Paper 28/2000

Revert to Tablings

Unanimous consent was requested and received to revert to Tabling Returns and Reports.

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of International and Intergovernmental Relations, tabled the following:

Letter dated February 22, 2000, from Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, to The Right Honourable Jean Chrétien, Prime Minister of Canada requesting that consideration be given to Mr. Bert Brown and Mr. Ted Morton to fill the Alberta Senate vacancy

Sessional Paper 29/2000

Members' Statements

Mr. Amery, Hon. Member for Calgary-East, made a statement regarding the senseless murder of Tara Ann McDonald of Calgary on February 17, 2000, and urging the Minister of Human Resources to consider the possibility of amending the labour laws making it mandatory for at least two people to be working during night shifts.

Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, made a statement regarding Albertans who volunteer for the organization Friends of Medicare and its role in the public health care system.

Mr. Tannas, Hon. Member for Highwood, made a statement regarding the High River District Health Care Foundation and its efforts in establishing a cataract clinic at the High River Hospital.

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, recognizing that the public health care system is the most cost-effective way to deliver quality health services, urges the Government to ban private for-profit hospitals in Alberta and provide the necessary funding to maintain the integrity of the public, universal health care system.

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Motions Other Than Government Motions

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, requested and received unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 38(1)(a) to allow for consideration of the following motion:

501. Moved by Mrs. Gordon:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to incorporate as part of the high school curriculum, a service learning program encouraging students to become involved in activities that promote and demonstrate good citizenship, community service and personal responsibility.

A debate followed.

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

Message From Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor

The Provincial Treasurer tabled a copy of the Supplementary Supply Estimates, pursuant to the Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2000 cG-5.5, s8(1):

1999-2000 Supplementary Estimates (No. 2): General Revenue Fund
Sessional Paper 30/2000

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, then delivered a Message from Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor.

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

Consideration of Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech

Moved by Ms Haley and seconded by Mr. Lougheed:

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

To Her Honour Mrs. Lois E. Hole, C.M., 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. MacBeth moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2000 — 8:00 P.M.

Consideration of Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech

Moved by Ms Haley and seconded by Mr. Lougheed:

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

To Her Honour Mrs. Lois E. Hole, C.M., 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. Mrs. Nelson moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:42 p.m. until Wednesday, February 23, 2000, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 23, 2000

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

Presenting Petitions

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 104 Albertans requesting the introduction of a bill banning the establishment of private for-profit hospitals in Alberta to maintain the integrity of the public, universal health care system.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from 251 Edmonton and area residents requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, presented a petition from 264 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mr. Gibbons, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, presented a petition from 200 Edmonton and area residents requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mr. White, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, presented a petition from 254 Edmonton residents requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Reading and Receiving Petitions

On request by Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of the province of Alberta, hereby petition the Legislative Assembly of Alberta to pass a bill banning private for-profit hospitals in Alberta so that the integrity of the public, universal health care system may be maintained.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 3 Statute Revision Act — Hon. Mr. Hancock

Bill 4 Surveys Amendment Act, 2000 — Hon. Mr. Mar

Bill 5 Land Titles Amendment Act, 2000 — Mr. Jacques

Bill 202 Marriage Amendment Act, 2000 — Mr. Doerksen

Bill 204 Agricultural and Recreational Land Ownership Amendment Act, 2000 —
Mr. McFarland

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

Bill 5 Land Titles Amendment Act, 2000 — Mr. Jacques

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Paszkowski, Minister of Municipal Affairs:

Return to Order of the Assembly MR182 asked for by Mr. Sapers on April 21, 1999:

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

Sessional Paper 31/2000

Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, pursuant to the Alberta Opportunity Fund Act, cA-34, s15(6):

Alberta Opportunity Company, Annual Report 1998-99

Sessional Paper 32/2000

Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Letter dated February 22, 2000, from Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, to Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health and Wellness, requesting that full information be disclosed pursuant to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act as previously requested from Alberta Health and Wellness regarding private hospital policy

Sessional Paper 33/2000

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

Health Resource Group Inc. agenda for meeting held on June 4, 1999, with attached minutes of meetings dated March 25, 1999 and April 30, 1999

Sessional Paper 34/2000

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

Information sheet regarding a town hall meeting at Westlawn Junior High School in Edmonton to discuss private hospitals in Alberta on February 24, 2000

Sessional Paper 35/2000

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

Letter dated February 18, 1998, from Jack Davis, Deputy Minister of Executive Council, to Mr. Peter Valentine, Auditor General, regarding the framework developed for contracted services and grants based on the recommendations of the Auditor General

Sessional Paper 36/2000

Oral Question Period

During Oral Question Period, Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of International and Intergovernmental Relations, tabled the following:

Excerpt from NAFTA (North American Free Trade Agreement) regarding Cross-Border Services and Investment

Sessional Paper 37/2000

Recognitions

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre: Black History Month, February 2000, and the events coordinated by local chapters of the National Black Coalition of Canada

Ms Haley, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Rocky View: Mr. Bert Brown for being elected in the province-wide Senate election held in October 1998

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo: The appointment of Dr. Marsha Hanen as President of the Sheldon Chumir Foundation for Ethics in Leadership

Mr. Lougheed, Hon. Member for Clover Bar-Fort Saskatchewan: The success of the 13th Alberta Winter Games, held in Strathcona County February 17-20, 2000

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona: Raging Grannies and their efforts in raising awareness of public issues and their commitment to the community

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

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

Motions for Returns

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

MR1, MR2, MR3, MR4, MR5, MR6, MR7, MR8, MR9, MR10.

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

Hon. Mr. Hancock, 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 202 Marriage Amendment Act, 2000 — Mr. Doerksen

During debate, Mr. Doerksen, Hon. Member for Red Deer-South, tabled the following:

Copy of a document titled "Evidence in Support of Marriage"
Sessional Paper 38/2000

A debate followed.

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

Bill 202 Marriage Amendment Act, 2000 — Mr. Doerksen

The question being put, the motion was agreed to. With Mrs. Gordon in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 40

Amery	Hlady	Nelson
Broda	Jacques	Paszkowski
Burgener	Johnson	Renner
Cao	Jonson	Shariff
Clegg	Klapstein	Stevens
Coutts	Kryczka	Strang
Day	Laing	Tannas
Doerksen	Langevin	Taylor
Ducharme	Lougheed	Thurber
Evans	Lund	West
Forsyth	McClellan	Woloshyn
Friedel	McFarland	Yankowsky
Haley	Melchin	Zwozdesky
Herard		

Against the motion: 11

Blakeman	Leibovici	Olsen
Bonner	MacDonald	Sapers
Dickson	Magnus	White
Hancock	Nicol	

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

Bill 202 Marriage Amendment Act, 2000 — Mr. Doerksen

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

Bill 204 Agricultural and Recreational Land Ownership Amendment Act, 2000 —
Mr. McFarland

A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:21 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2000— 8:00 P.M.

Consideration of Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech

(Day 1)

Moved by Ms Haley and seconded by Mr. Lougheed:

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

To Her Honour Mrs. Lois E. Hole, C.M., 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.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 1 Alberta Heritage Foundation for Science and Engineering Research Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Klein

A debate followed.

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

Consideration of Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech

(Day 1)

Moved by Ms Haley and seconded by Mr. Lougheed:

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

To Her Honour Mrs. Lois E. Hole, C.M., 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. Dickson moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:55 p.m. until Thursday, February 24, 2000, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, February 24, 2000

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

Presenting Petitions

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 218 Albertans requesting the introduction of a bill banning the establishment of private for-profit hospitals in Alberta to maintain the integrity of the public, universal health care system.

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, presented a petition from 542 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, presented a petition from 262 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Dr. Nicol, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, presented a petition from 581 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Reading and Receiving Petitions

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

On request by Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of the province of Alberta, hereby petition the Legislative Assembly of Alberta to pass a bill banning private for-profit hospitals in Alberta so that the integrity of the public, universal health care system may be maintained.

Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees

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

Report of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts for the Third Session of the Twenty-Fourth Legislature

Sessional Paper 39/2000

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Environment:

Response to Written Question WQ197 asked for by Ms Carlson on April 21, 1999:

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 follow-up action occurred for any noted Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act contravention?*

Sessional Paper 40/2000

Response to Written Question WQ198 asked for by Ms Carlson on April 21, 1999:

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?*

Sessional Paper 41/2000

Return to Order of the Assembly MR200 asked for by Ms Carlson on April 21, 1999:

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.

Sessional Paper 42/2000

Return to Order of the Assembly MR201 asked for by Ms Carlson on April 21, 1999:

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.

Sessional Paper 43/2000

Return to Order of the Assembly MR202 asked for by Ms Carlson on April 21, 1999:

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.

Sessional Paper 44/2000

Return to Order of the Assembly MR203 asked for by Mr. White on April 21, 1999:

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).

Sessional Paper 45/2000

Response to Written Question WQ204 asked for by Ms Carlson on April 21, 1999:

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?*

Sessional Paper 46/2000

Response to Written Question WQ211 asked for by Ms Carlson on May 5, 1999:

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?*

Sessional Paper 47/2000

Response to Written Question WQ212 asked for by Ms Carlson on May 5, 1999:

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?

Sessional Paper 48/2000

Response to Written Question WQ213 asked for by Ms Carlson on May 5, 1999:

How many *Alberta Environmental Protection, Environmental Service staff* (full time equivalents) were *inspectors at the end of each calendar year from 1993 to 1998?*

Sessional Paper 49/2000

Response to Written Question WQ214 asked for by Ms Carlson on May 5, 1999:

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?

Sessional Paper 50/2000

Response to Written Question WQ215 asked for by Ms Carlson on May 5, 1999:

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?

Sessional Paper 51/2000

Response to Written Question WQ216 asked for by Ms Carlson on May 5, 1999:

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?*

Sessional Paper 52/2000

Response to Written Question WQ217 asked for by Ms Carlson on May 12, 1999:

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?*

Sessional Paper 53/2000

Response to Written Question WQ237 asked for by Ms Carlson on December 1, 1999:

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?

Sessional Paper 54/2000

Dr. Taylor, Hon. Minister of Innovation and Science:

Alberta Foundation for Medical Research, Progression and Excellence, Triennial Report 1999

Sessional Paper 55/2000

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

E-mail message dated February 18, 2000, from Ann Lockwood of Vermilion to Canadian Premiers enlisting their support in fighting privatization of health care

Sessional Paper 56/2000

New Zealand Waiting List Report dated December 8, 1999

Sessional Paper 57/2000

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

6 letters from Edmonton and Athabasca residents to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding protection of the Little Smoky Area

Sessional Paper 58/2000

8 letters from Albertans regarding the proposed Spray Valley developments by Genesis in Kananaskis Country

Sessional Paper 59/2000

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

Letter dated February 24, 2000, from Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, to the Right Honourable Jean Chrétien, Prime Minister, regarding Alberta's exclusion from an agricultural bail-out package solely for the provinces of Manitoba and Saskatchewan

Sessional Paper 60/2000

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

Information leaflet regarding Two-Tier Health Care

Sessional Paper 61/2000

Article taken from the July 1999 issue of Construction Canada entitled "Pine Shakes The Whole Rottin' Story"

Sessional Paper 62/2000

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

Presentation to the Standing Committee on Health and Safe Communities dated November 1999 on behalf of all registered nurses, prepared by the Alberta Association of Registered Nurses

Sessional Paper 63/2000

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

4 letters to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, regarding Persons with Developmental Disabilities funding cuts

Sessional Paper 64/2000

2 letters dated July 1999, to Mr. Melchin, Hon. Member for Calgary-North West, and 2 letters dated July 1999, to Mrs. Burgener, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, from Calgary residents regarding funding for the Arts

Sessional Paper 65/2000

Members' Statements

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, made a statement regarding the 2000 Big Valley Jamboree Festival to be held in Camrose this year during the August long-weekend.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, made a statement recognizing the celebration of the Vietnamese Tet and Chinese Lunar New Year which were observed earlier this month.

Mr. Hlady, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, made a statement regarding Calgary being awarded the 2005 Goodwill Games.

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 February 28 to March 2, 2000:

Monday, February 28

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Government Bills and Orders

Subcommittees A, B, C, D:
motion to establish committees
and memberships

Leader of Official Opposition
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Assembly
 Community Development, Main
 Estimates
 And as per Order Paper

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 International and
 Intergovernmental Relations
 (Committee B) (Day 1, Main
 Estimates)
Room 512
 Gaming (Committee A) (Day 2,
 Main Estimates)
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 Community Development, Main
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Estimates)</p> <p>Room 512</p> <p>Economic Development
(Committee D) (Day 4, Main
Estimates)</p> <p>Assembly, Post 10:00 p.m.</p> <p>Address in Reply to the Speech
from the Throne</p> <p>Interim Supply Bill 9 Committee
of the Whole</p> <p>And as per Order Paper</p> |
| Thursday, March 2 | Aft. | <p>- Government Bills and Orders</p> <p>Official Opposition Designation
for Thursday (Day 5, Main
Estimates)</p> <p>Interim Supply Bill 9, 3rd
Reading</p> <p>And as per Order Paper based on
progress Monday, Tuesday and
Wednesday</p> |

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Temporary Recess

The Speaker recessed the Assembly at 2:53 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2000 — 4:00 P.M.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

Budget Address

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

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

Government Motions

8. Moved by Hon. Mr. Day:

Be it resolved that the Message of Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, the 2000-2001 Estimates and Business Plans, and all matters connected therewith, be referred to Committee of Supply.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

9. Moved by Hon. Mr. Day:

Be it resolved that the Message of Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, the 2000-2001 Lottery Fund Estimates, and all matters connected therewith, be referred to Committee of Supply.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

10. 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 2000-2001 Lottery Fund Estimates shall be two days.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

11. Moved by Hon. Mr. Day:

Be it resolved that the Message of Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, the 1999-2000 Supplementary Supply Estimates (No. 2) for the General Revenue Fund, and all matters connected therewith, be referred to Committee of Supply.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

12. Moved by Hon. Mr. Day:

Be it resolved, 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 (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. 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.

14. 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.

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, then tabled a copy of Budget 2000, pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s3, s4, s7, s9, s13:

Budget 2000: New Century. Bold Plans. Budget speech presented February 24, 2000

Sessional Paper 66/2000

Government and Lottery Fund Estimates, 2000-01

Sessional Paper 67/2000

Offices of the Legislative Assembly Estimates, 2000-01

Sessional Paper 68/2000

Budget 2000: New Century. Bold Plans. Government of Alberta Fiscal Plan 2000 to 2003

Sessional Paper 69/2000

Budget 2000: New Century. Bold Plans. Government and Ministry Business Plans 2000 to 2003

Sessional Paper 70/2000

15. 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 4:52 p.m. until Monday, February 28, 2000, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, February 28, 2000

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

Presenting Petitions

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 220 Albertans requesting the introduction of a bill banning the establishment of private for-profit hospitals in Alberta to maintain the integrity of the public, universal health care system.

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, presented a petition from 258 Edmonton and area residents requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, presented a petition from 255 Edmonton residents requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from 273 Edmonton residents requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mr. Gibbons, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, presented a petition from 214 Edmonton and area residents requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood, presented a petition from 252 Edmonton residents requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

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 citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

On request by Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of the province of Alberta, hereby petition the Legislative Assembly of Alberta to pass a bill banning private for-profit hospitals in Alberta so that the integrity of the public, universal health care system may be maintained.

Notices of Motions

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

Be it resolved that the Assembly affirm the importance of open access to reading material by recognizing February 27 to March 4, 2000 as "Freedom to Read Week".

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 6 Special Payment Act — Hon. Mr. Dunford

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

Bill 9 Appropriation (Interim Supply) Act, 2000 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Day

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, pursuant to the Conflicts of Interest Act, cC-22.1, s16 and the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s43:

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, 1999

Sessional Paper 71/2000

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer:

General Revenue Fund Details of Expenditure by Payee for the Year Ended March 31, 1999

Sessional Paper 72/2000

Selected Payments Report for Members of the Legislative Assembly relating to Remuneration and Benefits, Allowances and Travel Expenses for the year ended March 31, 1999

Sessional Paper 73/2000

Hon. Dr. West, Minister of Resource Development:

Return to Order of the Assembly MR205 asked for by Ms Carlson on April 21, 1999:

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.

Sessional Paper 74/2000

Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health and Wellness:

Return to Order of the Assembly MR207 asked for by Mrs. Soetaert on April 28, 1999:

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.

Sessional Paper 75/2000

Return to Order of the Assembly MR209 asked for by Mrs. Soetaert on April 28, 1999:

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.

Sessional Paper 76/2000

Responses to questions raised in the Committee of Supply, Department of Health and Wellness, 1999-2000 Supplementary Estimates consideration December 1, 1999

Sessional Paper 77/2000

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

Report dated February 7, 2000, entitled "Regional Health Planning and Delivery in Alberta: A Basic Cost-Benefits Analysis in Response to a Health System Performance Issue" prepared by Donna Wilson, R.N., Ph.D.

Sessional Paper 78/2000

Booklet entitled "Private Profit or the Public Good: The Economics and Politics of the Privatization of Health Care in Alberta" prepared by Kevin Taft and Gillian Steward

Sessional Paper 79/2000

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

Letter dated February 11, 2000, from Blyth D. Irvine to Ms Paul, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, regarding the 2-tier health care system in Europe

Sessional Paper 80/2000

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Report entitled "The Urgent Need for Endangered Species Legislation in Canada" prepared by D.W. Schindler, Department of Biological Sciences, University of Alberta

Sessional Paper 81/2000

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Newsletter and Calendar of Events, dated February 2000, from the Women Looking Forward group of Calgary

Sessional Paper 82/2000

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

Letter and attachments dated February 17, 2000, from Allan P. Jobson of Calgary, regarding the Ombudsman's investigation into the claim of Les Lattery by the Workers' Compensation Board

Sessional Paper 83/2000

Program from Investiture of Lifesaving Honours given by the Lifesaving Society, Alberta and Northwest Territories Branch, February 28, 2000

Sessional Paper 84/2000

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

Letter dated February 28, 2000, from Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, requesting the Premier's intervention regarding the deportation of Leticia Cables

Sessional Paper 85/2000

Booklet entitled "Private Profit or the Public Good: The Economics and Politics of the Privatization of Health Care in Alberta" prepared by Kevin Taft and Gillian Steward

Sessional Paper 86/2000

Report dated February 5, 2000, entitled "The Role of Private and Public Health Care Delivery in Alberta" prepared by Robert G. Evans, Professor, University of British Columbia

Sessional Paper 87/2000

Summary of a study dated January 21, 2000, entitled "The Consumer Experience With Cataract Surgery and Private Clinics in Alberta" prepared by the Consumers' Association of Alberta

Sessional Paper 88/2000

E-mail dated February 18, 2000, from Dale Henkel to Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, regarding current fuel prices and the farm fuel tax

Sessional Paper 89/2000

E-mail dated February 1, 2000, from Bonnie Nasim to Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, regarding the proposed development of Spray Valley

Sessional Paper 90/2000

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer:

Report dated February 24, 2000, entitled "Budget Highlights: Alberta — Another Day in Paradise" prepared by Scott Kinnear, Douglas Porter, and David Rosenberg of Nesbitt Burns

Sessional Paper 91/2000

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

Memorandum dated February 28, 2000, from Mr. Doerksen, Hon. Member for Red Deer-South, requesting that Bill 202, Marriage Amendment Act, 2000, be brought to Committee of the Whole for consideration on Wednesday, March 1, 2000

Sessional Paper 92/2000

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

Press release dated August 18, 1997, regarding Georgia-Pacific compensation to homeowners for exterior hardboard siding

Sessional Paper 93/2000

Oral Question Period

During Oral Question Period, Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, tabled the following:

Excerpt from Issue 75 of The Messenger publication entitled "Opting Out: Draft Guidelines for Discussion" regarding the publicly-funded health care system

Sessional Paper 94/2000

Recognitions

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose: The hard work and dedication of competitors and volunteers at the Provincial High School Wrestling Championships held at Wetaskiwin Composite High School February 25-27, 2000

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert: Scout/Guide Week, February 20-27, 2000, and the 4th Spruce Grove annual Lord Baden-Powell banquet held February 23, 2000

Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert: Capital Health Authority's Meningitis Immunization Operation, February 14-28, 2000

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods: Freedom to Read Week, February 27 to March 4, 2000

Mrs. Burgener, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie: Alberta-based Canadian National Soccer Team for winning their first Gold Cup title

Motions Under Standing Order 40

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

Be it resolved that the Assembly affirm the importance of open access to reading material by recognizing February 27 to March 4, 2000 as "Freedom to Read Week".

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

ORDERS OF THE DAY**Committee of Supply** (Main Estimates)

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to. With Mrs. Gordon in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 44

Boutilier	Haley	Melchin
Broda	Hancock	O'Neill
Burgener	Havelock	Pham
Calahasen	Herard	Renner
Cao	Hierath	Smith
Cardinal	Jacques	Stelmach
Clegg	Johnson	Stevens
Doerksen	Jonson	Strang
Ducharme	Klapstein	Tannas
Dunford	Laing	Taylor
Evans	Langevin	Trynchy
Forsyth	Lougheed	West
Friedel	Magnus	Woloshyn
Fritz	Mar	Yankowsky
Graham	McClellan	

Against the motion: 8

Blakeman	Gibbons	Soetaert
Bonner	Olsen	White
Dickson	Paul	

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

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

Subcommittee A

Gordon (Chair)	Ducharme	Lougheed
Severtson (Deputy Chair)	Dunford	Mar
Bonner	Friedel	Pannu
Boutilier	Hierath	Sapers
Burgener	Klapstein	Smith
Cao	Jacques	Wickman
Cardinal	Johnson	

Subcommittee B

Tannas (Chair)	Hancock	Soetaert
Laing (Deputy Chair)	Kryczka	Stelmach
Blakeman	Leibovici	Stevens
Calahasan	Massey	Tarchuk
Doerksen	McClellan	Woloshyn
Forsyth	Melchin	Zwozdesky
Fritz	Olsen	
Graham	Sloan	

Subcommittee C

Tannas (Chair)	MacDonald	Soetaert
Fischer (Deputy Chair)	McFarland	Strang
Cao	Nelson	Thurber
Evans	Nicol	Trynchy
Gibbons	Oberg	Yankowsky
Jonson	O'Neill	
Lund	Paszkowski	

Subcommittee D

Gordon (Chair)	Herard	Sapers
Renner (Deputy Chair)	Hlady	Shariff
Amery	Langevin	Taylor
Broda	Magnus	West
Carlson	Pannu	White
Coutts	Paul	
Havelock	Pham	

3. The following portions of the main estimates (The "Main Estimates") of expenditure for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2001, 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

Executive Council
Gaming
Treasury

Subcommittee B

Community Development
International and Intergovernmental Relations
Infrastructure
Justice and Attorney General

Subcommittee C

Agriculture, Food and Rural Development
Government Services
Municipal Affairs

Subcommittee D

Resource Development
Economic Development
Innovation and Science

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 Acting Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Herard reported as follows:

Madam Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain motions to establish subcommittees of the Committee of Supply and reports the approval thereof.

Madam Speaker, I would like to table copies of the motion agreed to this day in Committee of Supply establishing 4 subcommittees of the Committee of Supply and their membership.

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

Learning

Stevens (Chair)	Graham	O'Neill
Burgener	Hlady	Pannu
Dickson	Johnson	Severtson
Fischer	Massey	Soetaert

Environmental Protection

Hierath (Chair)	Coutts	Pannu
Amery	Ducharme	Sloan
Boutilier	Langevin	Strang
Carlson	Magnus	White

Children's Services

Melchin (Chair)	Kryczka	Massey
Cao	Laing	Paul
Cardinal	Lougheed	Shariff
Johnson	MacDonald	Sloan

Health

Tarchuk (Chair)	Forsyth	Leibovici
Broda	Fritz	Pannu
Dickson	Herard	Pham
Doerksen	Jacques	Sloan

Human Resources

Friedel (Chair)	Klapstein	Paul
Bonner	MacDonald	Renner
Ducharme	Marz	Thurber
Gibbons	McFarland	Yankowsky

Sessional Paper 97/2000

Madam Speaker, I would 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):

Health and Wellness
Learning
Environment
Human Resources
Children's Services

Sessional Paper 95/2000

Consideration of Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech

(Day 2)

Moved by Ms Haley and seconded by Mr. Lougheed:

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

To Her Honour Mrs. Lois E. Hole, C.M., 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. White moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Government Motions

15. Moved by Hon. Mr. Day:

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

A debate followed.

Hon. Mrs. McClellan moved adjournment of the debate, 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 5:20 p.m. that when the Assembly reconvened at 8:00 p.m. it would be in Committee of Supply, and the Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

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Committee of Supply (Supplementary Estimates)

(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 (No. 2), 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:

Department of Justice and Attorney General

\$5,700,000 Operating Expense and Capital Investment

Department of Health and Wellness

\$10,412,000 Operating Expense

Department of Environment

\$6,000,000 Operating Expense and Capital Investment

Department of Community Development

\$8,991,000 Operating Expense and Capital Investment

\$1,470,000 Non-budgetary Disbursements

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

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

Consideration of Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech

(Day 3)

Moved by Ms Haley and seconded by Mr. Lougheed:

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

To Her Honour Mrs. Lois E. Hole, C.M., 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. Mrs. McClellan moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:05 p.m. until Tuesday, February 29, 2000, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, February 29, 2000

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

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Broda, Hon. Member for Redwater, presented a petition from 23 Thorhild and area residents expressing opposition to a private for-profit health care system in Alberta.

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry, presented a petition from 140 Cold Lake and area residents requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from 120 Cold Lake and area residents requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, presented a petition from 140 Cold Lake and area residents requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, presented a petition from 237 Cold Lake and area residents requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mr. White, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, presented a petition from 160 Cold Lake and area residents requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, presented a petition from 80 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 75 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 220 Albertans requesting the introduction of a bill banning the establishment of private for-profit hospitals in Alberta to maintain the integrity of the public, universal health care system.

Reading and Receiving Petitions

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

On request by Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

On request by Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of the Province of Alberta, hereby petition the Legislative Assembly to pass a bill banning private for-profit hospitals in Alberta so that the integrity of the public, universal health care system may be maintained.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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, March 1, 2000:

Written Questions: Stand and retain their places.

Motions for Returns: Stand and retain their places.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

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

Bill 7 Alberta Science, Research and Technology Authority Amendment Act, 2000
(\$ — Hon. Dr. Taylor

Notice having been given:

Bill 10 Securities Amendment Act, 2000 — Mr. Hlady

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

Bill 10 Securities Amendment Act, 2000 — Mr. Hlady

Notice having been given:

Bill 205 Emblems of Alberta (Alberta Dress Tartan) Amendment Act, 2000 —
Mr. Stevens

Bill 206 School (Students' Code of Conduct) Amendment Act, 2000 — Mr. Coutts

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health and Wellness:

Report entitled "The World Health Report 1999 - Making a Difference" prepared by the World Health Organization

Sessional Paper 99/2000

Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health and Wellness, pursuant to the Physical Therapy Profession Act, cP-7.5, s9(4):

College of Physical Therapists Annual Report 1998-1999

Sessional Paper 100/2000

Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health and Wellness:

Final Audited Financial Statements of the Calgary Health (Crown) Foundation for the period ended December 9, 1998

Sessional Paper 101/2000

Final Audited Financial Statements of the Health Region #6 (Crown) Foundation for the period ended December 9, 1998

Sessional Paper 102/2000

Final Audited Financial Statements of the Capital Health (Crown) Foundation for the period ended December 9, 1998

Sessional Paper 103/2000

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

Annual Report of the Alberta Dental Association for the period ended December 31, 1998

Sessional Paper 104/2000

Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Report of findings dated June 1998 entitled "Waiting for Health Care" prepared by Burke & Associates Inc.

Sessional Paper 105/2000

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

E-mail dated February 28, 2000, from Ron Clarkson to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding health care funding cuts resulting in hospital treatment delays

Sessional Paper 106/2000

Letter dated February 28, 2000, from Mary Jane Pedersen to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding Genesis Land Corporation's development of the Spray Valley
Sessional Paper 107/2000

E-mail dated February 28, 2000, from Shirley Stinson to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, urging Hon. Mr. Klein and Members of the Legislative Assembly to find solutions to uphold the principles of the Canada Health Act
Sessional Paper 108/2000

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

Letter dated February 1, 2000, from Rev. G.E. Ingram to Ms Paul, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, supporting Bill 202, Marriage Amendment Act, 2000
Sessional Paper 109/2000

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

Document 001245 from the Department of Municipal Affairs entitled "Response to Consumers" regarding untreated pine shakes in response to a request made under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act
Sessional Paper 110/2000

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood:

Report of the Court Reporting/Recording Committee of British Columbia dated September 28, 1992
Sessional Paper 111/2000

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

Memorandum dated August 13, 1998, from Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, to Mr. Shariff, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, regarding the Hope Mission - Herb Jamieson Centre
Sessional Paper 112/2000

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

Letter dated February 29, 2000, from Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, requesting that expenses of Members of the Legislative Assembly be made accessible pursuant to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act
Sessional Paper 113/2000

Copies of expense claims for Members of the Legislative Assembly from the Liberal Caucus, March 1999 to February 2000
Sessional Paper 114/2000

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

Report dated March 31, 1999, entitled "Allowance and Travel Expenses for the Twelve Months Ending March 31, 1999" accompanied by copies of claim forms as they relate to the Member for Barrhead-Westlock

Sessional Paper 115/2000

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Woloshyn, Minister of Community Development, made a statement regarding the 16th Annual Freedom to Read Week, February 27 to March 4, 2000, and the involvement of libraries in setting up displays and holding special events such as public readings and book displays.

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, commented on the statement.

Oral Question Period

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

E-mail message dated February 18, 2000, from Joan Swain to Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, Hon. Mr. Hancock, Member for Edmonton-Whitemud, Mr. White, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood, Mr. Wickman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, Mr. Gibbons, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, Dr. Nicol, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, and Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview regarding health petitions

Sessional Paper 116/2000

Question of Privilege

During Oral Question Period, Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, indicated he would be raising a Question of Privilege following Question Period.

Members' Statements

Mrs. Forsyth, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, made a statement regarding the Youth Connection Program, a youth employment and counselling program for people aged 16-24, and its role in Alberta.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding the Calgary Herald strike and the lack of support by Calgary Members of the Legislative Assembly and the Government.

Mrs. Tarchuk, Hon. Member for Banff-Cochrane, made a statement recognizing the Spray Lakes Sawmills of Cochrane being awarded the Premier's Award of Distinction and the Epcor Triple Bottom-Line Awards for environmental performance on February 23, 2000 in Calgary hosted by the Alberta Chamber of Commerce.

Question of Privilege

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, advised he would not be pursuing the Question of Privilege raised during Oral Question Period.

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 Agricultural and Recreational Land Ownership Amendment Act, 2000 —
Mr. McFarland

A debate followed.

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

Motions Other Than Government Motions

501. Moved by Mrs. Gordon

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to incorporate as part of the high school curriculum, a service learning program encouraging students to become involved in activities that promote and demonstrate good citizenship, community service and personal responsibility.

A debate followed.

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

502. Moved by Mr. Shariff:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to reaffirm its commitment to the five principles of the Canada Health Act and ensure that all provincial healthcare legislation continues to comply with these principles.

A debate followed.

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

Copy of the Canada Health Act, cC-6

Sessional Paper 117/2000

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(2)(c), debate adjourned, Hon. Mr. Smith 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, FEBRUARY 29, 2000 — 8:00 P.M.

Committee of Supply (Days 1 and 2 — Main Estimates)

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the Department of International and Intergovernmental Relations for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2001 (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 Gaming for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2001 (Subcommittee A), reports progress thereon, and requests leave to sit again.

The Committee of Supply has also had under consideration certain resolutions of the Department of Community Development for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2001, reports progress thereon, and requests leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to table copies of a document tabled by Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, during Committee of Supply consideration of the Estimates of the Department of Community Development:

Letter dated January 29, 2000, from Don Perdue to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, concerning rising rent costs and long waiting lists for senior citizen housing complexes

Sessional Paper 118/2000

Notice from the Special Needs Assistance for Seniors program stating limits on funding for appliances for senior citizens

Sessional Paper 119/2000

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 9 Appropriation (Interim Supply) Act, 2000 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Hancock on behalf of Hon. Mr. Day

A debate followed.

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

Committee of Supply (Days 1 and 2 — 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 Mrs. Laing reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the Department of Community Development for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2001, 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 9 Appropriation (Interim Supply) Act, 2000 (\$) — 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 9 Appropriation (Interim Supply) Act, 2000 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Day

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:46 p.m. until Wednesday, March 1, 2000, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 1, 2000

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

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Doerksen, Hon. Member for Red Deer-South, presented a petition from 5,287 Albertans in support of the five basic principles upon which medicare was built.

Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert, presented a petition from 351 Stony Plain residents requesting a review of the decision to amalgamate the French Immersion Program at Parkland School Division No. 70.

Dr. Nicol, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, presented a petition from 821 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, presented a petition from 395 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 242 Albertans requesting the introduction of a bill banning the establishment of private for-profit hospitals in Alberta to maintain the integrity of the public, universal health care system.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from 1,003 Edmonton residents requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Reading and Receiving Petitions

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

On request by Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of the Province of Alberta, hereby petition the Legislative Assembly to pass a bill banning private for-profit hospitals in Alberta so that the integrity of the public, universal health care system may be maintained.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

- Bill 2 First Nations Sacred Ceremonial Objects Repatriation Act — Hon. Ms Calahasen
- Bill 207 Provincial-Municipal Tax Sharing Calculation Act — Mrs. MacBeth
- Bill 208 Gaming and Liquor Amendment Act, 2000 — Mrs. MacBeth
- Bill 209 Employment Standards (Parental Leave) Amendment Act, 2000 — Mr. Cao
- Bill 210 Traffic Safety Amendment Act, 2000 — Ms Forsyth
- Bill 211 Alberta Taxpayer Bill of Rights — Mr. Sapers
- Bill 212 Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Amendment Act, 2000 — Hon. Mr. Havelock on behalf of Mr. Yankowsky
- Bill 213 Farm Implement Amendment Act, 2000 — Mr. Hlady on behalf of Mr. Marz
- Bill 214 Police (Special Constable Safety) Amendment Act, 2000 — Mrs. Gordon
- Bill 215 School (Early Childhood Education) Amendment Act, 2000 — Dr. Massey
- Bill 216 Labour Statutes (Workers' Rights) Amendment Act, 2000 — Dr. Pannu
- Bill 217 Public Highways Development Amendment Act, 2000 — Mr. Tannas

- Bill 218 Insurance Statutes (Gender Premium Equity) Amendment Act, 2000 — Mrs. O'Neill
- Bill 219 Blind Persons' Rights (Service Dogs) Amendment Act, 2000 — Mr. Lougheed
- Bill 220 Citizens' Initiative Act — Mr. Ducharme

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

- Bill 12 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2000 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Hancock on behalf of Hon. Mr. Day

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Children's Services:

Department of Children's Services records management program for child welfare records in response to a request from Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, during Oral Question Period February 29, 2000

Sessional Paper 120/2000

Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment:

College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta Radiation Health Administrative Organization, Annual Report for the period April 1, 1998 - March 31, 1999

Sessional Paper 121/2000

Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment, pursuant to the Dental Profession Act, cD-9.5, s6(4):

Alberta Dental Association 1998 Radiation Health and Safety Program Annual Report, January 1, 1998 - December 31, 1998

Sessional Paper 122/2000

Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment, pursuant to the Chiropractic Profession Act, cC-9.1, s7(4):

College of Chiropractors of Alberta Radiation Health Administrative Organization Annual Report, Year End: March 31, 1999

Sessional Paper 123/2000

Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment, pursuant to the Veterinary Profession Act, cV-3.1, s7(4):

Alberta Veterinary Medical Association 1999 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 124/2000

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

Calgary Multicultural Health Care Initiative, Final Report entitled "Building Bridges: Healthy Living For Calgary's Diverse Community" dated February 2000, prepared by the Calgary Immigrant Aid Society

Sessional Paper 125/2000

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

Pamphlet entitled "Auxiliary Nurses Are Worth It Because We Care" from AUPE (Alberta Union of Provincial Employees) requesting support for a better pay increase than is currently being offered by the Capital Health Authority

Sessional Paper 126/2000

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

Document entitled "The Capital Health Region (Royal Alexandra - Glenrose Sites) Information Sheet on Licenced Practical Nurses" setting out information about the current offer made to the AUPE (Alberta Union of Provincial Employees) by the Capital Health Authority for Licenced Practical Nurses (LPNs)

Sessional Paper 127/2000

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

Document setting out the locations of information pickets held March 1, 2000, prepared by AUPE (Alberta Union of Provincial Employees)

Sessional Paper 128/2000

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

Chinook Health Region Restructuring Update dated February 2000

Sessional Paper 129/2000

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

Letter dated February 29, 2000, from Robert Lawrence to Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, regarding privatization of Alberta's Health Care System

Sessional Paper 130/2000

Letter dated February 17, 2000, from Terry Darbyson to Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, regarding private for-profit hospitals

Sessional Paper 131/2000

Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Environment, pursuant to the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act, cE-13.3, s32(2):

Environmental Protection Security Fund Annual Report, April 1, 1998 -
March 31, 1999

Sessional Paper 132/2000

Recognitions

Mr. Strang, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead: Kevin Reid, snowshoer from Edson, winner of 3 medals at the recent Canadian Special Olympics Winter Games in Ottawa

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark: Albertans who have contacted and petitioned the provincial government expressing opposition to its plan to allow for private, for-profit hospitals

Mr. Loughheed, Hon. Member for Clover Bar-Fort Saskatchewan: the 3,500 volunteers whose time and energy contributed to the success of the 13th Alberta Winter Games held in Strathcona County February 17-20, 2000

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry: Ukranian Bilingual Program and the celebration of its 25th anniversary

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose: Sharon Dermott of Ohaton, recipient of a National Rescue award at the annual Lifesaving Investiture ceremony held on February 28, 2000

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona: Roy Hassan Jamha who passed away February 20, 2000, for his tireless contributions for the betterment of the poor and disadvantaged and his political involvement in the New Democrat party

Mrs. Laing, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow: St. David's Day, March 1, 2000, patron Saint of Wales

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

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

Motions for Returns

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

MR1, MR2, MR3, MR4, MR5, MR6, MR7, MR8, MR9, MR10.

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 Agricultural and Recreational Land Ownership Amendment Act, 2000 —
Mr. McFarland

A debate followed.

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Government Services, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all the words after the word “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 204, Agricultural and Recreational Land Ownership Amendment Act, 2000,
be not now read a Second time, but that it be read a Second time this day six
months hence.

Debate continued on the amendment.

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

For the motion: 38

Broda	Gordon	Nelson
Burgener	Graham	Paszkowski
Cao	Hancock	Pham
Cardinal	Havelock	Renner
Clegg	Hierath	Severtson
Coutts	Hlady	Strang
Doerksen	Jacques	Tannas
Ducharme	Johnson	Tarchuk
Dunford	Jonson	Taylor
Fischer	Klapstein	Thurber
Forsyth	Laing	Woloshyn
Friedel	Langevin	Zwozdesky
Fritz	McFarland	

Against the motion: 5

Carlson
Dickson

Leibovici
Sloan

Wickman

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 202 Marriage Amendment Act, 2000 — Mr. Doerksen

Mr. Herard, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of an 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 Calgary-Buffalo) — debate adjourned on amendment.

Sessional Paper 133/2000

Adjournment

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1, 2000— 8:00 P.M.

Committee of Supply (Days 3 and 4 — Main Estimates)

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the Department of Government Services for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2001 (Subcommittee C), reports progress thereon, and requests leave to sit again.

The Committee of Supply has also had under consideration certain resolutions of the Department of Economic Development for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2001 (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.

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

Moved by Ms Haley and seconded by Mr. Lougheed:

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

To Her Honour Mrs. Lois E. Hole, C.M., 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.

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 9 Appropriation (Interim Supply) Act, 2000 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Day

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:05 p.m. until Thursday, March 2, 2000, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 2, 2000

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

Presenting Petitions

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, presented a petition from 108 Calgary and area residents requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood, presented a petition from 135 Calgary and area residents requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Dr. Nicol, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, presented a petition from 117 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, presented a petition from 131 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, presented a petition from 127 Calgary residents requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry, presented a petition from 640 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 235 Albertans requesting the introduction of a bill banning the establishment of private for-profit hospitals in Alberta to maintain the integrity of the public, universal health care system.

Reading and Receiving Petitions

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

On request by Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of the Province of Alberta, hereby petition the Legislative Assembly to pass a bill banning private for-profit hospitals in Alberta so that the integrity of the public, universal health care system may be maintained.

On request by Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly of Alberta, to urge the Government to intervene on the parents' behalf to have the Parkland School Division No. 70 review and reconsider the decision to amalgamate the French Immersion program

Notices of Motions - Point of Privilege - Contempt

Mr. Dickson, Official Opposition House Leader, gave notice he would be raising a question of contempt following Oral Question Period on the issue of Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, being denied access to a technical briefing on Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act, on March 2, 2000.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 11 Health Care Protection Act — Hon. Mr. Jonson

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Minister of Infrastructure:

Report entitled "2000/01 - 2002/03 Primary Highway Construction, Primary Highway Rehabilitation, North/South Trade Corridor," prepared by Alberta Infrastructure

Sessional Paper 134/2000

Report entitled "2000/01 - 2001/02 Secondary Highway Construction and Rehabilitation, Construction of Public Roads and Bridges," prepared by Alberta Infrastructure

Sessional Paper 134A/2000

Copies of the proposed 2000-2001 Estimate for Seniors' Lodges, Health Care Facilities and Water Management Infrastructure

Sessional Paper 134B/2000

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

Letter dated November 29, 1999, from André Morin to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding the proposal to expand private health care services

Sessional Paper 135/2000

Letter dated December 6, 1999, from Dorothy Barclay to Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health and Wellness, regarding the proposal to allow overnight stays in private hospitals

Sessional Paper 136/2000

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Letter dated February 8, 2000, from Beth Cook, Chairperson, on behalf of Sakaw Parent Council, to Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, regarding education funding in Alberta

Sessional Paper 137/2000

Letter dated December 25, 1999, from Roland Teape, M.A., to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding support for establishing more parks and wilderness areas in Alberta's foothills in relation to the Special Places 2000 Program

Sessional Paper 138/2000

Document entitled "Petition to the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board" from Alberta residents regarding the Torex Resources Inc. proposed gas well in the Blackfoot/Cooking Lake Recreation Area

Sessional Paper 139/2000

Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Letter dated March 2, 2000, from Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health and Wellness, to Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, regarding an offer to attend a technical briefing on the details of Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act

Sessional Paper 140/2000

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood:

Document dated September 1997, entitled "The Technology-augmented Court Record" prepared for the National Center for State Courts, Fifth National Court Technology Conference (CTC5)

Sessional Paper 141/2000

Document dated March 4, 1992, entitled "Making the Record - Court Reporting and Technology, an Analysis of the Issues" prepared by the Justice Research Institute

Sessional Paper 142/2000

Document entitled "Depositions Accuracy" prepared by the Justice Research Institute

Sessional Paper 143/2000

Document entitled "Digital Audio Recording, Information on Suitability for Use in Court" prepared by LegalVoice, Inc.

Sessional Paper 144/2000

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

Letter dated October 13, 1999, from Wendy Adams to Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Environment, regarding participation in discussions on Bill 15, Natural Heritage Act, 1999

Sessional Paper 145/2000

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

Book entitled "Clear Answers: The Economics and Politics of For-Profit Medicine" by Kevin Taft and Gillian Steward

Sessional Paper 146/2000

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

4 letters from Albertans to Hon. Dr. Taylor, Minister of Innovation and Science, Mr. Doerksen, Hon. Member for Red Deer-South, Mrs. Burgener, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie and Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Gaming, expressing concern about the state of funding for the Arts in Alberta

Sessional Paper 147/2000

Articles entitled "Women and Education," "Women in Science and Technology" and "Immigrants and Refugee Women" published in the Winter 1998 (Volume 17, Number 4) issue of the Canadian Woman Studies, les cahiers de la femme publication, York University

Sessional Paper 148/2000

50 cards signed by Albertans and collected by the Edmonton Raging Grannies regarding the provincial health care system

Sessional Paper 149/2000

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

2 letters dated December 3, 1999 and November 29, 1999, from Valerie Braiden and Cindy Milton to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding the privatization of Alberta health care

Sessional Paper 150/2000

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

Letter dated February 14, 2000, from William and Cathy Reid and family of Cochrane to Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, regarding private for-profit hospitals

Sessional Paper 151/2000

Letter dated January 21, 2000, from Jim Cuhier of Lethbridge to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding private health care in Alberta

Sessional Paper 152/2000

Comments dated January 16, 2000, from C. H. Dyke of Calgary in response to the Alberta Policy Statement on Health Principles and the Policy Statement on Surgical Services, dated November 17, 1999

Sessional Paper 153/2000

Letter dated January 12, 2000, from Lou and Colleen Lindblad of Calgary to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding the proposed private health care bill

Sessional Paper 154/2000

Letter dated December 3, 1999, from Doug and Janet Friebel of Lethbridge to Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, regarding private for-profit hospitals in Alberta

Sessional Paper 155/2000

Letter dated December 15, 1999, from Joan Bowes of Sherwood Park to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding privatization of the health care system

Sessional Paper 156/2000

Letter dated December 13, 1999, from Mary Trumpener of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health and Wellness, regarding private for-profit hospitals in Alberta

Sessional Paper 157/2000

Letter dated November 18, 1999, from Joanne B. Clelland of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding private hospital services in Alberta

Sessional Paper 158/2000

Letter dated December 18, 1999, from Thea Paap of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding contracting out specific services to private for-profit hospitals

Sessional Paper 159/2000

Letter dated December 21, 1999, from Terry Dashcavich, BA, MA, Med., of Peace River to Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health and Wellness, regarding privatized health care

Sessional Paper 160/2000

Letter dated January 4, 2000, from Evelyn Henderson of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding privatization of health care

Sessional Paper 161/2000

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

Letter dated March 2, 2000, from Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, to Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health and Wellness, regarding magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) and cataract surgery

Sessional Paper 162/2000

Letter from Floyd Haynes to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding the proposal to allow Regional Health Authorities to enter into contractual arrangements with private for-profit hospitals

Sessional Paper 163/2000

Letter from Floyd Haynes to Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health and Wellness, regarding the proposal to allow Regional Health Authorities to enter into contractual arrangements with private for-profit hospitals

Sessional Paper 164/2000

Document dated March 2000 entitled "The Privatization and the Commercialization of Public Hospital-Based Medical Services Within the Province of Alberta - An Economic Overview From a Public Interest Perspective," by Richard Plain, Ph.D. Econ., Department of Economics, University of Alberta, Medicare Economics Group, with attached executive summary

Sessional Paper 165/2000

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

Letter dated February 29, 2000, from Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, to Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health and Wellness, regarding the twelve principles of the Alberta approach to health care

Sessional Paper 166/2000

Letter dated February 29, 2000, from Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, to the Honourable Allan Rock, Federal Minister of Health, regarding the twelve principles of the Alberta approach to health care

Sessional Paper 167/2000

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

Letter dated February 8, 2000, from Joe Turnham to Ms. A. Trimbee, Director of Environmental Assessment, Department of Environment, regarding the Genesis Land Development's plan to develop the Spray Valley as a recreational area

Sessional Paper 168/2000

E-mail message dated February 12, 2000, from several Albertans to Mr. Gobi Singh, Chief Executive Officer, Genesis Land Development, regarding the Genesis proposal to develop major recreational facilities in the Spray Valley

Sessional Paper 169/2000

Letter dated February 9, 2000, from Pauline A. Williams to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding the Genesis Land Development's proposal to develop the Spray Lake's Four Season Resort and the Mount Sparrowhawk Heli-Cat Ski Operation

Sessional Paper 170/2000

Members' Statements

Mr. Renner, Hon. Member for Medicine Hat, made a statement regarding an announcement by the Palliser Regional Health Authority's acquisition and operation of a magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) unit at the Medicine Hat regional hospital.

Mr. Wickman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, made a statement about the variety of Albertans fighting to preserve the high-quality, public health care system in Alberta.

Ms Kryczka, Hon. Member for Calgary-West, made a statement regarding the grand openings of the innovative Carewest Signal Point Alzheimer's Centre and the Family Care Giver Centre in Calgary and the innovative partnerships in health care.

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 6 to March 10, 2000:

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| Monday, March 6 | <p>Aft. - Government Bills and Orders</p> <p>Second Reading</p> <p>Bill 12, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5</p> <p>Government Motions</p> <p>Spring, Easter and Sessional
Adjournment Motions (No. 5, 6
and 7)</p> <p>And as per Order Paper</p> |
| | <p>Eve. - Government Bills and Orders</p> <p>Committee of Supply</p> <p>Main Estimates Days 6 and 7</p> <p>Subcommittees</p> <p>(A) Treasury (Assembly)
(Day 6, Main Estimates)</p> <p>(B) Justice and Attorney General
(Room 512, Legislature Building)
(Day 7, Main Estimates)</p> <p>Address in Reply to the Speech
from the Throne</p> <p>Second Reading or Committee
of the Whole</p> <p>Bill 12</p> <p>And as per Order Paper</p> |

- Tuesday, March 7 (4:30) - **Government Bills and Orders**
Government Motions
Spring, Easter and Sessional
Adjournment Motions (No. 5, 6
and 7)
And as per Order Paper
- Eve. - **Government Bills and Orders**
Committee of Supply
Main Estimates Days 8 and 9
Subcommittees
(C) Agriculture, Food and Rural
Development (Assembly)
(Day 9, Main Estimates)
(D) Innovation and Science
(Room 512, Legislature Building)
(Day 8, Main Estimates)
Committee of the Whole
Bill 12
And as per Order Paper
- Wednesday, March 8 Eve. - **Government Bills and Orders**
Committee of Supply
Main Estimates Days 10 and 11
Subcommittees
(A) Executive Council
(Assembly)
(Day 10, Main Estimates)
(B) Infrastructure (Room 512,
Legislature Building)
(Day 11, Main Estimates)
Third Reading
Bill 12
And as per Order Paper

Thursday, March 9

Aft. - **Government Bills and Orders**

Committee of Supply

Official Opposition Designation
for Thursday

(Day 12, Main Estimates)

And as per Order Paper

Point of Privilege - Contempt

Mr. Dickson raised a purported Point of Privilege and Contempt of the House under Standing Order 15 regarding the exclusion of the Leader of the Opposition from a technical briefing on Bill 11, the Health Care Protection Act, and the provision of information in the briefing to individuals not Members of the Assembly prior to the introduction of the Bill.

Hon. Mr. Hancock responded to the Point of Privilege - Contempt.

Mr. Dickson indicated he would be providing further information on the issue.

The Speaker commented that he would consider further information on the matter at the conclusion of the Daily Routine on Monday, March 6, 2000.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 9 Appropriation (Interim Supply) Act, 2000 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Day

Committee of Supply (Day 5 — 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 resumed the Chair and Mrs. O'Neill reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of Executive Council for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2001, reports progress thereon, and requests leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to table copies of a document tabled by Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, during Committee of Supply consideration of the Estimates of Executive Council:

Newspaper article entitled "Enough Whining, Appreciate Alberta"
Sessional Paper 171/2000

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 5:27 p.m. until Monday, March 6, 2000, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, March 6, 2000

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

Presenting Petitions

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from 604 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 1,377 Calgary residents requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, presented a petition from 644 Edmonton and area residents requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 111 Calgary and area residents requesting the introduction of a bill banning the establishment of private for-profit hospitals in Alberta to maintain the integrity of the public, universal health care system.

Reading and Receiving Petitions

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

On request by Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of the Province of Alberta, hereby petition the Legislative Assembly to pass a bill banning private for-profit hospitals in Alberta so that the integrity of the public, universal health care system may be maintained.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 13 Energy Statutes Amendment Act, 2000 — Mr. Hlady

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

Bill 13 Energy Statutes Amendment Act, 2000 — Mr. Hlady

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Gaming, pursuant to the Gaming and Liquor Control Act, cG-0.5, s30(2):

Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission, Annual Report for the year ended March 31, 1999

Sessional Paper 172/2000

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer:

Report dated February 25, 2000, entitled “Market Trends, Alberta - Increasing Its Lead” prepared by Scotiabank Group

Sessional Paper 173/2000

Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health and Wellness:

Letter dated December 10, 1999, from Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health and Wellness, to the Honourable Allan Rock, Federal Minister of Health, regarding the renewal of medicare and the Alberta Government’s policy statement on the delivery of surgical services

Sessional Paper 174/2000

Letter dated March 2, 2000, from Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health and Wellness, to the Honourable Allan Rock, Federal Minister of Health, regarding Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act

Sessional Paper 175/2000

Mr. McFarland, Hon. Member for Little Bow:

Copies of letters to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, from 41 residents of the Picture Butte Health Care Centre objecting to the proposed conversion of the Picture Butte Health Care Centre to a limited services facility

Sessional Paper 176/2000

Copies of letters to Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health and Wellness, from 139 Picture Butte and area residents expressing concerns regarding the proposed closure of their emergency room and the drastic change in the way health services are delivered

Sessional Paper 177/2000

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

Letter dated September 28, 1999, from Hon. Dr. West, Minister of Resource Development, to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, confirming that the Government would not be conducting a provincial review of gasoline prices

Sessional Paper 178/2000

Program from "Music of a Thousand Years, 37th Annual Night of Music" held on March 1, 2000, at the Edmonton Jubilee Auditorium

Sessional Paper 179/2000

Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Letter dated February 15, 2000, from Kent Harrold, Board Chair, Lamont Health Care Centre, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding an analysis of the cost of cataract surgery at the Lamont Health Care Centre as compared to private facilities and expressing concern over the proposal to introduce legislation allowing private for-profit surgical clinics

Sessional Paper 180/2000

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Information pamphlet entitled "Edmonton Composting Facility - Waste to Compost" prepared by TransAlta and the City of Edmonton

Sessional Paper 181/2000

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

Formal notice of Application for Contempt/Privilege from Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, to Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker, requesting a ruling pursuant to Standing Order 15

Sessional Paper 182/2000

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood:

Letter dated March 1, 2000, from Marie Gordon of McBean, Becker, Barristers and Solicitors, to Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, regarding the decision to abolish the use of court reporters in Alberta courts

Sessional Paper 183/2000

Letter dated March 1, 2000, from Mona T. Duckett, Q.C., of Royal, McCrum, Duckett and Glancy, Barristers and Solicitors, regarding the Alberta Government's decision to replace court reporters with digital recording equipment
Sessional Paper 184/2000

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

Report dated February 2000, entitled "Good People... Good Practices... No System," a discussion paper prepared by the Alberta Alliance on Mental Illness and Mental Health

Sessional Paper 185/2000

Media Release dated March 3, 2000, entitled "Alberta returns to 'dark ages' of mental health care," prepared by the Canadian Mental Health Association

Sessional Paper 186/2000

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

11 letters from Albertans to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health and Wellness, and Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, expressing their opposition to private for-profit health care

Sessional Paper 187/2000

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

Report dated September 28, 1999, entitled "Rural Medical Education - Alberta Rural Physician Action Plan," prepared by the Rural Physician Action Plan (RPAP) Coordinating Committee

Sessional Paper 188/2000

Oral Question Period

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

Transcript dated March 3, 2000, from The Magazine television program aired on CBXT on March 2, 2000, regarding health care in Canada and Alberta's Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act

Sessional Paper 189/2000

Recognitions

Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert: Ada Curial, Gillian Hansen, Fran Preston, Millie Seitz, and Wendy Stiver, recipients of the Women of Distinction Awards presented by the St. Albert Baha'i community in conjunction with the United Nations International Women's Day

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry: University of Alberta Pandas volleyball team, offering congratulations on winning their sixth CIAU (Canadian Interuniversity Athletic Union) national women's volleyball championship, Christy Torgerson for being named the tournament's most valuable player, Jenny Cartmell for being named to the all-tournament team, interim head coach Lorne Sawula who was named 1999-2000 coach of the year and head coach Laurie Eisler

Mr. McFarland, Hon. Member for Little Bow: Team Alberta North and its 232 members participating in the 16th edition of the Arctic Winter Games from March 5 to 11, 2000 in Whitehorse, Yukon

Mr. White, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder: Association of Professional Engineers, Geologists and Geophysicists of Alberta, National Engineering Week themed "Engineering - Anything's Possible," March 4 - 12, 2000

Ms Paul, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs: University of Alberta legal studies program in partnership with Changing Together for establishing a web site called RoseNet.ca aimed at helping immigrant women

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark: Dr. Paul Aleksander Kostov who passed away on February 25, 2000, for his accomplishments as a scientist, researcher and biomedical engineer at the University of Alberta

Point of Privilege - Contempt

Following the Point of Privilege - Contempt raised by Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, on Thursday, March 2, 2000, the Speaker heard presentations from Mr. Dickson, Mr. Stevens, Hon. Mr. Hancock and Mr. Sapers.

During debate on the issue, Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, tabled the following:

News Release dated March 2, 2000, regarding the embargoed technical briefing on Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act, held on March 2, 2000
Sessional Paper 190/2000

Copy of a note from Dave Linden, Press Gallery President, to Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, regarding the exclusion of Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, from the technical briefing on Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act, on March 2, 2000
Sessional Paper 191/2000

The Speaker stated he would reserve ruling on this matter until Tuesday, March 7, 2000.

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 2 First Nations Sacred Ceremonial Objects Repatriation Act — Hon. Ms Calahasen

Bill 12 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2000 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Day

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

Bill 1 Alberta Heritage Foundation for Science and Engineering Research Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Klein

A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, 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 6, 2000 — 8:00 P.M.

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Madam Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the Department of Treasury for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2001 (Subcommittee A), reports progress thereon, and requests leave to sit again.

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the Department of Justice and Attorney General for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2001 (Subcommittee B), reports progress thereon, and requests leave to sit again.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:07 p.m. until Tuesday, March 7, 2000, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 7, 2000

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

Presenting Petitions

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood, presented a petition from 213 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry, presented a petition from 145 Calgary residents requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, presented a petition from 161 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, presented a petition from 116 Calgary residents requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from 245 Calgary residents requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 241 Albertans requesting the introduction of a bill banning the establishment of private for-profit hospitals in Alberta to maintain the integrity of the public, universal health care system.

Mr. Gibbons, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, presented a petition from 182 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, presented a petition from 192 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from 208 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

On request by Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of the Province of Alberta, hereby petition the Legislative Assembly to pass a bill banning private for-profit hospitals in Alberta so that the integrity of the public, universal health care system may be maintained.

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, March 8, 2000:

Written Questions: WQ1, WQ2, WQ3, WQ4, WQ5, WQ6.

Motions for Returns: MR5, MR6, MR7, MR9.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier:

Letter dated March 6, 2000, from Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, to Lorne Sawula, Acting Head Coach, Pandas Volleyball Team, congratulating them on winning their sixth CIAU (Canadian Interuniversity Athletic Union) Women's Volleyball Championship

Sessional Paper 192/2000

Hon. Mr. Woloshyn, Minister of Community Development:

Information bulletin dated March 7, 2000, entitled "International Women's Day mobilizes people around the world" prepared by Alberta Community Development

Sessional Paper 193/2000

Agreement dated January 14, 2000, between the Blood Tribe, Peigan Nation, Siksika Nation, and the Glenbow-Alberta Institute, and Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Alberta, regarding the repatriation of certain articles of significant sacred value

Sessional Paper 194/2000

Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health and Wellness:

Pamphlet entitled "Here's your complete copy of Bill 11, Alberta's Health Care Protection Act - A stronger health system for the future" prepared by Alberta Health and Wellness

Sessional Paper 195/2000

News Release dated March 7, 2000, entitled "Albertans to Receive Copy of Bill 11 this Week" prepared by Alberta Health and Wellness

Sessional Paper 196/2000

Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Children's Services:

Letter dated March 7, 2000, from Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Children's Services, to Jake Kuilen, President, Alberta Association of Registered Social Workers, regarding National Social Work Week, March 5 - 11, 2000

Sessional Paper 197/2000

2 documents from the Child Welfare Review Steering Committee regarding a review of factors contributing to child welfare caseload growth

Sessional Paper 198/2000

Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Report dated March 2000, entitled "Private Highway, One-Way Street: The Deklein and Fall of Canadian Medicare?" prepared by Robert G. Evans, Morris L. Barer, Steven Lewis, Michael Rachlis, and Greg L. Stoddart

Sessional Paper 199/2000

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

11 letters from Edmonton and area residents to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing their opposition to the proposal to allow Regional Health Authorities to enter into contractual agreements with private for-profit hospitals

Sessional Paper 200/2000

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

Report dated January 8, 2000, from Allan P. Jobson to Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment, requesting an investigation into actions taken by an employee of the Workers' Compensation Board

Sessional Paper 201/2000

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

Petition signed by 283 Calgary residents supporting public health care in Alberta

Sessional Paper 202/2000

Petition signed by 499 Albertans supporting public health care in Alberta

Sessional Paper 203/2000

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

6 e-mail messages from Albertans to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and Members of the Legislative Assembly expressing their opposition to the privatization of public health care

Sessional Paper 204/2000

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

Transcript of confrontation between Andy Marshall, CEP (Communications, Energy, Paperworkers) local 115A, and Conrad Black, owner of the Calgary Herald, regarding the strike at the Calgary Herald

Sessional Paper 205/2000

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

5 letters from Albertans to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health and Wellness, expressing their opposition to the proposal to allow Regional Health Authorities to enter into contractual agreements with private for-profit hospitals

Sessional Paper 206/2000

Members' Statements

Ms Graham, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed, made a statement regarding the death of Sandra Schmirler on March 2, 2000, her courageous battle against cancer and acknowledging her successful combination of marriage, motherhood, a working career and a successful curling career.

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, made a statement recognizing the MCARFA (Millwoods Cultural and Recreational Facility Association) for their efforts in developing Jackie Parker Park.

Mr. Lougheed, Hon. Member for Clover Bar-Fort Saskatchewan, made a statement regarding allegations made against him by the Official Opposition Environment Critic during Tablings of Returns and Reports on March 2, 2000.

Point of Privilege - Contempt

The Speaker made the following ruling:

The Chair is now prepared to rule on the purported question of privilege raised by the Honourable Opposition House Leader last Thursday, March 2nd, and argued yesterday, March 6th. As the Chair understands the matter, the Opposition House Leader's purported question of privilege is two-fold: one, that Bill 11, the Health Care Protection Act, was released to the public, or at least the media, before it was presented in the House and two, that the Leader of the Opposition was not allowed to remain in a meeting with the media referred to as a "technical briefing session" which was held very early in the afternoon of March 2nd and just prior to the introduction of Bill 11 in the House. This briefing session took place in the "Press Conference Room" which is found on the first floor of the Legislature Building next to the press gallery offices.

Last Thursday, there was a third point about a possible assault on the Leader of the Opposition but it is the Chair's impression from what was said yesterday that the Opposition House Leader is not pursuing this matter any further at least in this forum.

At the outset, the Chair notes that the Opposition House Leader provided notice of his question of privilege during the Daily Routine on March 2nd. He did not provide written notice two hours before the start of sitting as required under Standing Order 15(2) but the events giving rise to the purported question of privilege did not occur until an hour or so before the House commenced that day. Accordingly, the Chair finds that notice was provided at the earliest opportunity.

On the issue of the purported release of Bill 11 prior to its introduction in the Assembly, presumably the Opposition House Leader is alleging that there is a contempt of the House. To refresh Members' memories, breaches of privilege and contempts of the Assembly are treated in the same manner. Both are referred to in section 10 of the Legislative Assembly Act. These similarities were discussed in the Chair's February 24, 1999 ruling found at page 161 of Hansard on another purported contempt brought forward by the Opposition House Leader. A contempt is defined in Erskine May (22nd edition) at page 108 and I quote:

Any act or omission which obstructs or impedes either House of Parliament in the performance of its functions, or which obstructs or impedes any Member or officer of such House in the discharge of his duty, or which has a tendency, directly or indirectly, to produce such results, may be treated as a contempt even though there is no precedent of the offence.

In this case, there was no supporting precedent referred to by the Opposition House Leader or anyone else who entered the debate. The Chair has reviewed a ruling by Speaker Francis in the Canadian House of Commons on January 19, 1984 with facts very similar to those now before this House. The 1984 incident involved some Members of the Opposition being excluded from a media lock-up where it was alleged that a copy of a Bill was released prior to first reading. In ruling against the purported question of privilege Speaker Francis said that, and I quote from Hansard for January 19, 1984 at page 563:

There are any number of situations where drafts of Bills have been circulated and no further action has been taken with regard to them. Surely the Chair cannot be placed in a position of determining whether a document or a piece of paper, or whatever it is – is certainly not a document of the House – can or cannot be circulated, or that the Speaker in some way should regulate the persons to whom such a document could be circulated.

In this case, the Government House Leader and the Member for Calgary-Glenmore both indicated yesterday in the House that the media were provided with copies marked "Draft" so it could not have been the Bill introduced in the House.

The Chair has scoured the authorities and has not found any instance where the purported release of a Bill has constituted a valid question of privilege. As pointed out by the Opposition House Leader, the issue of the early release of a Bill was raised as recently as a few weeks ago in the Canadian House of Commons. On February 21, 2000 at pages 3666-7 of Hansard, Speaker Parent found that there was no question of privilege with respect to the purported early release of Bill C-23. The Chair would specifically note that he found four instances of this question arising in the Saskatchewan Legislature, in 1993, 1991, 1988 and 1975 and in each case the Speaker has found there was no breach of privilege.

Although there is no *prima facie* question of privilege on this point, the Chair echoes the comments of various Speakers that it is in keeping with the role of the Assembly and the respect that it should be accorded that Bills in their final form should first be reviewed by the Assembly after first reading. In the Chair's experience, this is the accepted practice in Alberta and would expect it to continue.

On the second issue raised by the Opposition House Leader that the Leader of the Opposition was denied access to the "technical briefing session" the Chair notes that he does not have control over the "Press Conference Room." It is not booked through the Speaker's office nor does the Speaker exercise any control over its use. It is not part of the precincts. This would be distinguishable from the office of the Clerk Assistant, which the Opposition House Leader alluded to yesterday, who is, in her own right, an officer of the Assembly. Even in the federal Parliament where the Speakers of the Commons and the Senate exercise control over the entire building, it has been held that restricting attendance at a media "lock-up" does not constitute a question of privilege. To quote Speaker Francis's 1984 ruling at page 593:

The Chair obviously recognizes that the parties represented in this House may from time to time request rooms. They may or may not choose to invite members of the press. They may choose to invite their own supporters or include or exclude their own supporters. They may on occasion include members of other Parties or not include them. This is not a matter for the Speaker to decide.

Allowing or not allowing a Member to attend a media briefing does not constitute an impediment or obstruction to the Member performing his or her parliamentary duties which, presumably, is the privilege that the Opposition House Leader alleges were breached. Accordingly, the Chair finds that there is no *prima facie* question of privilege on this point either.

The Chair wishes to thank all Members who participated in this debate.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 202 Marriage Amendment Act, 2000 — Mr. Doerksen

Mrs. Gordon, Deputy Chair of Committees, tabled copies of an 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 Calgary-Buffalo) — adjourned
debate on amendment

Sessional Paper 133/2000

Motions Other Than Government Motions

502. Moved by Mr. Shariff:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to reaffirm its commitment to the five principles of the Canada Health Act and ensure that all provincial healthcare legislation continues to comply with these principles.

A debate followed.

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

For the motion: 59

Blakeman	Hlady	Olsen
Broda	Jacques	Paul
Burgener	Johnson	Pham
Cao	Jonson	Renner
Cardinal	Klapstein	Sapers
Day	Klein	Severtson
Dickson	Kryczka	Shariff
Doerksen	Laing	Smith
Ducharme	Langevin	Soetaert
Dunford	Leibovici	Stelmach
Fischer	Lougheed	Strang
Forsyth	Lund	Tannas
Friedel	MacBeth	Tarchuk
Fritz	MacDonald	Taylor
Gibbons	Mar	Trynchy
Gordon	McFarland	West
Graham	Melchin	White
Haley	Nelson	Woloshyn
Havelock	Nicol	Yankowsky
Herard	Oberg	

Against the motion: 0

503. Moved by Mrs. Forsyth:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce a pilot project to examine the feasibility of a school uniform policy in Alberta schools, as current research gathered from other jurisdictions shows a correlation between the requirement to wear school uniforms and a decrease in school violence.

A debate followed.

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

Government Motions

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

Be it resolved that, when the Assembly adjourns to recess the current sitting of the Fourth 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. Havelock on behalf of Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that, when the Assembly adjourns on Thursday, March 23, 2000, at the regular hour of 5:30 p.m., it shall stand adjourned until Monday, April 3, 2000, at 1:30 p.m.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

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

Be it resolved that, when the Assembly adjourns on Thursday, April 20, 2000, at the regular hour of 5:30 p.m., it shall stand adjourned for three sitting days until Monday, May 1, 2000, at 1:30 p.m.

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 5:17 p.m. that when the Assembly reconvened at 8:00 p.m. it would be in Committee of Supply, and the Speaker left the Chair.

TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2000 — 8:00 P.M.

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2001 (Subcommittee C), reports progress thereon, and requests leave to sit again.

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the Department of Innovation and Science for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2001 (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.

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 12 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2000 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Day

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:28 p.m. until Wednesday, March 8, 2000, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 8, 2000

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

Presenting Petitions

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

of the Grand Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the Dominion of Canada for the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the Province of Alberta Repeal Act;

of William Roper Hull Child and Family Services for the William Roper Hull Child and Family Services Amendment Act, 2000;

of the Town of Pincher Creek and the Municipal District of Pincher Creek No. 9 for the Westcastle Development Authority Repeal Act;

of Larry Gilchrist, on behalf of the Calgary Municipal Heritage Properties Authority, for the Calgary Municipal Heritage Properties Authority Amendment Act, 2000;

of the Calgary Foundation for the repeal and replacement of the Calgary Foundation Act.

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, presented a petition from 238 Edmonton and area residents requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mr. Gibbons, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, presented a petition from 227 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, presented a petition from 220 Edmonton and area residents requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, presented a petition from 234 Edmonton and area residents requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, presented a petition from 219 Edmonton and area residents requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 595 Albertans requesting the introduction of a bill banning the establishment of private for-profit hospitals in Alberta to maintain the integrity of the public, universal health care system.

Reading and Receiving Petitions

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

On request by Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of the Province of Alberta, hereby petition the Legislative Assembly to pass a bill banning private for-profit hospitals in Alberta so that the integrity of the public, universal health care system may be maintained.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, pursuant to the Brand Act, cB-11, s20.6(3); the Stray Animals Act, cS-23, s22.6(3); the Livestock Identification and Brand Inspection Act, cL-22.5; s32.6(3) and the Livestock and Livestock Products Act, cL-24, s22.6(3):

Livestock Identification Services Limited, Manager's Report for the period ended March 31, 1999

Sessional Paper 207/2000

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of International and Intergovernmental Relations:

Letter dated March 7, 2000, from Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of International and Intergovernmental Relations, to Murdoch Davis, Editor in Chief, Edmonton Journal, regarding a correction of misinformation generated by a report prepared by the Caledon Institute of Social Policy and published in an Edmonton Journal article dated March 3, 2000, entitled "For Profit Hospitals Raise Health Costs, Think-tank Says"

Sessional Paper 208/2000

Mr. Lougheed, Hon. Member for Clover Bar-Fort Saskatchewan:

Newsletter dated February 2000, entitled "Status Report: The Quarterly Newsletter on Disabilities in Alberta," prepared by the Premier's Council on the Status of Persons with Disabilities

Sessional Paper 209/2000

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

11 letters, undated, from Albertans to Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health and Wellness, expressing their opposition to the proposal to allow Regional Health Authorities to enter into contractual agreements with private for-profit hospitals

Sessional Paper 210/2000

Letter dated March 8, 2000, and attachments, from Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, to Robert Clark, Ethics Commissioner, requesting an investigation in a possible breach of the Conflicts of Interest Act by Mrs. Burgener, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie

Sessional Paper 211/2000

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

3 letters dated February 22, 2000, from Albertans to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, requesting that the development of the Spray Valley by Genesis Land Corporation be stopped

Sessional Paper 212/2000

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

Letter dated March 8, 2000, with attachments, from Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding support for the 5 principles of the Canada Health Act by Progressive Conservative Members of the Legislative Assembly

Sessional Paper 213/2000

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

4 letters, undated, from Albertans to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing their opposition to the proposal to allow Regional Health Authorities to enter into contractual agreements with private for-profit hospitals

Sessional Paper 214/2000

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Excerpt from a 1993 document outlining "Our 4-Year Plan" prepared by "Ralph's Team for a better Alberta"

Sessional Paper 215/2000

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

Letter dated August 20, 1999, from Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, to Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, requesting the Government to consider a reduction in the 9 cent per liter provincial fuel tax

Sessional Paper 216/2000

Memorandum dated September 16, 1991, from Dwayne Brandly, Operations Supervisor, Edmonton Regional Office, Consumer and Corporate Affairs, to Bert Dyck, Assistant Deputy Minister, Community Services, Consumer and Corporate Affairs, regarding a concern about the manufacturers of pine shakes and shingles

Sessional Paper 217/2000

Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health and Wellness:

Memorandum dated March 8, 2000, from Peter J.M. Lown, Q.C., to Lynne Duncan, Deputy Minister of Health and Wellness, regarding a comparative review of the Saskatchewan Health Facilities Licensing Act and regulations and Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act

Sessional Paper 218/2000

The Health Facilities Licensing Act, cH-0.02, Province of Saskatchewan
Sessional Paper 219/2000

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

Designated Supply Sub-Committee Agreement, March 6, 2000
Sessional Paper 220/2000

Recognitions

Mr. Coutts, Hon. Member for Livingstone-Macleod: Joe Crowshoe, Sr., 93 year old ceremonialist and spiritual leader for the Peigan nation, who passed away October 28, 1999

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre: International Women's Day, March 8, 2000, and the launch of the World March of Women 2000

Mr. Broda, Hon. Member for Redwater: 80th anniversary dinner of the Edmonton Burns Club held on January 25, 2000, celebrating the life of Robert Burns, Scottish poet, and the unveiling of the statue of Robert Burns in Oliver Park, sculpted by John Weaver

Dr. Nicol, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East: Chris Spearman of Lethbridge for his efforts in communicating with the oil industry to bring down the price of gas in Lethbridge

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona: International Women's Day, March 8, 2000, and the launch of the World March of Women 2000

Speaker's Statement - Point of Privilege - Contempt

Yesterday, at the conclusion of Question Period and after the Chair provided his ruling to the House regarding the Official Opposition House Leader's purported point of privilege, the Honourable Government House Leader raised a point of order about the propriety of certain comments made by the Opposition House Leader in giving notice of and arguing the question of privilege. Frankly, the Chair is of the opinion that the ruling given yesterday ended the matter but the Chair undertook to review Hansard and address the issue.

Essentially the Government House Leader and Deputy House Leader rose to demand an apology from the Official Opposition House Leader for comments the House Leader of the Official Opposition made last Thursday, March 2, 2000, in giving notice about the purported question of privilege concerning an "assault" that allegedly occurred in the Press Conference Room at the technical briefing session for the media. At page 229 of Hansard for that day, the Opposition House Leader stated: "a young woman, an employee of the government-- and I think it serves little purpose to embarrass the individual woman..."

The Opposition House Leader did not identify the person in question by name and did not pursue the alleged assault when he made his submissions on the question of privilege on Monday. He never retracted them. So in one sense it appears that we have a dispute about facts between Members on which the Chair is not going to intervene. To reiterate, the Chair's view is that this matter was concluded yesterday when the ruling was given. The Chair would remind Members of the principles in Beauchesne's at paragraph 493(4) to exercise great care in making statements in the House about persons outside of the Assembly who are not able to respond. In the Chair's view, this matter is now concluded.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Questions were accepted:

WQ1. Moved by Dr. Nicol on behalf of Mrs. Soetaert:

How much did the former Department of Transportation and Utilities spend in fiscal years 1990-91, 1991-92, 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1998-99 for work conducted by the Department on primary highway maintenance with respect to direct operating and contract costs and supervision, inspection and audit, in the summer (April to October) and winter (November to March) months?

WQ2. Moved by Mr. White:

How many Alberta Environment staff and how many individuals on contract were available to fight forest fires on April 1, July 1 and October 1, 1999 and what were the equivalent numbers for the same dates in 1998?

WQ3. Moved by Mr. White:

What base resources were available to fight forest fires in Alberta at the beginning of the 1992, 1993, 1998 and 1999 fire seasons, including the number and type of air tankers, the number and type of helicopters and the number and size of wildland firefighting units?

WQ4. Moved by Mr. Gibbons on behalf of Ms. Carlson:

How many fish and wildlife officers and how many park rangers were employed by Alberta Environment on April 1, in 1992 and 1998, and how many conservation officers were employed on April 1, 1999 to carry out the duties previously performed by fish and wildlife officers and park rangers?

WQ5. Moved by Mr. White

During the calendar year 1999, how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in the entire Land and Forest Service, and specifically how many were employed in the Forest Management Division and in the Forestry Regional and Area offices; what was the total area of allocated Crown land (held under forest management agreements and other forms of tenure) on which forest management operations had to be supervised and how many full-time equivalent staff were involved in monitoring in the field?

WQ6. Moved by Mr. White:

How many forest officers with the working title or classification of Forest Officer, Forester, Agrologist, or Manager in Land and Forest Service, were employed by the then Alberta Environmental Protection on April 1, 1999?

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

WQ7, WQ8.

Motions for Returns

The following Motions for Returns were accepted:

MR5. Moved by Mr. White:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all studies and reports prepared by, or for, the Department of Resource Development between May 25, 1999 and February 17, 2000 providing the yearly projection of upside interest accruing to the Province from the operations of the Lloydminster Bi-provincial Upgrader for the period 2000-2014 as specified under the Upside Interest Agreement of February 7, 1995 between the Government and CIC (Crown Investment Corporation) Industrial Interests Inc.

MR9. Moved by Mr. White:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all studies and reports prepared by, or for, the Electricity Supply Task Force or submitted to the Electricity Supply Task Force between June 2, 1999 and February 17, 2000.

The following Motions for Returns were rejected:

MR6. Moved by Mr. White:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all studies and reports prepared by, or for, the Department of Resource Development between May 25, 1999 and February 17, 2000 evaluating the human resources requirements and funding framework for the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board (AEUB).

MR7. Moved by Mr. Gibbons:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of reports prepared by Kent Marketing for the Department of Infrastructure on gasoline fuel consumption in Alberta for the period January 1, 1999 to February 17, 2000.

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

MR1, MR2, MR3, MR4, MR8, MR10, MR11, MR12, MR13, MR14, MR15, MR16, MR17.

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 202 Marriage Amendment Act, 2000 — Mr. Doerksen

A debate followed.

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, on March 1, 2000, recommending that section 5 be struck.

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

For the motion: 10

Blakeman	Graham	Olsen
Boutilier	Magnus	Paul
Dickson	Nicol	Soetaert
Gibbons		

Against the motion: 39

Amery	Hlady	Renner
Broda	Jacques	Severtson
Burgener	Jonson	Smith
Cao	Klapstein	Stelmach
Cardinal	Kryczka	Stevens
Clegg	Laing	Strang
Doerksen	Langevin	Tarchuk
Ducharme	Mar	Taylor
Fischer	Marz	Thurber
Fritz	Nelson	West
Haley	Oberg	Woloshyn
Havelock	Paszkowski	Yankowsky
Herard	Pham	Zwozdesky

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

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 202 Marriage Amendment Act, 2000 — Mr. Doerksen

Mr. Tannas, Chair of Committees, tabled copies of an 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 Calgary-Buffalo) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 133/2000

Second Reading

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

Bill 205 Emblems of Alberta (Alberta Dress Tartan) Amendment Act, 2000 — Mr. Stevens

A debate followed.

During debate, Mr. Stevens, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore, tabled the following:

Copy of a sample of the current Alberta Tartan
Sessional Paper 221/2000

Copy of a sample of the proposed Alberta Dress Tartan
Sessional Paper 222/2000

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

Bill 205 Emblems of Alberta (Alberta Dress Tartan) Amendment Act, 2000 —
Mr. Stevens

Adjournment

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 2000— 8:00 P.M.

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Madam Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the Executive Council for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2001 (Subcommittee A), reports progress thereon, and requests leave to sit again.

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the Department of Infrastructure for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2001 (Subcommittee B), reports progress thereon, and requests leave to sit again.

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

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 12 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2000 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Day

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:17 p.m. until Thursday, March 9, 2000, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 9, 2000

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

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry, presented a petition from 290 Edmonton and area residents requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, presented a petition from 238 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mr. Gibbons, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, presented a petition from 151 Edmonton and area residents requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood, presented a petition from 215 Edmonton residents requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from 142 Edmonton residents requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mr. Wickman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, presented a petition from 134 Edmonton residents requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mr. White, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, presented a petition from 138 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, presented a petition from 384 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 224 Albertans requesting the introduction of a bill banning the establishment of private for-profit hospitals in Alberta to maintain the integrity of the public, universal health care system.

Reading and Receiving Petitions

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

On request by Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of the Province of Alberta, hereby petition the Legislative Assembly to pass a bill banning private for-profit hospitals in Alberta so that the integrity of the public, universal health care system may be maintained.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 17 Fair Trading Amendment Act, 2000 — 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 17 Fair Trading Amendment Act, 2000 — Mr. Ducharme

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Minister of Infrastructure:

Response to Written Question WQ1 asked for by Dr. Nicol on behalf of Mrs. Soetaert on March 8, 2000:

How much did the former Department of Transportation and Utilities spend in fiscal years 1990-91, 1991-92, 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1998-99 for work conducted by the Department on primary highway maintenance with respect to direct operating and contract costs and supervision, inspection and audit, in the summer (April to October) and winter (November to March) months?

Sessional Paper 223/2000

Hon. Dr. West, Minister of Resource Development:

Return to Order of the Assembly MR5 asked for by Mr. White on March 8, 2000:

Copies of all studies and reports prepared by, or for, the Department of Resource Development between May 25, 1999 and February 17, 2000 providing the yearly projection of upside interest accruing to the Province from the operations of the Lloydminster Bi-provincial Upgrader for the period 2000-2014 as specified under the Upside Interest Agreement of February 7, 1995 between the Government and CIC (Crown Investment Corporation) Industrial Interests Inc.

Sessional Paper 224/2000

Return to Order of the Assembly MR9 asked for by Mr. White on March 8, 2000:

Copies of all studies and reports prepared by, or for, the Electricity Supply Task Force or submitted to the Electricity Supply Task Force between June 2, 1999 and February 17, 2000.

Sessional Paper 225/2000

Mr. Doerksen, Hon. Member for Red Deer-South:

Questionnaire dated March 6, 2000, from Mr. Doerksen, Hon. Member for Red Deer-South, Chair of the Member of the Legislative Assembly Service Review Committee, seeking input from injured workers in Alberta on services provided by the WCB (Workers' Compensation Board)

Sessional Paper 226/2000

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

Letter dated January 11, 1999, from Ms Haley, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Rocky View, to an Albertan, responding to concerns regarding pine shakes

Sessional Paper 227/2000

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

Summaries of meetings held by the Calgary Regional Health Authority with the Glamorgan Community Association, held on February 19, 2000, Annie Gale Junior High School, Calgary, held on February 12, 2000, with educational partners, including the University of Calgary, held on February 16, 2000

Sessional Paper 228/2000

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

Document dated March 9, 2000, entitled "Official Opposition Analysis of the 11% Klein Flat Tax"

Sessional Paper 229/2000

Document dated March 9, 2000, entitled "Impact of Federal Government Tax Measures on Alberta," prepared by the Official Opposition

Sessional Paper 230/2000

Document dated March 9, 2000, entitled "Ratio of Program Spending, Tax Cuts, and Debt Repayments: Allocation of Fiscal Dividend, 2000/01 - 2002/03 (\$ millions), prepared by the Official Opposition

Sessional Paper 231/2000

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

Letter, undated, from Tim Hayduk, Past President, Lauderdale Community League, to Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, regarding a dispute between the Lauderdale Community League and Barb Koziak

Sessional Paper 232/2000

Information request dated January 21, 2000, from Allan P. Jobson to Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment, subsequent to a report tabled in the Alberta Legislative Assembly March 7, 2000, (Sessional Paper 201/2000) requesting an investigation into actions taken by an employee of the Workers' Compensation Board

Sessional Paper 233/2000

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

Information package prepared by CUPE (Canadian Union of Public Employees) regarding private for-profit health care being proposed in Alberta

Sessional Paper 234/2000

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

2 letters dated February 27, 2000, from Nobby Sato, Calgary, to Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, and February 16, 2000, from Carol Hechtenthal, M.S.W. (Master of Social Work), Calgary, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding the proposed development of the Spray Valley by the Genesis Land Development Corporation

Sessional Paper 235/2000

Petition signed by 14 Calgary and area residents opposing commercial development, including the Genesis/Spray Lakes project, in Kananaskis Country

Sessional Paper 236/2000

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood:

Letter dated March 9, 2000, from Charles B. Davison, Abbey Davies Greaves Hunter Davison, Barristers and Solicitors, to Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood, expressing concern about the decision to replace court reporters with various forms of recording equipment

Sessional Paper 237/2000

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

Letter dated March 7, 2000, from Mr. White, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, to Hon. Dr. West, Minister of Resource Development, requesting a reduction in the Alberta provincial fuel tax

Sessional Paper 238/2000

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

13 letters from Calgary and Canmore residents to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health and Wellness, Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, Members of the Legislative Assembly, The Right Honourable Jean Chrétien, Prime Minister, the Honourable Allan Rock, Federal Minister of Health, and Jim Dinning of the Calgary Regional Health Authority, expressing concern regarding the proposed privatization of health care in Alberta

Sessional Paper 239/2000

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

Memorandum dated March 9, 2000, from Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, to all Members of the Legislative Assembly, regarding proclamation of amendments to the Conflicts of Interest Act

Sessional Paper 240/2000

Speaker's Statement - Member Recognition

The Speaker made a statement in recognition of the three-year anniversary of 25 Members of the Legislative Assembly elected on March 11, 1997.

Members' Statements

Mr. Ducharme, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake, made a statement announcing that on March 8, 2000, the Francophone Secretariat hosted the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between Radio France Isère and CHFA Radio-Canada Alberta, effective March 20, 2000, and ending June 24, 2002.

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, made a statement regarding town hall meetings hosted by the Calgary Regional Health Authorities and concerns expressed at those meetings by Calgary residents regarding for-profit health care.

Ms Kryczka, Hon. Member for Calgary-West, made a statement regarding support for Alberta senior citizens, her involvement as Chair of the Seniors Advisory Council for Alberta and concerns raised to her by Alberta senior citizens.

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 13 to March 17, 2000:

Monday, March 13	Aft.	- Government Bills and Orders
		Second Reading
		Bill 6, 4, 5, 1, 3
		Committee of the Whole
		Bill 2
	Eve.	- Government Bills and Orders
		Committee of Supply
		Main Estimates Days 13 and 14
		Subcommittees
		(C) Municipal Affairs (Assembly) (Day 13, Main Estimates)
		(D) Resource Development (Room 512, Legislature Building) (Day 14, Main Estimates)
		Committee of the Whole and Third Reading
		Bill 2
		And as per Order Paper

- Tuesday, March 14 (4:30) - **Government Bills and Orders**
Royal Assent
 Bills 9, 12
Second Reading
 Bill 7, 1
 And as per Order Paper
- Eve. - **Government Bills and Orders**
Committee of Supply
 Main Estimates Day 15 -
 Reporting:
 Agriculture, Food and Rural
 Development
 Community Development
Government Bills and Orders
Second Reading
 Bill 1, 6, 3, 4, 5, 7
 And as per Order Paper
- Wednesday, March 15 Eve. - **Government Bills and Orders**
Committee of Supply
 Main Estimates Day 16 -
 Reporting:
 Innovation and Science,
 Economic Development,
 Government Services, Resource
 Development
Second Reading
 Bill 1, 6, 3, 4, 5, 7
 And as per Order Paper

Thursday, March 16 Aft. - **Government Bills and Orders**
Committee of Supply
Official Opposition Designation
for Thursday (Day 17, Main
Estimates)

And as per Order Paper based on
progress Monday, Tuesday and
Wednesday

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. Herard reported as follows:

Madam Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the Department of Community Development for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2001, reports progress thereon, and requests leave to sit again.

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

Consideration of Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech (Day 10)

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

Moved by Ms Haley and seconded by Mr. Lougheed:

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

To Her Honour Mrs. Lois E. Hole, C.M., the Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Alberta:

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

Government Motions

16. 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 Her 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., the Assembly adjourned at 5:16 p.m., until Monday, March 13, 2000, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, March 13, 2000

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

Presenting Petitions

Mr. White, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, presented a petition from 209 Edmonton and area residents requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, presented a petition from 292 Calgary residents requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, presented a petition from 178 Edmonton and area residents requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, presented a petition from 142 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry, presented a petition from 111 Edmonton residents requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, presented a petition from 302 Edmonton and area residents requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 1,111 Albertans requesting the introduction of a bill banning the establishment of private for-profit hospitals in Alberta to maintain the integrity of the public, universal health care system.

Reading and Receiving Petitions

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

On request by Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of the Province of Alberta, hereby petition the Legislative Assembly to pass a bill banning private for-profit hospitals in Alberta so that the integrity of the public, universal health care system may be maintained.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 14 Alberta Treasury Branches Amendment Act, 2000 — Hon. Mr. Day

Bill 15 Business Corporations Amendment Act, 2000 — Mr. Melchin

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

Bill 15 Business Corporations Amendment Act, 2000 — Mr. Melchin

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier:

Letter dated March 13, 2000, from Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, to The Right Honourable Jean Chrétien, Prime Minister, regarding the conduct of the Honourable Allan Rock, Federal Minister of Health, the previous week in Calgary
Sessional Paper 241/2000

2 letters dated September 30, 1999, from the Honourable Allan Rock, Federal Minister of Health, to Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health and Wellness, and Larry R. Ohlhauser, M.D., Registrar, Alberta College of Physicians and Surgeons, regarding the Alberta College of Physicians and Surgeons Council Meeting, October 1, 1999
Sessional Paper 242/2000

Radio transcript dated December 29, 1999, from CBC (Canadian Broadcasting Corporation) Radio of an interview with the Honourable Allan Rock, Federal Minister of Health, regarding the national health care system
Sessional Paper 243/2000

Article dated October 18, 1990, from the Edmonton Journal entitled "Federal cuts undermine health system - minister"
Sessional Paper 244/2000

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

11 letters from Albertans to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health and Wellness, regarding their opposition to Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act, the privatization of for-profit hospitals, and the use of tax dollars for shareholders of private for-profit hospitals
Sessional Paper 245/2000

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

4 letters from Calgary, Canmore and Edmonton residents regarding their opposition to the Spray Lakes Development by Genesis Land Corporation in Kananaskis Country
Sessional Paper 246/2000

60 signatures from Edmonton and area residents opposing the Government granting permission to the Genesis Land Developers, Ltd. for developments in Kananaskis Country
Sessional Paper 247/2000

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

Report, undated, entitled "Budget 2000 Analysis of Income Tax Changes Comparison of 1999 vs 2004 Taxation Years, Comparison of Tax on BFT (Basic Federal Tax) vs Flat Tax" prepared by Brad Severin, Senior Tax Manager, BDO Dunwoody, Chartered Accountants and Consultants

Sessional Paper 248/2000

Report dated March 13, 2000, entitled "Business Losses under Stockwell Day"

Sessional Paper 249/2000

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

Report, undated, entitled "A Legal Opinion Concerning NAFTA (North American Free Trade Agreement) Investment and Services Disciplines and Proposals by Alberta to Privatize the Delivery of Certain Insured Health Care Services" prepared by Steven Shrybman, Barrister and Solicitor, of Vancouver, British Columbia

Sessional Paper 250/2000

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

4 letters from Albertans to Mr. Wickman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, and Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing their opposition to Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act

Sessional Paper 251/2000

Article entitled "Barrier Free Building Design" prepared by Ron Wickman, Architect

Sessional Paper 252/2000

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

Letter dated January 27, 2000, from Sophie Dupuis Graves, President, Association canadienne-française de l'Alberta, to Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, regarding the transfer of École Ste-Marguerite-Bourgeois school to the new Francophone school authority

Sessional Paper 253/2000

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

Information pamphlet regarding the Trans Canada Trail Relay 2000 which began on February 19, 2000, in Tuktoyaktuk, Northwest Territories, and ending April 7, 2000 in Victoria, British Columbia

Sessional Paper 254/2000

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

Information request dated January 26, 2000, from Allan P. Jobson to Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment, subsequent to reports tabled in the Alberta Legislative Assembly March 7, 2000, (Sessional Paper 201/2000) and March 9, 2000 (Sessional Paper 233/2000) requesting an investigation into actions taken by an employee of the Workers' Compensation Board

Sessional Paper 255/2000

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

Memorandum dated March 13, 2000, from Mr. Stevens, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore, requesting that Bill 205, Emblems of Alberta (Alberta Dress Tartan) Amendment Act, 2000 be brought for Committee of the Whole consideration on Tuesday, March 14, 2000

Sessional Paper 256/2000

Memorandum dated March 9, 2000, from Mr. Doerksen, Hon. Member for Red Deer-South, requesting that Bill 202, Marriage Amendment Act, 2000 be brought for Third Reading consideration on Tuesday, March 14, 2000

Sessional Paper 257/2000

Message dated March 13, 2000, regarding Commonwealth Day entitled "The Communications Challenge" from Her Majesty the Queen, Head of the Commonwealth

Sessional Paper 258/2000

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, made a statement recognizing Mr. Laurence Decore's values and accomplishments and announcing the creation of the Laurence Decore Awards for Student Leadership which will distribute \$50,000 worth of scholarships each year to be shared by 100 Alberta post-secondary students.

Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, commented on the statement

Oral Question Period

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

Chart prepared by the Calgary Regional Health Authority documenting relative health care expenditures by age

Sessional Paper 259/2000

Recognitions

Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert: The Writing Home Project celebrated at the Musée Héritage de St. Albert on March 10, 2000, in which grade 5 students at Ronald Harvey School met and worked with seniors from St. Albert's Ironwood Estates and the Westlock Care Centre

Mr. Wickman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford: Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert and Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar for agreeing to publicly debate Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act on March 14, 2000, 7:00 p.m. at King's College

Mr. Lougheed, Hon. Member for Clover Bar-Fort Saskatchewan: University of Alberta Pandas hockey team in winning their first Canadian Interuniversity Athletic Union (CIAU) championship, and head coach Howie Draper for being named Canada West coach of the year

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar: Alberta's health care professionals for their commitment and dedication to the health care system in the midst of radical funding cuts and the proposed Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act

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

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

Bill 4 Surveys Amendment Act, 2000 — Hon. Mr. Mar

Bill 5 Land Titles Amendment Act, 2000 — Mr. Jacques

Bill 6 Special Payment Act — Hon. Mr. Dunford

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

Bill 1 Alberta Heritage Foundation for Science and Engineering Research Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Klein

A debate followed.

Hon. Mr. Smith 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 5:21 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, MARCH 13, 2000 — 8:00 P.M.

Committee of Supply (Days 13 and 14 — Main Estimates)

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the Department of Municipal Affairs for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2001 (Subcommittee C), reports progress thereon, and requests leave to sit again.

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the Department of Resource Development for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2001 (Subcommittee D), reports progress thereon, and requests leave to sit again.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:10 p.m. until Tuesday, March 14, 2000, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 14, 2000

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

Presenting Petitions

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from 54 Albertans regarding the addition of newer and more effective medications and therapies to the Alberta drug list.

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood, presented a petition from 221 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, presented a petition from 200 Hinton residents requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, presented a petition from 200 Hinton and area residents requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 236 Albertans requesting the introduction of a bill banning the establishment of private for-profit hospitals in Alberta to maintain the integrity of the public, universal health care system.

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 citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

On request by Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of the Province of Alberta, hereby petition the Legislative Assembly to pass a bill banning private for-profit hospitals in Alberta so that the integrity of the public, universal health care system may be maintained.

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 Wednesday, March 8, 2000, and can advise the House that all of the petitions comply with Standing Orders 85 to 89.

Notices of Motions

Pursuant to Standing Order 34(2)(a), Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following Written Questions and Motions for Returns to be dealt with Wednesday, March 15, 2000:

Written Questions: Stand and retain their places.

Motions for Returns: MR1, MR2, MR3, MR4, MR8, MR10, MR17.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 16 Condominium Property Amendment Act, 2000 — Mrs. Laing

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 Condominium Property Amendment Act, 2000 — Mrs. Laing

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment:

Annual Report, Alberta Veterinary Medical Association Radiation Protection Program, 1998

Sessional Paper 260/2000

Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health and Wellness:

Letter dated March 14, 2000, from Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health and Wellness, to the Honourable Allan Rock, Federal Minister of Health, regarding concerns over the Federal Health Minister's March 10, 2000 speech at the University of Calgary regarding Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act

Sessional Paper 261/2000

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

11 letters and e-mails from Albertans to Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and other Members of the Legislative Assembly, expressing their opposition to private for-profit health care

Sessional Paper 262/2000

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

Response to Written Question 149 (Sessional Paper 149/95), regarding access to magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) private clinics

Sessional Paper 263/2000

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

Edmonton Journal article dated February 28, 1995, entitled "Martin earns passing grade from Alberta"

Sessional Paper 264/2000

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood:

Edmonton Journal article dated March 10, 1994, entitled "Province is willing to sell hospital"

Sessional Paper 265/2000

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

Edmonton Journal article dated December 13, 1993, entitled "Health care may vary by region - Klein"

Sessional Paper 266/2000

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

Calgary Sun article dated September 24, 1994, entitled "Privatization push"

Sessional Paper 267/2000

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

Edmonton Sun article dated April 2, 1995, entitled "Health Care Up For Sale"

Sessional Paper 268/2000

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Edmonton Journal article dated May 30, 1993, entitled "Klein looks to bingo to ease cuts"

Sessional Paper 269/2000

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

Edmonton Journal article dated February 21, 1994, entitled "Tories ponder services ad blitz"

Sessional Paper 270/2000

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

Document dated March 14, 2000, entitled "The Growth of Private Non-Hospital Surgical Facilities in Alberta under Premier Ralph Klein"

Sessional Paper 271/2000

Document dated March 1, 2000, entitled "NHSF (Non-Hospital Surgical Facilities) Facility Listing as at March 1, 2000"

Sessional Paper 272/2000

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

Edmonton Sun article dated March 24, 1995, entitled "Klein wants to market health care"

Sessional Paper 273/2000

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

Calgary Herald article, undated, entitled "Millions in tax dollars spent before cuts"

Sessional Paper 274/2000

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

Calgary Herald article dated April 13, 1994, entitled "PCs back private clinics"
Sessional Paper 275/2000

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

Calgary Herald article dated July 19, 1995, entitled "Klein backs Fulton's health
push"
Sessional Paper 276/2000

Oral Question Period

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

Excerpt of notes dated November 4, 1998, from the Leader's Dinner in Calgary
Sessional Paper 277/2000

Members' Statements

Mr. Amery, Hon. Member for Calgary-East, made a statement regarding the Eid-Al-Adha celebration by approximately two billion Muslims from around the world, March 16, 2000.

Mr. White, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, made a statement urging the Government to give Alberta taxpayers a temporary tax break on fuel according to a set formula.

Mr. McFarland, Hon. Member for Little Bow, made a statement regarding Team Alberta North and its 232 athletes participating in the 16th Arctic Winter Games from March 5 to 11, 2000, in Whitehorse, Yukon.

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 202 Marriage Amendment Act, 2000 — Mr. Doerksen

A debate followed.

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

Motions Other Than Government Motions

503. Moved by Mrs. Forsyth:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce a pilot project to examine the feasibility of a school uniform policy in Alberta schools, as current research gathered from other jurisdictions shows a correlation between the requirement to wear school uniforms and a decrease in school violence.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

504. Moved by Mrs. MacBeth:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to create an Alberta Citizen's Commission on the Future of Education which would set goals and direction for education, acknowledging its fundamental importance to the prosperity and well-being of all Albertans, and defining a clear vision for its future.

A debate followed.

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

Government Bills and Orders

Royal Assent

Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, having entered the Assembly and being seated on the Throne,

The Speaker addressed Her Honour in the following words:

May it please Your Honour:

The Legislative Assembly has, at its present sitting, passed certain Bills to which, and in the name of the Legislative Assembly, I respectfully request Your Honour's assent.

The Clerk of the Assembly then read the titles of the Bills that had been passed as follows:

Bill 9 Appropriation (Interim Supply) Act, 2000 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Day

Bill 12 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2000 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Day

To these Bills, Royal Assent was announced by the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly in the following words:

In Her Majesty's name, Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor doth assent to these Bills.

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

Second Reading

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

Bill 1 Alberta Heritage Foundation for Science and Engineering Research Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Klein

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

Bill 7 Alberta Science, Research and Technology Authority Amendment Act, 2000 (\$) — Hon. Dr. Taylor

A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Deputy Government House Leader, it was agreed at 5:22 p.m. that when the Assembly reconvened at 8:00 p.m. it would be in Committee of Supply and the Speaker left the Chair.

TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2000 — 8:00 P.M.

Committee of Supply (Day 15 — Main Estimates)

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Madam Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2001, 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, 2001, for the Department and purpose indicated:

Agriculture, Food and Rural Development

\$449,553,000 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 3 Statute Revision Act — Hon. Mr. Hancock

A debate followed.

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

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 6 Special Payment Act — Hon. Mr. Dunford

Mr. Coutts tabled copies of the document tabled by Mr. Bonner during Committee of the Whole consideration of Bill 6, Special Payment Act.

Report entitled "Summary of Bill 90 Benefits - An Act to amend the Workers' Compensation Act," prepared by the Workers' Compensation Board of Nova Scotia, May 1999

Sessional Paper 278/2000

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:08 p.m. until Wednesday, March 15, 2000, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 15, 2000

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

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Gibbons, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, presented a petition from 120 Edmonton and area residents requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry, presented a petition from 117 Edmonton and area residents requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from 144 Edmonton and area residents requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, presented a petition from 140 Edmonton and area residents requesting that public health care be protected, supported and enhanced, and that for-profit, private hospitals be banned from receiving public dollars.

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, presented a petition from 120 Edmonton and area residents requesting that public health care be protected, supported and enhanced, and that for-profit, private hospitals be banned from receiving public dollars.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 635 Albertans requesting the introduction of a bill banning the establishment of private for-profit hospitals in Alberta to maintain the integrity of the public, universal health care system.

Reading and Receiving Petitions

Ms Graham, Chair, Select Standing Committee on Private Bills, moved that, further to the report of the Standing Committee on Private Bills that was reported in the Assembly on Tuesday, March 14, 2000, the following petitions for Private Bills presented in the Assembly on Wednesday, March 8, 2000, now be deemed to be read and received:

of the Grand Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the Dominion of Canada for the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the Province of Alberta Repeal Act;

of William Roper Hull Child and Family Services for the William Roper Hull Child and Family Services Amendment Act, 2000;

of the Town of Pincher Creek and the Municipal District of Pincher Creek No. 9 for the Westcastle Development Authority Repeal Act;

of Larry Gilchrist, on behalf of the Calgary Municipal Heritage Properties Authority, for the Calgary Municipal Heritage Properties Authority Amendment Act, 2000;

of the Calgary Foundation for the repeal and replacement of the Calgary Foundation Act.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

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 Alberta Government to take an enlightened preventative approach and add the newer and more effective medications and therapies to the Alberta drug list to ensure the health of an aging society.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

On request by Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of the Province of Alberta, hereby petition the Legislative Assembly to pass a bill banning private for-profit hospitals in Alberta so that the integrity of the public, universal health care system 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, recognizing that the ongoing Calgary Herald strike and Mr. Conrad Black's refusal to engage in fair collective bargaining is an indictment of Alberta's unfair laws, urges the Government to appoint a Disputes Inquiry Board to facilitate the settlement of this dispute.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier:

Letter dated March 10, 2000, from Dr. Allan W. Jones, Bonavista Eye Clinic, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, offering support for private surgical centres
Sessional Paper 279/2000

Letter dated March 8, 2000, from Celia Posyniak, Executive Director, Kensington Clinic, indicating that since entering into a contract with the Calgary Regional Health Authority in July 1996, the Kensington Clinic has charged less than it did when patients paid for services privately
Sessional Paper 280/2000

Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health and Wellness:

Report dated January 2000, entitled "Building Better Bridges - Final Report on Programs and Services in Support of Persons with Developmental Disabilities," with attached consultation form, prepared by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Associate Minister of Health and Wellness
Sessional Paper 281/2000

Alberta Health and Wellness News release dated March 15, 2000, entitled
“Saskatchewan Legislation Very Similar to Bill 11”

Sessional Paper 282/2000

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

Response to questions asked by Dr. Nicol, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, and Mr. Strang, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead, during Committee of Supply consideration of the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development Main Estimates, March 7, 2000

Sessional Paper 283/2000

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

5 letters and e-mail messages from Albertans to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health and Wellness, and Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, opposing Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act, and criticizing the Government for not properly debating Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act

Sessional Paper 284/2000

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

Excerpt dated May 20, 1999, from the 1999 Western Canada Finance Ministers' Report, entitled “An Opportunity to Develop a New Fiscal Partnership for Canada's Social Programs”

Sessional Paper 285/2000

Current Analysis article dated September 1999, entitled “Relative fiscal power: Ottawa versus the provinces,” prepared by the Royal Bank of Canada

Sessional Paper 286/2000

Report, undated, entitled “Budget 2000 Analysis of Income Tax Changes Comparison of 1999 vs 2004 Taxation Years, Comparison of Tax on BFT (Basic Federal Tax) vs Flat Tax Comparison of increased exemption for \$0 - \$35,000” prepared by Brad Severin, Senior Tax Manager, BDO Dunwoody, Chartered Accountants and Consultants

Sessional Paper 287/2000

Document dated March 15, 2000, entitled “Projected Reduction in Alberta's 11% Flat Tax Rate to Flow Through Federal Government Tax Measures affecting Alberta, 2004/05 - 2007/08”

Sessional Paper 288/2000

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

Letter dated March 1, 2000, from Harold S. Millican, Calgary, concerning the quality of print journalism in Calgary and the negative impact of the current labour dispute at the Calgary Herald

Sessional Paper 289/2000

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

Legislative Assembly Office, Annual Report 1999

Sessional Paper 290/2000

Oral Question Period

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

E-mail message dated March 8, 2000, from Margaret McKague, Edmonton, to Mr. Severtson, Hon. Member for Innisfail-Sylvan Lake, in response to phone calls to the Save Medicare campaign and the Friends of Medicare

Sessional Paper 291/2000

Speaker's Statement

The Speaker made a statement in recognition of the 94th anniversary of the First Session of the First Legislature of the Province of Alberta, which was convened on March 15, 1906.

Recognitions

Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert: Late Martyn Godfrey from St. Albert, teacher and author of a variety of genre for children and young adults

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie: Marco and Carlos Riviera of Edmonton, for their coming to the rescue of an elderly woman in distress

Mr. Yankowsky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview: 25th Anniversary of the Ukrainian Bilingual Program, celebrated at Edmonton City Hall, March 1, 2000

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo: Connaught Community Association and the efforts of volunteers to produce "Outlook," a community newspaper voicing concerns surrounding development, business and community resources issues

Ms Kryczka, Hon. Member for Calgary-West: Scotiabank's fraud awareness program, ABCs of Fraud, Calgary Seniors' Resource Society and the print and television media for providing the public with information about community fraud abuse targeting senior citizens

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona: Striking Calgary Herald workers who have been on strike since November 1999

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, recognizing that the ongoing Calgary Herald strike and Mr. Conrad Black's refusal to engage in fair collective bargaining is an indictment of Alberta's unfair laws, urges the Government to appoint a Disputes Inquiry Board to facilitate the settlement of this dispute.

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

WQ7, WQ8, WQ9, WQ10.

Motions for Returns

The following Motion for Returns was accepted:

MR10. Moved by Mr. Gibbons:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all fees and charges, and copies of expense and revenue analyses prepared by the Department of Government Services and Alberta Registries between May 1, 1999 and February 17, 2000, for Alberta Treasury and the Fees and Charges Committee.

The following Motions for Returns were rejected:

MR1. Moved by Mr. Sapers:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A copy of the October 19, 1993 document from a third party to the Executive Council/Office of the Premier relating to the refinancing of West Edmonton Mall.

MR2. Moved by Mr. Sapers:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A copy of the December 3, 1993 letter from one MLA (Member of the Legislative Assembly) to a second MLA, in the possession of the Executive Council/Office of the Premier relating to the refinancing of West Edmonton Mall.

MR3. Moved by Mr. Sapers:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A copy of the December 3, 1993 memo from one MLA (Member of the Legislative Assembly) to another MLA, in the possession of the Executive Council/Office of the Premier relating to the refinancing of West Edmonton Mall.

MR4. Moved by Mr. Sapers:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A copy of the February 18, 1993 letter from a third party to the Executive Council/Office of the Premier relating to the refinancing of West Edmonton Mall.

MR8. Moved by Mr. Sapers:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copy of excerpts of Cabinet agenda, with attachments, dated March 12, 1996, pertaining to the refinancing of West Edmonton Mall, as listed on page 34 of the affidavit of records of Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Alberta dated November 30, 1999.

MR17. Moved by Mr. Wickman on behalf of Dr. Nicol:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all studies and reports prepared by, or for, the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development between May 25, 1999 and February 17, 2000, relating to the integration of the Alberta Agricultural Financial Services Corporation and the Alberta Opportunity Company.

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

MR11, MR12, MR13, MR14, MR15, MR16, MR18, MR19, MR20, MR21, MR22, MR23, MR24.

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 202 Marriage Amendment Act, 2000 — Mr. Doerksen

A debate followed.

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

For the motion: 32

Burgener	Jonson	Pham
Cao	Klapstein	Shariff
Coutts	Kryczka	Stelmach
Doerksen	Langevin	Strang
Ducharme	Lougheed	Tannas
Forsyth	Lund	Tarchuk
Friedel	Marz	West
Haley	McClellan	Woloshyn
Havelock	McFarland	Yankowsky
Hlady	Melchin	Zwozdesky
Johnson	Paszkowski	

Against the motion: 15

Bonner	Jacques	Renner
Boutilier	MacDonald	Sapers
Dickson	Magnus	Severtson
Graham	O'Neill	White
Hancock	Pannu	Wickman

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., it was agreed at 5:19 p.m. that when the Assembly reconvened at 8:00 p.m. it would be in Committee of Supply, and the Speaker left the Chair.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 2000— 8:00 P.M.

Committee of Supply (Day 16 — Main 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, 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, 2001, for the Departments and purposes indicated:

Resource Development

\$88,429,000 Operating Expense and Capital Investment

Economic Development

\$51,236,000 Operating Expense and Capital Investment

Government Services

\$49,810,000 Operating Expense and Capital Investment

Community Development

\$334,491,000 Operating Expense and Capital Investment

Mr. Speaker, I would like to table copies of documents tabled by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Minister of Economic Development during Committee of Supply consideration of the Estimates of the Department of Economic Development:

Response to the question raised by Mr. White, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, during Subcommittee of Supply Estimates consideration of the Department of Economic Development March 1, 2000

Sessional Paper 292/2000

Response to questions raised by Mr. Hlady, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, during Subcommittee of Supply Estimates consideration of the Department of Economic Development March 1, 2000

Sessional Paper 293/2000

Response to the question raised by Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, during Subcommittee of Supply Estimates consideration of the Department of Economic Development March 1, 2000

Sessional Paper 294/2000

Mr. Speaker, I would also like to table copies of a document tabled by Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Government Services, during Subcommittee of Supply Estimates consideration of the Department of Government Services March 1, 2000

Sessional Paper 295/2000

Mr. Speaker, I would also like to table copies of a document tabled by Hon. Mr. Woloshyn, Minister of Community Development, during Committee of Supply Estimates consideration of the Department of Community Development March 15, 2000

Sessional Paper 296/2000

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

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 6 Special Payment Act — Hon. Mr. Dunford

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:02 p.m. until Thursday, March 16, 2000, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 16, 2000

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

Presenting Petitions

Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert, presented a petition from 111 Albertans requesting that Regional Health Authorities be allowed to contract out surgical services.

Mr. Gibbons, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, presented a petition from 220 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from 224 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from 209 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mr. Wickman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, presented a petition from 218 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, presented a petition from 135 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 1,111 Albertans requesting the introduction of a bill banning the establishment of private for-profit hospitals in Alberta to maintain the integrity of the public, universal health care system.

Reading and Receiving Petitions

On request by Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to protect, support, and enhance public health care in Alberta and to ban for-profit, private hospitals from receiving public dollars.

On request by Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of the Province of Alberta, hereby petition the Legislative Assembly to pass a bill banning private for-profit hospitals in Alberta so that the integrity of the public, universal health care system may be maintained.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to protect, support, and enhance public health care in Alberta and to ban for-profit, private hospitals from receiving public dollars.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

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

Bill 18 Alberta Personal Income Tax Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Day

Notice having been given:

Bill 19 Alberta Income Tax Amendment Act, 2000 — Hon. Mr. Day

Bill 20 Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 2000 — Hon. Mr. Hancock

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

14 letters, postcards and e-mail messages from Albertans to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health and Wellness, and Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, regarding protection of the public health care system and opposing the proposed private health care system

Sessional Paper 297/2000

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

2 letters dated February 15, 2000 and February 21, 2000, from Dr. M. Millard, Canmore Medical Clinic, and Shannon O'Donoghue, Banff, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern about the proposed development in the Spray Valley by the Genesis Land Development Corporation

Sessional Paper 298/2000

Petition signed by 27 Slave Lake residents urging the Legislative Assembly to end the policy permitting hazardous wastes to be transported into Swan Hills from outside of Canada

Sessional Paper 299/2000

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

9 letters, e-mail messages and faxes from Albertans to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health and Wellness, Mr. Wickman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, and Members of the Legislative Assembly, expressing concerns and asking questions about Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act

Sessional Paper 300/2000

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

Letter dated March 10, 2000, from Harold Moore, Fairview, to the Alberta Liberal Caucus, expressing opposition to the Alberta Government for proposing Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act

Sessional Paper 301/2000

Document listing approved medical services in non-hospital treatment facilities and non-hospital medical diagnostic facilities, prepared by the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta

Sessional Paper 302/2000

Bylaws of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta, Appendix C listing surgical and endoscopic procedures approved for performance by a physician with privileges in an accredited non-hospital surgical facility

Sessional Paper 303/2000

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

Economic Development Edmonton, Annual Report 1999

Sessional Paper 304/2000

Report, undated, entitled "Budget 2000 Analysis of Income Tax Changes Comparison of 1999 through 2004 Taxation Years, Comparison Year over Year - Flat Tax vs Tax on BFT (Basic Federal Tax)" prepared by Brad Severin, Senior Tax Manager, BDO Dunwoody, Chartered Accountants and Consultants

Sessional Paper 305/2000

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

Special Issue of Capital Health Connections Newsletter, dated March 2000, entitled "Meningococcal immunization - An enormous task...An outstanding achievement"

Sessional Paper 306/2000

Members' Statements

Mrs. Burgener, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, made a statement regarding the Alberta Film Commission representing a \$98 million industry and the resulting diversified business opportunities for the province.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, made a statement regarding his concerns on the recent quick passage of Bill 202, Marriage Amendment Act, 2000, in the Legislature and the lack of opportunity on the part of many Albertans to respond to its intent.

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry, made a statement regarding an ITV News report regarding a tourism video produced by Travel Alberta featuring only southern Alberta areas.

Projected Government Business

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(5), Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-St. Albert, 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 20 to March 24, 2000:

Monday, March 20

Aft. - **Government Bills and Orders**

Second Reading

Bills 17, 10, 13, 14, 15

THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 2000

Committee of the Whole

Bill 17, 2

Eve. - **Government Bills and Orders****Committee of Supply**Main Estimates Day 18 -
Reporting:

Designated Supply

Subcommittees:

Health and Wellness, Learning

Justice and Attorney General,
Municipal Affairs**Committee of the Whole**

Bills 1, 2, 4, 5

And as per Order Paper

Tuesday, March 21

(4:30) - **Government Bills and Orders****Committee of Supply**Main Estimates Day 19 -
Reporting:

Innovation and Science

Second Reading

Bill 20, 14, 15

And as per Order Paper

Eve. - **Government Bills and Orders****Committee of Supply**Main Estimates Day 19 -
Reporting:

Designated Supply

Subcommittees:

Human Resources and
Employment, Children's Services,
Environmental ProtectionTreasury, Infrastructure, Gaming,
Innovation and Science

			Committee of the Whole
			And as per Order Paper
Wednesday, March 22	Eve.	-	Government Bills and Orders
			Committee of Supply
			Lottery Fund Estimates - Day 1 of 2
			Main Estimates Day 20 - Final Estimates Day Reporting:
			International and Intergovernmental Relations
			And as per Order Paper
Thursday, March 23	Aft.	-	Government Bills and Orders
			Committee of Supply
			Lottery Fund Estimates - Day 2 of 2
			Introduction, Appropriation Act, Main Estimates
			And as per Order Paper

Speaker's Ruling - Allegations Against Non-Members

Yesterday, March 15, the Chair undertook to review Hansard and, if necessary, comment further on the point of order raised by the Honourable Member for Calgary-Fish Creek which focused on statements made by the Honourable Member for Edmonton-Manning in Question Period about the Chief Executive Officer of the Alberta Mental Health Board.

As the Chair indicated yesterday, at pages 440 and 441 of Hansard, questions should be on policy matters, not on personality. All Honourable Members must be reminded that the protection that they enjoy for anything said in this Chamber also requires Members to act responsibly. To make allegations against someone who is unable to defend themselves can have serious repercussions for the individual and his or her reputation. This point has been made several times by this Chair. The same point is found in Beauchesne's 6th edition at paragraph 493(4).

The current practice in the Canadian House of Commons is reflected in a new book, the House of Commons Procedure and Practice which the Chair referred to on Tuesday. At page 524 it states:

Members are discouraged from referring by name to persons who are not Members of Parliament and who do not enjoy parliamentary immunity, except in extraordinary circumstances when the national interest calls for the naming of an individual. The Speaker has ruled that Members have a responsibility to protect the innocent, not only from outright slander but from any slur directly or indirectly implied, and has stressed that Members should avoid as much as possible mentioning by name people from outside the House who are unable to reply and defend themselves against innuendo.

The Chair encourages Members to reflect on these considerations before commenting on persons outside the House.

Mr. Gibbons, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, made a statement to the House in response to the Speaker's ruling.

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. Shariff reported as follows:

Madam Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the Department of Infrastructure for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2001, reports progress thereon, and requests leave to sit again.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:04 p.m. until Monday, March 20, 2000, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, March 20, 2000

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

The Speaker made a statement in recognition of the eleven-year 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 661 St. Albert residents requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mr. Gibbons, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, presented a petition from 220 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, presented a petition from 294 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, presented a petition from 325 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 1,145 Albertans requesting the introduction of a bill banning the establishment of private for-profit hospitals in Alberta to maintain the integrity of the public, universal health care system.

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, presented a petition from 404 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Dr. Nicol, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, presented a petition from 323 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Reading and Receiving Petitions

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

Mr. Gibbons, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

Mr. Wickman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to provide respective Regional Health Authorities with the flexibility necessary to provide the delivery of publicly funded, publicly administered overnight surgical services cost-effectively and efficiently through the contracting-out of such services if deemed necessary.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of the Province of Alberta, hereby petition the Legislative Assembly to pass a bill banning private for-profit hospitals in Alberta so that the integrity of the public, universal health care system may be maintained.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

- Bill Pr1 Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the Province of Alberta Repeal Act — Mr. Coutts
- Bill Pr2 William Roper Hull Child and Family Services Amendment Act, 2000 — Mr. Stevens
- Bill Pr3 Westcastle Development Authority Repeal Act — Mr. Coutts
- Bill Pr4 Calgary Municipal Heritage Properties Authority Amendment Act, 2000 — Mrs. Laing
- Bill Pr5 Calgary Foundation Act — Ms Kryczka on behalf of Mrs. Burgener

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier:

Letter dated March 20, 2000, from Dennis L. Modry, Clinical Associate Professor, University of Alberta, to Dr. Robert Burns, Executive Director, Alberta Medical Association, advising that the Alberta Medical Association will no longer represent the Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgeons in the Province of Alberta
Sessional Paper 307/2000

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

Letter dated March 16, 2000, from the Honourable Allan Rock, Federal Minister of Health, to Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health and Wellness, in response to Mr. Jonson's letter of March 14, 2000 (Sessional Paper 261/2000) regarding concerns over the Federal Health Minister's March 10, 2000 speech at the University of Calgary regarding Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act
Sessional Paper 308/2000

E-mail message dated March 15, 2000, from Joe Nagy to the Alberta Liberal Caucus regarding his wife's MRI (magnetic resonance imaging) options
Sessional Paper 309/2000

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

3 letters from Albertans to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and 1 additional letter from an Albertan, opposing Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act, and private for-profit health care

Sessional Paper 310/2000

Letter dated March 7, 2000, from Hon. Roy Romanow, Premier of Saskatchewan, to Heather Smith, President, United Nurses of Alberta, expressing his views on the Canada Health Act principles and private hospitals

Sessional Paper 311/2000

Toronto Star article dated March 20, 2000, entitled "Fixing Health Care, The Hard Lessons Down Under"

Sessional Paper 312/2000

Press release, undated, from the Athabasca Citizens for Public Healthcare Forum on Alberta Health Care held on March 16, 2000

Sessional Paper 313/2000

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

Program from the Edmonton Minor Hockey Association Edmonton-Calgary Provincial Tournament, March 17-19, 2000

Sessional Paper 314/2000

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Petition dated February 2000, signed by 29 Albertans protesting the proposed Cheviot coal mine

Sessional Paper 315/2000

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

Letter dated March 19, 1998, from the Alberta Labour Relations Board, to the Canadian Health Care Guild, Capital Care Group, Carewest, Alberta Justice, Bethany Care Centre, St. Joseph's Auxiliary Hospital, and St. Michael's Extended Care Centre regarding an application brought by the Canadian Health Care Guild affecting Bethany Care Society, Carewest, St. Joseph's Hospital, St. Michael's Extended Care Centre, and Capital Care Group

Sessional Paper 316/2000

Leaflet entitled "Alberta Pensions Administration employees are asking for your support" prepared by the Alberta Union of Provincial Employees

Sessional Paper 317/2000

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

2 letters and 2 e-mail messages from Albertans to Mr. Wickman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, expressing their opposition to Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act

Sessional Paper 318/2000

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

Letter dated March 9, 2000, from Elisabeth deWynter to Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, expressing her opinions regarding Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act

Sessional Paper 319/2000

Letter dated March 14, 1996, from Peter Valentine, Auditor General of Alberta, to Elmer Leahy, Acting Superintendent, Alberta Treasury Branches, regarding the Auditor General's in-depth review of Alberta Treasury Branches

Sessional Paper 320/2000

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

Press release dated March 11, 2000, entitled "Canadian Nurses Condemn Alberta Privatization Bill"

Sessional Paper 321/2000

Letter dated March 3, 2000, from Dan C. MacLellan, President, Alberta Union of Provincial Employees (AUPE), to Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health and Wellness, asking for a response to a letter to Mr. Jonson from Carl Soderstrom dated February 10, 2000 requesting the criteria and process for declaring approved hospitals

Sessional Paper 322/2000

Oral Question Period

During Oral Question Period, Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, tabled the following:

E-mail message dated March 10, 2000, from Ann Lockwood to the Alberta Liberal Caucus and the New Democratic Caucus, expressing her dissatisfaction with a public event in Vermilion on March 9, 2000 attended by Hon. Dr. West, Minister of Resource Development and Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer

Sessional Paper 323/2000

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

Calgary Herald article dated May 21, 1991, entitled "Patients choose private treatment"

Sessional Paper 324/2000

Recognitions

Mr. Gibbons, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning: Edmonton Minor Hockey Association hosting the Edmonton-Calgary provincial hockey tournament 2000 in the Clareview arena this past weekend

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo: Workshop in Calgary on March 15, 2000, dealing with the Protection for Persons in Care Act co-sponsored by the Alberta Association for Community Living, the Developmental Disabilities Resource Centre of Calgary, and FAIRE (Families Allied to Influence Responsible Eldercare)

Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora: Provincial minor soccer playoffs in Edmonton this past weekend, and the gold medal winners from Sherwood Park, the silver medal winners from Edmonton Kenilworth, and the bronze medal winners, the Edmonton West Belmead Raiders

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

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

Bill 17 Fair Trading Amendment Act, 2000 — Mr. Ducharme

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 13 Energy Statutes Amendment Act, 2000 — Mr. Hlady

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 14 Alberta Treasury Branches Amendment Act, 2000 — Hon. Mr. Day

A debate followed.

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

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

Bill 15 Business Corporations Amendment Act, 2000 — Mr. Melchin

A debate followed.

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

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

Bill 10 Securities Amendment Act, 2000 — 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 Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 1 Alberta Heritage Foundation for Science and Engineering Research Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Klein

Mr. Renner tabled copies of an amendment considered by the Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 1 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora) — Agreed to
Sessional Paper 325/2000

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader it was agreed at 5:24 pm, that when the Assembly reconvened at 8:00 p.m. it would be in Committee of Supply, and the Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

MONDAY, MARCH 20, 2000 — 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 Mrs. Laing reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions (reported from the Designated Supply Subcommittee), reports as follows, and requests leave to sit again:

MONDAY, MARCH 20, 2000

Resolved that a sum not exceeding the following be granted to Her Majesty for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2001, for the Departments and purposes indicated:

Health and Wellness

\$5,623,442,000 Operating Expense and Capital Investment

Learning

\$3,105,403,000 Operating Expense and Capital Investment
 \$65,800,000 Non-budgetary Disbursements

Mr. Speaker, I would like to table copies of an amendment proposed by Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, during Committee of Supply consideration of the Estimates of the Department of Learning:

Amendment to the Estimates of the Department of Learning (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 326/2000

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, 2001, for the Departments and purposes indicated:

Justice and Attorney General

\$419,916,000 Operating Expense and Capital Investment

Municipal Affairs

\$142,890,000 Operating Expense and Capital Investment

Mr. Speaker, I would also like to table copies of a document tabled by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, during Committee of Supply consideration of the Estimates of the Department of Justice and Attorney General:

Responses to questions raised on March 6, 2000, Department of Justice and Attorney General, 2000-2001 Committee of Supply debate

Sessional Paper 327/2000

Mr. Speaker, I would also like to table copies of a document tabled by Hon. Mr. Paszkowski, Minister of Municipal Affairs, during Committee of Supply consideration of the Estimates of the Department of Municipal Affairs:

Responses to questions raised on March 13, 2000, Department of Municipal Affairs, 2000-2001 Committee of Supply debate
Sessional Paper 328/2000

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 10:01 p.m. until Tuesday, March 21, 2000, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 21, 2000

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 206 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from 225 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood, presented a petition from 302 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mr. Gibbons, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, presented a petition from 252 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mr. White, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, presented a petition from 238 Edson and area residents requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, presented a petition from 200 Rocky Mountain House residents requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry, presented a petition from 200 Edmonton residents stating that Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act, will have far reaching, destructive consequences for all of us and all of our children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, and urging the Government to withdraw the Bill.

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, presented a petition from 170 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, presented a petition from 248 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Dr. Nicol, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, presented a petition from 307 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mr. Wickman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, presented a petition from 175 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 396 Albertans requesting the introduction of a bill banning the establishment of private for-profit hospitals in Alberta to maintain the integrity of the public, universal health care system.

Reading and Receiving Petitions

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

On request by Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of the Province of Alberta, hereby petition the Legislative Assembly to pass a bill banning private for-profit hospitals in Alberta so that the integrity of the public, universal health care system may be maintained.

Notices of Motions

Pursuant to Standing Order 34(2)(a), Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following Written Questions and Motions for Returns to be dealt with Wednesday, March 22, 2000:

Written Questions: WQ9.

Motions for Returns: MR11, MR12, MR23.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer:

Treasury Ministry Business Plan 2000-2003

Sessional Paper 329/2000

Study, undated, entitled "Public Policy Sources #39" prepared by The Fraser Institute

Sessional Paper 330/2000

Hon. Mr. Woloshyn, Minister of Community Development:

Letter dated March 21, 2000, from Hon. Mr. Woloshyn, Minister of Community Development, to Charlene Hay, Coordinator, Northern Alberta Alliance on Race Relations, congratulating the Northern Alberta Alliance on Race Relations on its commitment to address issues of discrimination

Sessional Paper 331/2000

Information bulletin dated March 21, 2000, entitled "Alberta supports elimination of racism and discrimination" prepared by Alberta Community Development

Sessional Paper 332/2000

Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning:

Report, undated, entitled "Supporting Safe, Secure and Caring Schools in Alberta" prepared by Alberta Learning

Sessional Paper 333/2000

Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health and Wellness:

Letter dated March 21, 2000, from Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health and Wellness, to Chris Duncan, News Director, A-Channel, expressing his concerns with the recent poll released by A-Channel on March 20, 2000, regarding Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act

Sessional Paper 334/2000

Mr. Tannas, Hon. Member for Highwood:

High River Times article dated March 14, 2000, entitled "Bill 11 is far from the devil in disguise"

Sessional Paper 335/2000

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

Outline of meeting with representatives of the Auditor General's Office and representatives of the Alberta Treasury Branches on March 23, 1995, regarding refinancing of West Edmonton Mall

Sessional Paper 336/2000

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

Letter dated March 16, 2000, from Keith Purdy, President, Local 8, CUPE (Canadian Union of Public Employees), to an unnamed Member of the Legislative Assembly, expressing his concerns regarding Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act

Sessional Paper 337/2000

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Peace and Freedom article dated July/August 1989, entitled "White Privilege: Unpacking the Invisible Knapsack"

Sessional Paper 338/2000

Multicultural Community Project article, undated, entitled "Working With People With Differences"

Sessional Paper 339/2000

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood:

Spring 2000 issue of Community Connections, an Edmonton Police Service publication

Sessional Paper 340/2000

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Letter dated February 28, 2000, from Laureen Wright of Calgary, to Gobi Singh, Chief Executive Officer, Genesis Land Development Corporation, expressing her concerns with the Spray Development Corporation Project Description for Spray Resort, December 1999

Sessional Paper 341/2000

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

Letter dated March 16, 2000, from Keith Purdy, President, Local 8, CUPE (Canadian Union of Public Employees), to an unnamed Member of the Legislative Assembly, expressing his concerns regarding Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act

Sessional Paper 342/2000

Letter dated November 9, 1998, unsigned, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding rotting government-approved pine shakes

Sessional Paper 343/2000

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

Letter dated February 11, 2000, from Peter Nettleton of Calgary, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding the December 1999 Spray Development Corporation Project Description for Spray Lake Resort and the Kananaskis Pathways Corporation Description for Mount Sparrowhawk Heli-Cat Ski Operation

Sessional Paper 344/2000

Letter dated March 7, 2000, from Nancy Hansen of Canmore, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, Mrs. Tarchuk, Hon. Member for Banff-Cochrane, Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, the Director, Environmental Assessment and Strategy Division, and Gobi Singh, Chief Executive Officer, Genesis Land Development Corporation, expressing her thoughts on the proposed developments in the Spray Valley

Sessional Paper 345/2000

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

Letter dated March 6, 2000, from Dr. William C. Olsen, Professor Emeritus of Nuclear Physics, University of Alberta, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing his concerns regarding Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act, and requesting a plebiscite on the Bill

Sessional Paper 346/2000

Letter dated March 1, 2000, signed by 12 Albertans to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concerns regarding Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act, and urging the Premier to stop his privatization of health care agenda

Sessional Paper 347/2000

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

Program from the Celebration of the Muslim Festival of Eid-UI-Adha held in the Legislature Building Main Rotunda on March 20, 2000

Sessional Paper 348/2000

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

2 letters dated March 15, 2000 and March 20, 2000, from the Ethics Commissioner to Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, indicating he will not be investigating the matter regarding Mrs. Burgener, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, referred to him by Dr. Pannu on March 8, 2000

Sessional Paper 349/2000

Oral Question Period

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

Draft report dated March 11, 1996, entitled "Building Partnerships in Health Care Restructuring, The Use of Clinical Practice Guidelines, Outcome Analysis, Optical Cards and Telus Health Solutions" prepared by Dennis L. Modry, M.D.
Sessional Paper 350/2000

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

Globe and Mail article dated June 3, 1988, entitled "Ontario health bill may flout free trade pact" and Toronto Star article dated September 9, 1989, entitled "More private clinics coming, new bill reverses 50 years of hospital policy by beginning privatization trend"

Sessional Paper 351/2000

Members' Statements

Mr. Ducharme, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake, made a statement regarding the Francophone Secretariat and the reception on March 21, 2000, hosted by the Speaker and the Legislative Assembly in the Legislature Building rotunda for the leaders of the Francophone community celebrating the first anniversary of the establishment of the Francophone Secretariat.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, made a statement regarding the United Nations International Day for Elimination of Racial Discrimination, March 21, 2000, and activities taking place around Alberta to celebrate this day.

Mr. Pham, Hon. Member for Calgary-Montrose, made a statement regarding the United Nations International Day for Elimination of Racial Discrimination, March 21, 2000, remembering events of historical significance in terms of racial discrimination, and noting that the number of complaints filed with the Human Rights Commission on racism have steadily declined over the past few years.

Point of Order

During a Point of Order, Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, tabled the following:

Document entitled "WEM (West Edmonton Mall) Evidentiary References Re: Document Involvement in Refinancing, Tab #30, Crown's Production #17906"
Sessional Paper 352/2000

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.

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 205 Emblems of Alberta (Alberta Dress Tartan) Amendment Act, 2000 —
Mr. Stevens

Motions Other Than Government Motions

504. Moved by Mrs. MacBeth:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to create an Alberta Citizen's Commission on the Future of Education which would set goals and direction for education, acknowledging its fundamental importance to the prosperity and well-being of all Albertans, and defining a clear vision for its future.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was defeated.

505. Moved by Mrs. Fritz:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to establish an Advisory Council on Women's Health to support education and research promoting women's health, and to address issues relating to the prevention and treatment of diseases including osteoporosis, eating disorders, heart disease, breast cancer as well as diseases to which women are becoming increasingly susceptible to such as lung cancer and auto-immune diseases.

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(2)(c), debate adjourned, Mrs. Soetaert speaking.

Committee of Supply (Day 19 — 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 resumed the Chair and Mr. Renner reported as follows:

Madam 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, 2001, for the Departments and purposes indicated:

Executive Council

\$15,298,000	Operating Expense
\$250,000	Non-budgetary Disbursements

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

Adjournment

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 2000 — 8:00 P.M.

Committee of Supply (Day 19 — Main Estimates)

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions (reported from the Designated Supply Subcommittee), reports as follows, and requests leave to sit again:

Resolved that a sum not exceeding the following be granted to Her Majesty for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2001, for the Departments and purposes indicated:

Human Resources and Employment

\$1,034,970,000 Operating Expense and Capital Investment

Children's Services

\$535,540,000 Operating Expense and Capital Investment

Environment

\$332,506,000 Operating Expense and Capital Investment

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, 2001, for the Departments and purposes indicated:

Treasury

\$139,438,000 Operating Expense and Capital Investment
\$98,941,000 Non-budgetary Disbursements

Gaming

\$183,191,000 Operating Expense

Infrastructure

\$2,152,558,000 Operating Expense and Capital Investment

Innovation and Science

\$184,867,000 Operating Expense

Mr. Speaker, I would like to table copies of an amendment proposed during Committee of Supply consideration of the Estimates of the Department of Treasury:

Amendment to the Estimates of the Department of Treasury (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 353/2000

Mr. Speaker, I would also like to table copies of a document tabled by Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Gaming, during Committee of Supply consideration of the Estimates of the Department of Gaming:

Responses to questions raised on February 29, 2000, Department of Gaming, 2000-2001 Committee of Supply debate
Sessional Paper 354/2000

Mr. Speaker, I would also like to table copies of a document tabled by Hon. Dr. Taylor, Minister of Innovation and Science, during Committee of Supply consideration of the Estimates of the Department of Innovation and Science:

Responses to questions raised on March 7, 2000, Department of Innovation and Science, 2000-2001 Committee of Supply debate
Sessional Paper 355/2000

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

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 1 Alberta Heritage Foundation for Science and Engineering Research Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Klein

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:41 p.m. until Wednesday, March 22, 2000, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 22, 2000

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

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry, presented a petition from 219 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from 233 Edmonton and area residents requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mr. White, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, presented a petition from 234 Edmonton and area residents requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from 186 Edmonton and area residents requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, presented a petition from 238 Edmonton and area residents requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 500 Albertans requesting the introduction of a bill banning the establishment of private for-profit hospitals in Alberta to maintain the integrity of the public, universal health care system.

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 citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

On request by Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of the Province of Alberta, hereby petition the Legislative Assembly to pass a bill banning private for-profit hospitals in Alberta so that the integrity of the public, universal health care system may be maintained.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier:

Profile Magazine, Spring 2000, page 14, article entitled "Health Care Crossroads," written by Joel Christie, Ph.D.

Sessional Paper 356/2000

Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health and Wellness:

Letter dated September 30, 1999, from the Honourable Allan Rock, Federal Minister of Health, to Larry R. Ohlhauser, M.D., Registrar, College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta, requesting that the College postpone a decision concerning accreditation standards for long-stay non-hospital surgical facilities until the Alberta Government proposes legislation dealing with this issue

Sessional Paper 357/2000

Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health and Wellness, pursuant to the Mental Health Act, cM-13.1, s47:

Mental Health Patient Advocate Office, Annual Report 1999

Sessional Paper 358/2000

Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health and Wellness, pursuant to the Health Facilities Review Committee Act, cH-4, s16(2):

Alberta Health Facilities Review Committee, Annual Report 1998-99

Sessional Paper 359/2000

Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health and Wellness, pursuant to the Public Health Act, cP-27, s6(2):

Public Health Appeal Board, Annual Report 1999

Sessional Paper 360/2000

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of International and Intergovernmental Relations:

Responses to questions raised on February 29, 2000, Department of International and Intergovernmental Relations, 2000-2001 Committee of Supply debate

Sessional Paper 361/2000

Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Children's Services, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Environment:

Letter dated March 20, 2000, from Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Environment, to T. Duncan Ellison, Executive Director, Canadian Water and Wastewater Association, recognizing World Day for Water, March 22, 2000

Sessional Paper 362/2000

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

4 letters dated March 21, 2000, from Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, to Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, Mr. Friedel, Hon. Member for Peace River, Mr. Clegg, Hon. Member for Dunvegan, and Mr. Thurber, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Calmar, issuing an invitation to debate the merits of Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act, at a mutually agreeable time at a location of their choice

Sessional Paper 363/2000

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood:

4 letters dated March 21, 2000, from Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood, to Hon. Mr. Cardinal, Associate Minister of Forestry, Hon. Mr. Havelock, Minister of Economic Development, Mr. Doerksen, Hon. Member for Red Deer-South, and Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, issuing an invitation to debate the merits of Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act, at a mutually agreeable time at a location of their choice

Sessional Paper 364/2000

Resolution, undated, proposed by the Liberal Party of Canada, urging the Federal Government to express its opposition to Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act, to take the necessary measures to prevent increasing privatization of publicly-funded health care, to provide innovative solutions for health care delivery, and to develop and implement a comprehensive health care strategy allowing for increased accessibility to alternative methods of medicine

Sessional Paper 365/2000

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

Excerpts from Bovar Incorporated, Annual Report 1999, setting out the details of revenue sharing from the net income of the Premier's special waste management facility in the year 1999

Sessional Paper 366/2000

Report, undated, entitled "Budget 2000 Analysis of Income Tax Changes Comparison of 1999 vs 2004 Taxation Years, Comparison of Tax on BFT (Basic Federal Tax) vs Flat Tax, Evaluation of Integration of Dividend Tax Credit" prepared by Brad Severin, Senior Tax Manager, BDO Dunwoody, Chartered Accountants and Consultants

Sessional Paper 367/2000

4 letters dated March 21, 2000, from Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, to Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, Mr. Hlady, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, Mrs. Gordon, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Stettler, and Mrs. Burgener, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, issuing an invitation to debate the merits of Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act, at a mutually agreeable time at a location of their choice

Sessional Paper 368/2000

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

4 letters dated March 21, 2000, from Mr. White, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, to Mr. Ducharme, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake, Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort, Mr. Magnus, Hon. Member for Calgary-North Hill, and Mr. Trynchy, Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne, issuing an invitation to debate the merits of Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act, at a mutually agreeable time at a location of their choice

Sessional Paper 369/2000

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

4 letters dated March 21, 2000, from Mr. Gibbons, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, to Mr. Klapstein, Hon. Member for Leduc, Mr. Yankowsky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, Mr. McFarland, Hon. Member for Little Bow, and Mr. Fischer, Hon. Member for Wainwright, issuing an invitation to debate the merits of Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act, at a mutually agreeable time at a location of their choice

Sessional Paper 370/2000

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

4 letters dated March 21, 2000, from Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry, to Mr. Hierath, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, Hon. Ms Calahasen, Associate Minister of Aboriginal Affairs, Mr. Strang, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead, and Mr. Herard, Hon. Member for Calgary-Egmont, issuing an invitation to debate the merits of Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act, at a mutually agreeable time at a location of their choice

Sessional Paper 371/2000

Letter dated March 21, 2000, from Gary Hanson, General Manager and Chief Operating Officer, West Edmonton Mall, to Hon. Mr. Havelock, Minister of Economic Development, expressing concerns about Alberta Tourism's awareness campaign for the Americas

Sessional Paper 372/2000

Media Release dated March 13, 2000, from the Spiritus Organization, entitled "Spiritus Lists Eight Principles On Which To Judge Bill 11"

Sessional Paper 373/2000

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

4 letters dated March 21, 2000, from Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, to Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health and Wellness, Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Associate Minister of Health and Wellness, Mr. Pham, Hon. Member for Calgary-Montrose, and Ms Fritz, Hon. Member for Calgary-Cross, issuing an invitation to debate the merits of Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act, at a mutually agreeable time at a location of their choice

Sessional Paper 374/2000

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

5 letters dated March 21, 2000, from Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, to Mr. Boutilier, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray, Mr. Tannas, Hon. Member for Highwood, Hon. Dr. Taylor, Minister of Innovation and Science, Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Gaming, and Mr. Melchin, Hon. Member for Calgary-North West, issuing an invitation to debate the merits of Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act, at a mutually agreeable time at a location of their choice

Sessional Paper 375/2000

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

4 letters dated March 21, 2000, from Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, to Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Government Services, Hon. Mr. Woloshyn, Minister of Community Development, Mr. Broda, Hon. Member for Redwater, and Mr. Langevin, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul, issuing an invitation to debate the merits of Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act, at a mutually agreeable time at a location of their choice

Sessional Paper 376/2000

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

4 letters dated March 21, 2000, from Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, to Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Environment, Mr. Amery, Hon. Member for Calgary-East, and Mr. Shariff, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, issuing an invitation to debate the merits of Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act, at a mutually agreeable time at a location of their choice

Sessional Paper 377/2000

Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier:

Note, undated, from Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, to Mr. Dickson, Official Opposition House Leader, inviting the Liberal Caucus to debate the merits of Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act, in the Legislature

Sessional Paper 378/2000

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

4 letters dated March 21, 2000, from Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, to Mr. Lougheed, Hon. Member for Clover Bar-Fort Saskatchewan, Mrs. Tarchuk, Hon. Member for Banff-Cochrane, Ms Haley, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Rocky View, and Mr. Jacques, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Wapiti, issuing an invitation to debate the merits of Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act, at a mutually agreeable time at a location of their choice

Sessional Paper 379/2000

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

Letter, undated, and associated attachments, from John Newton, Edmonton, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concerns with the way the Government of Alberta handles health issues

Sessional Paper 380/2000

Position paper dated October 1995, entitled "AARN (Alberta Association of Registered Nurses) Position Statement - Privatization," prepared by the Alberta Association of Registered Nurses

Sessional Paper 381/2000

Letter dated March 22, 2000, from Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, to Mr. Dickson, Official Opposition House Leader, expressing concern about Mr. Dickson's refusal to agree to amend the House Leaders' Agreement respecting the televising of Second Reading debate of Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act

Sessional Paper 382/2000

Letter dated March 17, 2000, from Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, to Robert Clark, Ethics Commissioner, expressing disagreement with Mr. Clark's decision not to investigate the matter regarding Mrs. Burgener, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, referred to Mr. Clark by Dr. Pannu

Sessional Paper 383/2000

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

2 letters dated March 21, 2000, from Mr. Wickman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, to Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, and Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Children's Services, issuing an invitation to debate the merits of Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act, at a mutually agreeable time at a location of their choice

Sessional Paper 384/2000

4 letters from Albertans to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and Members of the Legislative Assembly, expressing concerns about Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act

Sessional Paper 385/2000

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

6 letters dated March 21, 2000, from Dr. Nicol, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, to Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Minister of Infrastructure, Mr. Marz, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills, Mr. Renner, Hon. Member for Medicine Hat, Mr. Coutts, Hon. Member for Livingstone-Macleod, Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment, and Hon. Mr. Paszkowski, Minister of Municipal Affairs, issuing an invitation to debate the merits of Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act, at a mutually agreeable time at a location of their choice

Sessional Paper 386/2000

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

Letter dated March 22, 2000, from Mr. Dickson, Official Opposition House Leader, to Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, explaining his reasons for not agreeing to amend the House Leaders' Agreement respecting the televising of Second Reading debate of Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act

Sessional Paper 387/2000

4 letters dated March 21, 2000, from Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, to Mr. Stevens, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore, Mrs. Forsyth, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of International and Intergovernmental Relations, and Ms Kryczka, Hon. Member for Calgary-West, issuing an invitation to debate the merits of Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act, at a mutually agreeable time at a location of their choice

Sessional Paper 388/2000

Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Letter dated March 21, 2000, from Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, issuing an invitation to debate the merits of Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act, at a mutually agreeable time at a location of his choice

Sessional Paper 389/2000

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

House Leaders' Agreement dated March 20, 2000, signed by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, Mr. Dickson, Official Opposition House Leader, Dr. Pannu, Leader of the New Democrat Party, and Ms Paul, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, relating to the televising of the debate of Second Reading of Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act

Sessional Paper 390/2000

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Children's Services, made a statement regarding the Wednesday's Child television series beginning today and featured three times each week, free of charge, on CFRN TV in Edmonton and CFCN TV in Calgary, in collaboration with the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption providing funding for its filming and displaying posters in Wendy's restaurants, as well as the Adoption Council of Canada for providing a toll-free response line for prospective families.

Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, commented on the statement.

Oral Question Period

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

5 letters from Albertans to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing support for Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act

Sessional Paper 391/2000

Speaker's Statement

During Oral Question Period, the Speaker expressed concern regarding the nature of questions from the Hon. Leader of the New Democrat Party to the Hon. Minister of Justice and Attorney General.

House Leaders' Agreement - Televised Coverage of Second Reading Debate of Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act

The Speaker read the House Leaders' Agreement dated March 20, 2000, regarding television coverage of the Second Reading debate, into the record (Sessional Paper 390/2000)

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, requested and received unanimous consent of the Assembly for agreement that the rules as provided in the terms outlined in the House Leaders' Agreement be adopted as the rules of the House superseding the Standing Orders for the period specified to the extent that they supersede the Standing Orders. He informed the House that Second Reading of Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act, would be called at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 4, 2000.

Point of Order - Member's Apology

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, apologized to Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Members of the Legislative Assembly, and the Speaker, for questions he raised in Oral Question Period regarding security personnel at a meeting on March 21, 2000, attended by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General.

Recognitions

Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert: Harmony Brunch held on March 19, 2000, sponsored by the Canadian Multicultural Educational Foundation in commemoration of the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, attended by Senator Douglas Roche

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar: persons who attended the Edmonton-Gold Bar Bill 11 Forum held last week at King's University College, exercising their democratic right to be heard

Mr. Ducharme, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake: Canadian Water and Wastewater Association in identifying March 22, 2000 as World Day for Water

Dr. Nicol, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East: managers of Volunteer Resources in Lethbridge for the function they held on March 9, 2000 in recognition of Lethbridge volunteers

Mrs. Forsyth, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek: announcement by Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health and Wellness, to provide \$4 million in funding to support a provincial eating disorder program

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona: Northern Alberta Alliance on Race Relations (NAARR) for its efforts to eliminate racial discrimination

Mrs. Burgener, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie: Canadian Athletic Association national women's basketball championships held on March 18, 2000, at Mount Royal College in Calgary, and gold medal winners, the Mount Royal College Cougars

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Question was accepted:

WQ9. Moved by Ms Olsen on behalf of Ms Blakeman:

How many women were turned away from all Alberta Women's Shelters in the fiscal year 1998-1999?

Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Children's Services, tabled the response to Written Question WQ9

Sessional Paper 392/2000

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

WQ7, WQ8, WQ10.

Motions for Returns

The following Motions for Returns were rejected:

MR11. Moved by Mr. Gibbons:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A breakdown of projections of provincial revenues collected from the school property tax for the fiscal years 2000/01, 2001/02 and 2002/03 by residential/farm property, non-residential and linear assessment classes.

MR12. Moved by Mr. Gibbons:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all reports and studies prepared by, or for, the Education Tax Review Committee between January 1, 1998 and February 17, 2000.

MR23. Moved by Mr. Gibbons:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all reports and studies prepared by, or for, the MLA Education
Property Tax Committee between March 1, 1999 and March 8, 2000 on the
provincial education property tax.

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

MR13, MR14, MR15, MR16, MR18, MR19, MR20, MR21, MR22, MR24.

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 (Students' Code of Conduct) Amendment Act, 2000 — Mr. Coutts
A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(1), debate adjourned, Dr. Nicol speaking.

During Second Reading of Bill 206, School (Students' Code of Conduct) Amendment
Act, 2000, Mr. Jacques, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Wapiti, tabled an excerpt of
an article relating to the proposed code of conduct for schools in Ontario
Sessional Paper 393/2000

Adjournment

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22, 2000— 8:00 P.M.

Committee of Supply (Day 20 — Main Estimates, 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 resumed the Chair and
Mr. Shariff reported as follows:

Madam 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, 2001, for the Department of International and Intergovernmental Relations and for the Offices of the Legislative Assembly and purposes indicated:

International and Intergovernmental Relations

\$24,221,000 Operating Expense

Legislative Assembly

\$26,727,215 Support to the Legislative Assembly
Operating Expense

\$14,638,551 Office of the Auditor General
Operating Expense and Capital Investment

\$1,644,100 Office of the Ombudsman
Operating Expense

\$10,678,270 Office of the Chief Electoral Officer
Operating Expense

\$215,030 Office of the Ethics Commissioner
Operating Expense

\$2,718,536 Office of the Information and Privacy
Commissioner Operating Expense

Madam Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has also had under consideration certain resolutions of the 2000-2001 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 Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:07 p.m. until Thursday, March 23, 2000, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 23, 2000

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

Presenting Petitions

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from 234 Edmonton and area residents requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, presented a petition from 219 Edmonton and area residents requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, on behalf of Dr. Nicol, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, presented a petition from 271 Lethbridge and area residents requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry, presented a petition from 237 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, presented a petition from 240 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, presented a petition from 267 Calgary and area residents requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mr. Gibbons, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, presented a petition from 253 Edmonton and area residents requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, presented a petition from 256 Edmonton and area residents requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, presented a petition from 117 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from 114 Edmonton and area residents requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood, presented a petition from 287 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, presented a petition from 204 Edmonton and area residents requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, presented a petition from 120 Albertans requesting that public health care be protected, supported and enhanced, and that for-profit, private hospitals be banned from receiving public dollars.

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, presented a petition from 235 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mr. Wickman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, presented a petition from 215 Edmonton and area residents requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 341 Albertans requesting the introduction of a bill banning the establishment of private for-profit hospitals in Alberta to maintain the integrity of the public, universal health care system.

Reading and Receiving Petitions

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

On request by Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of the Province of Alberta, hereby petition the Legislative Assembly to pass a bill banning private for-profit hospitals in Alberta so that the integrity of the public, universal health care system may be maintained.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

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

Bill 22 Alberta Corporate Tax Amendment Act, 2000 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Day

Notice having been given:

Bill 23 Apprenticeship and Industry Training Amendment Act, 2000 — Hon. Dr. Oberg

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Associate Minister of Health and Wellness:

Media Release dated March 22, 2000, entitled "Towards a Sustainable Health System," prepared by the Alberta Chamber of Commerce

Sessional Paper 394/2000

Hon. Mr. Paszkowski, Minister of Municipal Affairs:

Response to Motion for Return MR11 concerning Education Property Tax Revenue Projections for 2000-2003

Sessional Paper 395/2000

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

Letter dated March 15, 2000, from Fred Debre, Edmonton, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act
Sessional Paper 396/2000

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

Letter dated March 9, 2000, from Constance M. Jones, CFUW (Canadian Federation of University Women) Regional Director Alberta, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, providing a summary of points made in an attached letter to Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health and Wellness, expressing the CFUW's position on Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act
Sessional Paper 397/2000

Fax dated February 20, 2000, from Robert Betty, owner, Robert Betty Furniture Sales, to owners and managers of 170 Alberta furniture retailers providing the results of a questionnaire regarding the current health care policy proposals of the Government of Alberta
Sessional Paper 398/2000

Position Statement dated March 10, 2000, entitled "RHA (Regional Health Authorities) Contracting With Private Surgical Facilities," prepared by the AMA (Alberta Medical Association)
Sessional Paper 399/2000

Document listing the founding members, new members and endorsements of the Alberta Alliance on Mental Illness and Mental Health
Sessional Paper 400/2000

Hon. Mr. Woloshyn, Minister of Community Development:

Publication entitled "Peace, Justice and Freedom - Human Rights Challenges for the New Millennium" comprised of papers delivered at the Universal Rights and Human Values: a Blueprint for Peace, Justice and Freedom Conference, held at the University of Alberta, November 26-28, 1998
Sessional Paper 401/2000

Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Letter dated March 23, 2000, from Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, to the Honourable Allan Rock, Federal Minister of Health, regarding a Montreal Gazette article dated March 22, 2000, in relation to the Institut de la Polychirurgie de Montréal practice of charging facility fees for minor surgeries while billing the provincial health insurance plan
Sessional Paper 402/2000

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

Letter dated March 21, 2000, from Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, to Mrs. Laing, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow, issuing an invitation to debate the merits of Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act, at a mutually agreeable time at a location of her choice

Sessional Paper 403/2000

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

Letter dated March 21, 2000, from Mr. Dickson, Official Opposition House Leader, to Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, regarding a reference made to an incident on April 29, 1992, during a claim of breach of privilege on March 6, 2000 by Mr. Dickson

Sessional Paper 404/2000

Letter dated March 17, 2000, from Bob, Chris and Kym Lichacz, Calgary, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, commenting on a statement made by Mr. Klein during an interview on March 16, 2000, regarding a debate on Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act

Sessional Paper 405/2000

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

54 postcards from Albertans to Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health and Wellness, regarding protection of the public health care system and opposing the proposed private health care system

Sessional Paper 406/2000

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Letter dated March 23, 2000, from Klaus Harder, Fort Saskatchewan, to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, offering support for initiating a challenge to debate the merits of Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act, to Mr. Lougheed, Hon. Member for Clover Bar-Fort Saskatchewan

Sessional Paper 407/2000

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

Letter dated March 22, 2000, from Elke Blodgett, St. Albert, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding Mr. Klein reading letters in support of Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act, and challenging him to read her letter

Sessional Paper 408/2000

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

Information request dated February 8, 2000, from Allan P. Jobson to Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment, subsequent to reports tabled in the Alberta Legislative Assembly March 7, 2000, (Sessional Paper 201/2000), March 9, 2000 (Sessional Paper 233/2000), and March 13, 2000 (Sessional Paper 255/2000) requesting an investigation into actions taken by an employee of the Workers' Compensation Board

Sessional Paper 409/2000

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Oyen Echo letter to the Editor dated March 14, 2000, from Keith and Eileen Leal, Pincher Creek, regarding health care facilities and services

Sessional Paper 410/2000

Oyen Echo letter to the Editor dated March 14, 2000, from William Dascavich, Vegreville, expressing concerns regarding Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act

Sessional Paper 411/2000

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood:

Letter dated March 23, 2000, from Hon. Mr. Cardinal, Associate Minister of Forestry, to Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood, declining an invitation to debate Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act outside the Legislature and requesting information about the Liberal Caucus policies regarding rural Alberta

Sessional Paper 412/2000

Oral Question Period

During Oral Question Period, Hon. Mr. Havelock, Minister of Economic Development, tabled the following:

Publications by Alberta Economic Development entitled "2000 Vacation Planner," "2000 Campground Guide" and "2000 Accommodation Guide," an Alberta road map, and a pamphlet illustrating various areas of Alberta

Sessional Paper 413/2000

Members' Statements

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort, made a statement regarding Vuc Cao's experience with, and support of, the American health care system.

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, made a statement regarding letters she has received from Albertans expressing concerns about the proposed development of the Spray Lakes area in Kananaskis.

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, made a statement regarding the Agriculture Minisummit held in Camrose, March 22, 2000, and thanking steering committee members David Sann, Curtis Besely, and Susan Malone.

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 3 to April 7, 2000:

Monday, April 3	Aft.	- Government Bills and Orders Second Reading Bill 16, 18, 19, 20, 17 And as per Order Paper
	Eve.	- Government Bills and Orders Committee of the Whole Bill 2, 4, 5, 10 And as per Order Paper
Tuesday, April 4	(4:30)	- Private Bills Second Reading Bill Pr1, Pr2, Pr3, Pr4, Pr5 Government Bills and Orders Second Reading Bill 3
	Eve.	- Government Bills and Orders Second Reading Bill 11 And as per Order Paper
Wednesday, April 5	Eve.	- Government Bills and Orders Second Reading Bill 11 And as per Order Paper

Thursday, April 6

Aft. - **Government Bills and Orders****Second Reading**

Bill 11, 21

And as per Order Paper

ORDERS OF THE DAY**Committee of Supply** (Day 2 — Lottery Fund 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 2000 - 2001 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, 2001, for the purposes indicated:

Agriculture, Food and Rural Development

\$11,620,000

Children's Services

\$1,200,000

Community Development

\$60,664,000

Gaming

\$164,033,000

Health and Wellness

\$127,528,000

Infrastructure

\$280,000,000

Innovation and Science

\$40,832,000

Learning

\$89,300,000

Municipal Affairs

\$12,000,000

Treasury

50,323,000

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

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

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

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

Bill 21 Appropriation Act, 2000 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Day

Projected Government Business

Hon Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to revert to Projected Government Business.

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, gave notice of an amendment to projected Government Business for the week of April 3 to April 7, 2000:

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

Second Reading

Bill 3, 7, 14

Adjournment

Pursuant to Motion No. 6 agreed to by the Assembly on March 7, 2000, and on motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:16 p.m. until Monday, April 3, 2000, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, April 3, 2000

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

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Wickman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, presented a petition from 21 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, presented a petition from 281 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mr. Gibbons, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, presented a petition from 221 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry, presented a petition from 227 Edmonton residents requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mr. White, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, presented a petition from 244 Edmonton and St. Albert residents requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Dr. Nicol, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, presented a petition from 17 Albertans requesting the introduction of a bill requiring a minimum of two people on shifts from dark to daylight.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 359 Albertans requesting the introduction of a bill banning the establishment of private for-profit hospitals in Alberta to maintain the integrity of the public, universal health care system.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Woloshyn, Minister of Community Development:

Information bulletin dated April 3, 2000, entitled "Information Rights Week to focus on integrity and reliability" prepared by Alberta Community Development
Sessional Paper 414/2000

Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Gaming:

2 letters dated March 28, 2000, from Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Gaming, to Les Pearson, Principal, and David Oakleaf, School Council Chair, William Alberhart High School, Calgary, expressing condolences on the deaths of 2 students and a parent volunteer during a class trip to California
Sessional Paper 415/2000

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

CUPE (Canadian Union of Public Employees) On the Front Line article dated March 2000, entitled "Shouldice Hospital Ltd.: An Anomaly in Health Care Delivery"
Sessional Paper 416/2000

E-mail message dated March 17, 2000, from Peter Justo, Calgary, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, e-mail message dated March 23, 2000, from Bill Jackson, Calgary, and a letter dated March 22, 2000, from Peter J. Smith, Edmonton, to Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health and Wellness, expressing opposition to Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act
Sessional Paper 417/2000

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

6 letters and 3 e-mail messages from Albertans to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health and Wellness, and Members of the Legislative Assembly, expressing their opposition to Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act
Sessional Paper 418/2000

Letter, undated, from George and Shirley Isaac, Sherwood Park, to Mr. Wickman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, regarding the request for a debate with Mr. Loughheed, Hon. Member for Clover Bar-Fort Saskatchewan, on Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act
Sessional Paper 419/2000

Letter dated March 28, 2000, from Abe Fehr, Edmonton, to all Members of the Legislative Assembly, expressing opposition to Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act
Sessional Paper 420/2000

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

Letter dated March 22, 2000, from Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, to Elinor Caplan, Federal Minister of Immigration, expressing her support for Leticia Cables

Sessional Paper 421/2000

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Letter dated March 2, 2000, from Frances Jablonca, Calgary, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concerns about the proposed development in the Spray Valley area of Kananaskis Country

Sessional Paper 422/2000

Letter, undated, from July Lenek, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concerns about the future development plans in the Spray and Kananaskis valleys

Sessional Paper 423/2000

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

Edmonton-Riverview constituency Annual Report 1999/2000

Sessional Paper 424/2000

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

Letter, undated, from Ivan Whitson, Edmonton, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act

Sessional Paper 425/2000

Letter dated March 22, 2000, from Phyllis M.E. LaFleur to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, with attached copy of her letter to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act

Sessional Paper 426/2000

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

Letter, undated, from Louise Evangen, Calgary, to Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, expressing opposition to the proposed development in the Spray Valley area of Kananaskis Country

Sessional Paper 427/2000

Letter, undated, from Katherine Fisher and Gerry Stewart to Gobi Singh, Chief Executive Officer, Genesis Land Development Corporation, expressing opposition to the proposed development of the Spray Lakes area in Kananaskis Country

Sessional Paper 428/2000

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Condominium Property Act/Condominium Property Amendment Act, 1996
Discussion Group Report dated March 1, 2000, prepared by the Condominium
Advocate Association

Sessional Paper 429/2000

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

Letter dated March 21, 2000, 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, and offering solutions

Sessional Paper 430/2000

Oral Question Period

During Oral Question Period, Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition,
tabled the following:

Interim Report to Alberta Health and Wellness dated March 2000, entitled "The
Public Purchase of Private Surgical Services: A Systematic Review of the
Evidence on Efficiency and Equity," prepared by Cam Donaldson, Ph.D., and
Gillian Currie, Ph.D., Fellows of the Institute of Health Economics, Edmonton

Sessional Paper 431/2000

Speaker's Statement - Anticipation

In light of certain Bills scheduled to be debated over the next few days, the Chair would
like to remind all Honourable Members about Standing Order 23(e) which provides that
"A member will be called to order by Mr. Speaker if that member...

(e) anticipates, contrary to good parliamentary practice, any matter already on the
Order Paper or on notice for consideration on that day..."

The Chair has commented numerous times that questions concerning the content of a
Bill will be out of order if the Bill is scheduled to be debated that day. As the Chair
indicated in its March 3, 1998 ruling on this subject, found at page 649 of Hansard for
that day, this Speaker will give the greatest degree of flexibility to Private Members
when they choose to rise in this Assembly. Of course, this latitude is tempered by the
rules which Members themselves have chosen to be governed by. Accordingly, the
Chair simply wants to remind Members about Standing Order 23(e) so that no one is
caught off-guard in the next few days.

Recognitions

Mr. Marz, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills: Provincial Midget B Hockey
Championship March 24-26, 2000, held at the Three Hills and Trochu arenas, and the
Three Hills Chiefs, tournament gold medal winners

Dr. Nicol, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East: 13th Annual Management Scholarship fund-raising dinner, University of Lethbridge, Faculty of Management, March 17, 2000, honouring Val and Flora Matteotti

Mr. Klapstein, Hon. Member for Leduc: Amy Fox, grade 12 student from Hay Lakes school, for winning the Canadian Merit Scholarship and the Morehead Scholarship

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry: University of Alberta Golden Bears hockey team for winning the CIAU (Canadian Interuniversity Athletic Union) hockey championship during the weekend of April 1-2, 2000

Mr. Melchin, Hon. Member for Calgary-North West: the deaths of two students, Brodie McDonald and David Elton and parent volunteer Barbara Clement, all of Calgary, during a class trip to California, and expressing sympathy to the families of the victims and the community

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert: Dominion Seniors Legion Curling Bonspiel held March 27-31, 2000 in Spruce Grove

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 16 Condominium Property Amendment Act, 2000 — Hon. Mrs. Nelson on behalf of Mrs. Laing

A debate followed.

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

Bill 18 Alberta Personal Income Tax Act (\$) — Hon. Dr. West on behalf of Hon. Mr. Day

A debate followed.

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

Bill 19 Alberta Income Tax Amendment Act, 2000 — Hon. Dr. West on behalf of Hon. Mr. Day

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

Adjournment

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

MONDAY, APRIL 3, 2000 — 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 2 First Nations Sacred Ceremonial Objects Repatriation Act — Hon. Ms Calahasen
- Bill 4 Surveys Amendment Act, 2000 — Hon. Mr. Mar
- Bill 5 Land Titles Amendment Act, 2000 — Mr. Jacques

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

- Bill 10 Securities Amendment Act, 2000 — Mr. Hlady

Mr. Shariff, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by the Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 2 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 432/2000

Amendment to Bill 2 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 433/2000

Amendment to Bill 10 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View) —
Agreed to
Sessional Paper 436/2000

Mr. Shariff, Acting Chair of Committees, also tabled copies of the document tabled by Hon. Mr. Paszkowski, Minister of Municipal Affairs, during Committee of the Whole consideration of Bill 4

Responses to questions raised on March 13, 2000, during Second Reading debate on Bill 4, Surveys Amendment Act

Sessional Paper 434/2000

Mr. Shariff, Acting Chair of Committees, also tabled copies of the document tabled by Mr. Jacques, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Wapiti, during Committee of the Whole consideration of Bill 5:

Letter dated March 14, 2000, from E. Mirth, Q.C., Chairman, Canadian Bar Association/Alberta Law Society Legislative Review Committee, to Tim Grusie, Registrar, Alberta Land Titles Registration Office, responding to a question about consultation with the Canadian Bar Association and the Alberta Law Society regarding Bill 5, Land Titles Amendment Act, 2000

Sessional Paper 435/2000

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:02 p.m. until Tuesday, April 4, 2000, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 4, 2000

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

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Amery, Hon. Member for Calgary-East, presented a petition from 7,500 Albertans requesting the introduction of a Bill requiring a minimum of two people on shifts from dark to daylight.

Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert, presented a petition from 20 Edmonton and St. Albert residents requesting that Regional Health Authorities be allowed to contract out surgical services.

Mr. White, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, presented a petition from 100 Edmonton and area residents requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, presented a petition from 149 Edmonton and area residents requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry, presented a petition from 247 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, presented a petition from 369 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, presented a petition from 49 Calgary and Edson 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 352 Edmonton and area residents requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from 185 Albertans regarding the addition of newer and more effective medications and therapies to the Alberta drug list.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from 125 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, presented a petition from 659 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, presented a petition from 495 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mr. Wickman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, presented a petition from 155 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, presented a petition from 291 Calgary residents requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, presented a petition from 215 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mr. Gibbons, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, presented a petition from 332 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood, presented a petition from 265 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood, presented a petition from 154 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from 439 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 1,055 Albertans requesting the introduction of a bill banning the establishment of private for-profit hospitals in Alberta to maintain the integrity of the public, universal health care system.

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 citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

On request by Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to protect, support, and enhance public health care in Alberta and to ban for-profit, private hospitals from receiving public dollars.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

On request by Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of the Province of Alberta, hereby petition the Legislative Assembly to pass a bill banning private for-profit hospitals in Alberta so that the integrity of the public, universal health care system may be maintained.

On request by Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of the Province of Alberta, hereby petition the Legislative Assembly to pass a bill banning private for-profit hospitals in Alberta so that the integrity of the public, universal health care system may be maintained.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

Notices of Motions

Pursuant to Standing Order 34(2)(a), Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following Written Questions and Motions for Returns to be dealt with Wednesday, April 5, 2000:

Written Questions: WQ7, WQ8, WQ10.

Motions for Returns: MR13, MR14, MR15, MR16, MR24.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier:

Letter dated April 4, 2000, from Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, to The Right Honourable Jean Chrétien, Prime Minister, confirming in writing the key points agreed to during their meeting on March 23, 2000, and the meeting of Canada's Health Ministers the previous week

Sessional Paper 437/2000

Hon. Dr. West, Acting Provincial Treasurer:

Response to Written Question WQ218 asked for by Mr. Sapers on November 24, 1999:

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?

Sessional Paper 438/2000

Response to Written Question WQ219 asked for by Mr. Sapers on November 24, 1999:

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?

Sessional Paper 439/2000

Response to Written Question WQ220 asked for by Mr. Sapers on November 24, 1999:

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?

Sessional Paper 440/2000

Response to Written Question WQ226 asked for by Mr. Sapers on November 24, 1999:

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?

Sessional Paper 441/2000

Response to Written Question WQ227 asked for by Mr. Sapers on November 24, 1999:

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?

Sessional Paper 442/2000

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of International and Intergovernmental Relations:

News release dated April 4, 2000, entitled "No NAFTA implications for Bill 11," prepared by Alberta International and Intergovernmental Relations, with attached letter dated March 23, 2000, from Shawna K. Vogel, Cruickshank Karvellas, Barristers and Solicitors, to Helmut Mach, Executive director, Ministry of International and Intergovernmental Relations, regarding Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act and NAFTA (North American Free Trade Agreement)

Sessional Paper 443/2000

Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health and Wellness:

Document dated April 3, 2000, entitled "Restoring Federal Funding Support for Alberta's Health System"

Sessional Paper 444/2000

Hon. Mr. Paszkowski, Minister of Municipal Affairs:

Document, undated, entitled "Building Safety Week, April 2 - 8, 2000"

Sessional Paper 445/2000

Mr. Pham, Hon. Member for Calgary-Montrose:

Letter dated March 27, 2000, from Mr. Pham, Hon. Member for Calgary-Montrose, to Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, responding to Ms Leibovici's invitation to a debate on Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act
Sessional Paper 446/2000

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

E-mail message from Mark Giles, Calgary, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health and Wellness, e-mail message from Joyce Bainbridge, Professor of Education, University of Alberta, to Members of the Legislative Assembly, letter from McBean Becker, Barristers and Solicitors, Edmonton, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and an e-mail message from Merv Spady, Ft. McMurray, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing their opposition to Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act

Sessional Paper 447/2000

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

Letter dated March 29, 2000, from D. Michael Dobbin to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and the Calgary Progressive Conservative Caucus, expressing opposition to Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act

Sessional Paper 448/2000

Law Now article dated April/May 2000, entitled "Editor's Notebook," expressing concerns about the health care system in Canada

Sessional Paper 449/2000

Program dated April 1, 2000, from the ground-breaking ceremony for the Calgary Centre of Hope, sponsored by the Salvation Army

Sessional Paper 450/2000

Information package dated January 21, 2000, entitled "Homelessness, Federal Government Initiatives" prepared by Human Resources Development Canada

Sessional Paper 451/2000

Report, undated, entitled "National Activities, Policy Development and Advocacy, Municipal Government Perspective on Housing," prepared by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities

Sessional Paper 452/2000

2 reports, undated, entitled "Sampling of Statements and Reflections" and "List of Organizations and Resource People," prepared by the Federal Minister of Labour, based on her visits throughout Canada to discuss the issue of homelessness

Sessional Paper 453/2000

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

Letter, dated March 6, 2000, from P. Anderson, Edmonton, to all Members of the Legislative Assembly, the College of Physicians and Surgeons, and the Alberta Medical Association, expressing concerns regarding private health care
Sessional Paper 454/2000

Letter dated March 13, 2000, from Monica Hughes, Edmonton, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, opposing Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act
Sessional Paper 455/2000

3 copies of an information booklet entitled "Here's your complete copy of Bill 11, Alberta's Health Care Protection Act - A stronger health system for the future," prepared by Alberta Health and Wellness, with notations opposing Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act
Sessional Paper 456/2000

News release dated April 4, 2000, entitled "Steve West Talks About Imposing a Provincial Sales Tax in Alberta" prepared by the Alberta Liberal Caucus
Sessional Paper 457/2000

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

Letter dated March 23, 2000, from David W. Bond, M.D., President, Alberta Medical Association, to a Member of the Legislative Assembly, regarding their meeting with Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health and Wellness, on March 16, 2000, with respect to Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act
Sessional Paper 458/2000

Letter dated January 31, 2000, from Darlene Konduc, Sherwood Park, to the Honourable Allan Rock, Federal Health Minister, The Right Honourable Jean Chrétien, Prime Minister, Members of the Legislative Assembly, and Friends of Medicare, regarding Alberta health care
Sessional Paper 459/2000

Paper dated March 30, 2000, entitled "Ethical Concerns about Bill 11" prepared by Laura Shanner, Ph.D., University of Alberta
Sessional Paper 460/2000

E-mail message dated March 4, 2000, from Kathrine L. Peters, Ph.D., R.N., Associate Professor, University of Alberta, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health and Wellness, expressing her opposition to the Government launching a bill to promote the use of for-profit clinics for acute care surgery
Sessional Paper 461/2000

Document entitled "The Immorality of Bill 11 (Speech given by Rev. Dr. Bruce Miller on the steps of the Legislature, March 13, 2000)" and an attached document entitled "HRG: the Calgary clinic's corporate connections"
Sessional Paper 462/2000

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

Letter dated March 28, 2000, from Mary Hatcher, Executive Director, Alberta Partnership for Health, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, offering an assessment of Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act, with attached document entitled "Alberta Partnership for Health Position Statement, Bill 11 - Health Care Protection Act"
Sessional Paper 463/2000

E-mail message, undated, from Don Dickson, Edmonton, to Mr. Wickman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, expressing his strong opposition to Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act
Sessional Paper 464/2000

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

Letter dated March 6, 2000, from Bryan K. Anderson, Councillor, Ward 5, City of Edmonton, to Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health and Wellness, bringing to his attention some discrepancies he believes exist regarding health care in Alberta
Sessional Paper 465/2000

Letter dated February 22, 2000, from Yvonne May, Banff, requesting the Government act immediately to stop the proposed development in the Spray Valley
Sessional Paper 466/2000

Letter dated February 22, 2000, from Bruce Bembridge, Exshaw, requesting the Government act immediately to stop the proposed development in the Spray Valley
Sessional Paper 467/2000

4 letters dated February 22, 2000, from Philippe Gather of Calgary, and Pascal Beauvais, Annie Larrivée, Phil Villeneuve and Terry Burstrom, all of Canmore, requesting that the Government act immediately to stop the proposed development in the Spray Valley
Sessional Paper 468/2000

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Letter dated March 28, 2000, from 22 Strathcona County residents opposing the drilling activity in their area
Sessional Paper 469/2000

3 letters dated February 22, 2000, from Lisa Downing of Canmore, and Lisa Hauler and Laura Downing both of Calgary, requesting that the Government act immediately to stop the proposed development in the Spray Valley

Sessional Paper 470/2000

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

Letter dated March 5, 2000, from Carrie Skinner, BED., Canmore, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, opposing the development of the Spray Valley

Sessional Paper 471/2000

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

6 letters, undated, from Albertans, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health and Wellness, and all Members of the Legislative Assembly, opposing the Government's proposal to allow Regional Health Authorities to enter into contractual arrangements with private for-profit hospitals

Sessional Paper 472/2000

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

E-mailed letter dated March 11, 2000, from Jennifer Chipman, Edmonton, to Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing support for the licensing and use of midwifery in Alberta and urging the Government to fund midwifery under the Alberta Health Care Plan

Sessional Paper 473/2000

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

2 letters dated February 9, 2000, from Marie and Abe Fehr, Edmonton, to Mr. Gibbons, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, expressing concern regarding the privatization of health care

Sessional Paper 474/2000

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood:

News release dated March 30, 2000, entitled "Study finds shift away from hospital use by terminally ill and dying," prepared by the Office of Public Affairs; University of Alberta; and the Final Research Report, dated February 29, 2000, entitled "The Use of Acute Care Hospitals in Alberta by Persons Who Are Terminally Ill or Dying," prepared by Donna M. Wilson, R.N., Ph.D., Professor of Nursing, University of Alberta

Sessional Paper 475/2000

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

Letter, undated, from Rita Taken, Edmonton, to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, requesting support of the Rehovot Christian Ministries, a non-profit organization serving mentally challenged Albertans

Sessional Paper 476/2000

Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier:

Letter dated March 16, 2000, from Linda Lenkewich, Edmonton, to Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, expressing support for Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act

Sessional Paper 477/2000

E-mail message dated March 10, 2000, from Harry Shroud, Calgary, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing support for Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act

Sessional Paper 478/2000

Letter dated March 23, 2000, from Janet Andersen, Calgary, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing support for Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act

Sessional Paper 479/2000

Hon. Mr. Cardinal, Associate Minister of Forestry:

Letter dated March 23, 2000, from Hon. Mr. Cardinal, Associate Minister of Forestry, to Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood, responding to an invitation to a debate on Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act

Sessional Paper 480/2000

Oral Question Period

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

Letter dated December 16, 1994, from David Leonard, Provincial Archivist, Alberta Community Development, to Ms Nancy Betkowski, Edmonton, requesting Ms Betkowski's approval to transfer her records, as a former Minister of Health, to the Provincial Archives of Alberta

Sessional Paper 481/2000

Members' Statements

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, made a statement regarding the ground breaking ceremony on April 1, 2000, for the Calgary Centre of Hope built by the Salvation Army, and the leadership role that a variety of non-profit organizations in Calgary have taken to develop programs to help homeless people.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 205 Emblems of Alberta (Alberta Dress Tartan) Amendment Act, 2000 —
Mr. Stevens

Motions Other Than Government Motions

505. Moved by Mrs. Fritz:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to establish an Advisory Council on Women's Health to support education and research promoting women's health, and to address issues relating to the prevention and treatment of diseases including osteoporosis, eating disorders, heart disease, breast cancer as well as diseases to which women are becoming increasingly susceptible to such as lung cancer and auto-immune diseases.

A debate followed.

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

506. Moved by Mr. MacDonald:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to demonstrate its recognition of the contribution made by parents who stay at home to care for their children by providing support equal to that received by parents choosing other childcare options.

A debate followed.

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

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 7 Alberta Science, Research and Technology Authority Amendment Act, 2000
(\$)— Hon. Dr. Taylor

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 5:26 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2000 — 8:00 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 11 Health Care Protection Act — Hon. Mr. Klein on behalf of the 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 11:20 p.m. until Wednesday, April 5, 2000, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 5, 2000

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

Presenting Petitions

Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert, presented a petition from 19 Edmonton and St. Albert residents requesting that Regional Health Authorities be allowed to contract out surgical services.

Mr. Boutilier, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray, presented a petition from 19 Albertans requesting that Regional Health Authorities be allowed to contract out surgical services.

Mr. White, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, presented a petition from 272 Edmonton and area residents requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, presented a petition from 318 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from 325 Edmonton and area residents requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mr. Gibbons, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, presented a petition from 210 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, presented a petition from 247 Edmonton and area residents requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, presented a petition from 209 Calgary and Canmore residents requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 245 Albertans requesting the introduction of a bill banning the establishment of private for-profit hospitals in Alberta to maintain the integrity of the public, universal health care system.

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 citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

On request by Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of the Province of Alberta, hereby petition the Legislative Assembly to pass a bill banning private for-profit hospitals in Alberta so that the integrity of the public, universal health care system may be maintained.

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 Alberta Government to take an enlightened preventative approach and add the newer and more effective medications and therapies to the Alberta drug list to ensure the health of an aging society.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health and Wellness:

Legal opinion dated March 27, 2000, on the relationship between the Canada Health Act and the proposed Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act, prepared by Professor J.M. Levy, Faculty of Law, University of Calgary
Sessional Paper 482/2000

Letter dated April 5, 2000, from Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health and Wellness, to Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, requesting confirmation of Mrs. MacBeth's intentions regarding the transfer of her records, as a former Minister of Health, to the Provincial Archives of Alberta
Sessional Paper 483/2000

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

Aspen Regional Health Authority #11, Annual Report 1998-99
Sessional Paper 484/2000

Lakeland Regional Health Authority, Annual Report 1998-99
Sessional Paper 485/2000

Mistahia Health Region, Annual Report 1998-99
Sessional Paper 486/2000

Peace Health Region, Annual Report 1998-99
Sessional Paper 487/2000

Keeweenok Lakes Regional Health Authority #15, Annual Report 1998-99
Sessional Paper 488/2000

Northern Lights Regional Health Services, Annual Report 1998-99
Sessional Paper 489/2000

Northwestern Health Services Region, Annual Report 1998-99
Sessional Paper 490/2000

Capital Health Authority, Annual Report 1998-99
Sessional Paper 491/2000

Crossroads Regional Health Authority, Annual Report 1998-99
Sessional Paper 492/2000

David Thompson Health Region (DTHR), Annual Report 1998-99
Sessional Paper 493/2000

Westview Regional Health Authority, Annual Report 1998-99
Sessional Paper 494/2000

East Central Regional Health Authority #7, Annual Report 1998-99
Sessional Paper 495/2000

Calgary Regional Health Authority (CRHA), Annual Report 1998-99
Sessional Paper 496/2000

Headwaters Health Authority, Annual Report 1998-99
Sessional Paper 497/2000

Palliser Health Authority, Annual Report 1998-99
Sessional Paper 498/2000

Chinook Health Region (CHR), Annual Report 1998-99
Sessional Paper 499/2000

Health Authority #5, Annual Report 1998-99
Sessional Paper 500/2000

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

Safety Codes Council, Annual Report 1999
Sessional Paper 501/2000

Hon. Mr. Woloshyn, Minister of Community Development:

Letter dated March 29, 2000, from Hon. Mr. Woloshyn, Minister of Community
Development, to Rob Daim, Head Coach, University of Alberta Golden Bears
hockey team, congratulating the Golden Bears hockey team for winning a second
consecutive CIAU (Canadian Interuniversity Athletic Union) championship
during the weekend of April 1-2, 2000

Sessional Paper 502/2000

Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Data table entitled "Provincial Government Health Expenditure, by Use of Funds,
Alberta, 1975 to 1999 - Current Dollars"

Sessional Paper 503/2000

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

Summary of expenses of the Alberta Liberal Caucus for advertising costs
incurred promoting opposition to Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act

Sessional Paper 504/2000

Blank checklist intended for Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, to list Government advertising costs incurred promoting Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act
Sessional Paper 505/2000

Petition signed by 606 Vermilion residents opposing the privatization of health care services
Sessional Paper 506/2000

67 letters from Medicine Hat residents to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to the proposal to allow Regional Health Authorities to enter into contractual arrangements with private for-profit hospitals
Sessional Paper 507/2000

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

Excerpts from "The Camsell Mosaic" regarding the life of Dr. Charles Camsell
Sessional Paper 508/2000

Graduate Nurse Diploma from the University of Calgary and Registered Nurse registration certificate from the Alberta Association of Registered Nurses issued to Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview
Sessional Paper 509/2000

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

E-mail message, undated, from Joan Leslie to all Members of the Legislative Assembly, expressing opposition to Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act
Sessional Paper 510/2000

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Government of Ontario press release dated March 3, 2000, entitled "Harris government protects public health care - private hospitals to close"
Sessional Paper 511/2000

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

5 letters from Kevin Milliken, Lance Staunch, and Bill Marshall, all of Canmore, Chris Fitznar of Banff and Megan Hawks of Calgary, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to the development of the Spray Lakes area by the Genesis Land Corporation
Sessional Paper 512/2000

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

3 copies of an information booklet entitled "Here's your complete copy of Bill 11, Alberta's Health Care Protection Act - A stronger health system for the future," prepared by Alberta Health and Wellness, with notations opposing the Bill
Sessional Paper 513/2000

Letter dated March 22, 2000, from Marcel Gibbously, Edmonton, to Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, regarding the purchase of MRI (magnetic resonance imaging) in Calgary
Sessional Paper 514/2000

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

Document entitled "Strike Timberline" outlining the events of striking Calgary Herald workers from November 8, 1999 to April 5, 2000
Sessional Paper 515/2000

Document entitled "Labour board decisions still pending" outlining the disposition of several CEP (Communications, Energy, Paperworkers) local 115A union complaints filed with the Alberta Labour Relations Board with respect to the strike at the Calgary Herald
Sessional Paper 516/2000

Transcript of confrontation between Conrad Black, Calgary Herald owner, and Andy Marshall, CEP (Communications, Energy, Paperworkers) local 115A
Sessional Paper 517/2000

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

Letter from Dr. W.A. Fuller, Ph.D., Athabasca, to Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health and Wellness, letter from E.J. Kowal, Edmonton, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and e-mail message from David Finch, Calgary, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, and Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, opposing Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act
Sessional Paper 518/2000

Oral Question Period

During Oral Question Period, Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, tabled the following:

Document dated November 29, 1999, entitled "Background on Private Provision of Medical and Hospital Services in Other Jurisdictions," prepared by Evelyn Swanson and Celso Teixeira, Policy and Planning Services Division, Alberta Health and Wellness

Sessional Paper 519/2000

Recognitions

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar: Douglas and Cherie Gillett, Edmonton residents who are actively involved in the community, and the celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary

Mr. Coutts, Hon. Member for Livingstone-Macleod: 100th anniversary of postal service in Cowley, the activities surrounding this event and the postmasters who have served in Cowley for the past 100 years

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark: Edmonton West Raiders girls' soccer team for winning a silver medal at the provincial soccer championships held in Calgary March 18-19, 2000

Mr. Fischer, Hon. Member for Wainwright: Daysland Peewee-A Thunder Stars from Wainwright on winning the gold medal at the 2000 Alberta Winter Games held in Sherwood Park, the league championship, and the Provincial Peewee Hockey Championship held in Wainwright, March 24-26, 2000

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona: The late Tommy Douglas, the "father of medicare" for his work in creating a universal medicare system in Canada

Mrs. Forsyth, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek: Jamie Salé, David Pelletier, and Kirsty Sargent, participants in the World Figure Skating Championship in Nice, France, March 20 - 26, 2000

Ms Paul, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs: Sergeant James Brown, Edmonton Garrison, for receiving a rescue commendation from the Royal Life Saving Society

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Question was accepted:

WQ10. Moved by Mr. Wickman on behalf of Mrs. Soetaert:

How much has the Government saved each year from 1996-97 to 1998-99 as a result of contracting out highway maintenance and on what evidence are the figures based?

The following Written Questions were accepted as amended:

WQ7. Moved by Mr. Sapers on behalf of Ms Carlson:

What was the total number of contaminated sites recorded by Alberta Environment on December 31, 1999; how many of these were underground petroleum storage sites; how many of the remaining sites were classified as severely, moderately or lightly contaminated; how many were unclassified and how many in each category had been visited and reviewed between January 1, 1998 and December 31, 1999?

Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Environment, moved the motion be amended to read:

What was the *approximate* total number of contaminated sites recorded by Alberta Environment on December 31, 1999; how many of these were underground petroleum storage sites; and how many had been visited and reviewed between January 1, 1998 and December 31, 1999?

WQ8. Moved by Mr. Sapers on behalf of Dr. Nicol:

What are the estimated costs of operating Alberta's trade offices and engaging trade consultants under contract abroad for the fiscal year 1998-99, broken down by accommodation costs and salary ranges for: consultants, clerical staff, commercial officers and posted staff?

Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Environment, on behalf of the Hon. Mr. Havelock, Minister of Economic Development, moved the motion be amended to read:

What are the *actual* costs of operating Alberta's trade offices and engaging trade consultants under contract abroad for the fiscal year 1998-99, broken down by *posted staffing costs, locally engaged administrative and clerical staffing costs, accommodation and operating costs, and what was the salary range for posted staff?*

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

WQ11, WQ12, WQ13, WQ14.

Motions for Returns

The following Motion for Returns was accepted:

MR15. Moved by Mr. Wickman on behalf of Mr. White:

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

A list of all contracts issued by the Alberta Forest Service in the calendar year 1999, indicating the purpose of each contract, the name of the company to which it was awarded and whether the contract was awarded as a result of a public tendering process.

The following Motions for Returns were accepted as amended:

MR14. Moved by Mr. Gibbons on behalf of Ms Carlson:

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

A monthly summary of all monitoring results, and any individual values that exceed permitted limits, from April 1, 1997 to February 28, 2000, collected by Chem-Security (Alberta) Ltd. and Bovar Inc., as required by the approval to operate the Alberta Special Waste Treatment Centre at Swan Hills and by the Enforcement Order announced by Alberta Environmental Protection on January 15, 1997.

Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Environment, moved the motion be amended to read:

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

A monthly summary of all monitoring results, and any individual values that exceed permitted limits, from April 1, 1997 to February 28, 2000, collected by Chem-Security (Alberta) Ltd. and Bovar Inc., as required by the approval to operate the Alberta Special Waste Treatment Centre at Swan Hills.

MR24. Moved by Mr. Sapers on behalf of Dr. Nicol:

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

Copies of activity reports prepared by the Department of Economic Development on Alberta trade offices and trade consultants abroad for the fiscal years 1997-98 and 1998-99.

Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Environment, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Havelock, Minister of Economic Development, moved the motion be amended to read:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of *monthly report summaries* prepared by the Department of Economic Development on Alberta trade offices abroad for the fiscal years 1997-98 and 1998-99.

The following Motion for Returns was rejected:

MR13. Moved by Mr. Gibbons on behalf of Ms Carlson:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A copy of the plan that Chem-Security (Alberta) Ltd. and Bovar Inc. were required to draw up under the Enforcement Order that was announced by Alberta Environmental Protection on January 15, 1997, showing how they will address all sources of PBS, dioxin and Frans identified in the inventory required by the Enforcement Order, together with a copy of any design plans that were subsequently drawn up to address any potential adverse impacts on the environment, and any evaluation of these plans carried out by, or for, those companies or Alberta Environment (or Alberta Environmental Protection) from that time until February 28, 2000.

Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Environment, tabled the following:

Report dated April 1998, entitled "Swan Hills Treatment Centre Assessment Plan - Response to Enforcement Order 97-01," prepared by Bovar Waste Management for Alberta Environmental Protection
Sessional Paper 520/2000

MR16. Moved by Mr. Sapers on behalf of Dr. Nicol:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copy of all studies and reports prepared by, or for, the Government Reorganization Secretariat between May 26, 1999 and February 17, 2000, relating to a review of government agencies, boards and commissions.

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

MR18, MR19, MR20, MR21, MR22, MR25, MR26, MR27, MR28, MR29, MR30.

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

The following Bill was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:
Bill 206 School (Students' Code of Conduct) Amendment Act, 2000 — Mr. Coutts

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

Bill 207 Provincial-Municipal Tax Sharing Calculation Act — Mrs. MacBeth

A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, 2000— 8:00 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders**Second Reading**

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

Bill 11 Health Care Protection Act — Hon. Mr. Klein on behalf of Hon. Mr. Jonson

A debate followed.

Mrs. O'Neill moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:04 p.m. until Thursday, April 6, 2000, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 6, 2000

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

Presenting Petitions

Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert, presented a petition from 20 St. Albert and Morinville residents requesting that Regional Health Authorities be allowed to contract out surgical services.

Mr. Langevin, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul, presented a petition from 41 Plamondon and Lac La Biche residents requesting the introduction of a bill banning the establishment of private for-profit hospitals in Alberta to maintain the integrity of the public, universal health care system.

Mr. Broda, Hon. Member for Redwater, presented a petition from 20 Albertans requesting that Regional Health Authorities be allowed to contract out surgical services.

Mr. Gibbons, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, presented a petition from 252 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, presented a petition from 254 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry, presented a petition from 408 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 302 Albertans requesting the introduction of a bill banning the establishment of private for-profit hospitals in Alberta to maintain the integrity of the public, universal health care system.

Reading and Receiving Petitions

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

On request by Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

On request by Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of the Province of Alberta, hereby petition the Legislative Assembly to pass a bill banning private for-profit hospitals in Alberta so that the integrity of the public, universal health care system may be maintained.

On request by Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to provide respective Regional Health Authorities with the flexibility necessary to provide the delivery of publicly funded, publicly administered overnight surgical services cost-effectively and efficiently through the contracting-out of such services if deemed necessary.

On request by Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to provide respective Regional Health Authorities with the flexibility necessary to provide the delivery of publicly funded, publicly administered overnight surgical services cost-effectively and efficiently through the contracting-out of such services if deemed necessary.

Notice 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 urge the Government to respect the right of journalists to freely join trade unions and to condemn any infringement of this basic human right.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Children's Services:

Responses to questions raised on March 20, 2000, Department of Children's Services, 2000-2001 Designated Supply Subcommittee consideration
Sessional Paper 521/2000

Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health and Wellness on behalf of the Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of International and Intergovernmental Relations:

Letter dated April 6, 2000, from Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of International and Intergovernmental Relations, and Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health and Wellness, to the Honourable Allan Rock, Federal Minister of Health, regarding the potential implications of Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act in relation to NAFTA (North American Free Trade Agreement), an attached legal opinion dated March 23, 2000, in relation to the same issue, prepared by Shawna Vogel, Cruickshank Karvellas, Barristers and Solicitors, and an Alberta International and Intergovernmental Relations news release dated April 4, 2000, entitled "No NAFTA implications for Bill 11"

Sessional Paper 522/2000

Document dated April 5, 2000, entitled "Inter-provincial Survey of Private Surgical Facilities," setting out details of legislation governing private surgical facilities in each province

Sessional Paper 523/2000

Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment:

Responses to questions raised on March 13, 2000, Department of Human Resources and Employment, 2000-2001 Designated Supply Subcommittee consideration

Sessional Paper 524/2000

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

Declaration of Arbroath - Scottish Declaration of Independence of April 6, 1320

Sessional Paper 525/2000

Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Minister of Infrastructure:

Response to Written Question WQ10 asked for by Mr. Wickman on behalf of Mrs. Soetaert on April 5, 2000:

How much has the Government saved each year from 1996-97 to 1998-99 as a result of contracting out highway maintenance and on what evidence are the figures based?

Sessional Paper 526/2000

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

News release dated April 5, 2000, entitled "Alberta NAFTA (North American Free Trade Agreement) opinion says a lot of nothing," prepared by CUPE (Canadian Union of Public Employees) Communications, and report dated April 5, 2000, entitled "A whole lot of nothing: Alberta's NAFTA (North American Free Trade Agreement) legal opinion," prepared by Steven Shrybman

Sessional Paper 527/2000

Letter dated March 31, 2000, from Valley J. Temple, M.D., F.R.C.S.C., F.A.C.S., Professor of Surgery and Oncology, University of Calgary, expressing opposition to Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act

Sessional Paper 528/2000

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

Edmonton Journal article dated April 6, 2000, entitled "Klein critical of journalists' labour disputes"

Sessional Paper 529/2000

News release dated April 5, 2000, entitled "Alberta NAFTA (North American Free Trade Agreement) opinion says a lot of nothing," prepared by CUPE (Canadian Union of Public Employees) Communications, and report dated April 5, 2000, entitled "A whole lot of nothing: Alberta's NAFTA (North American Free Trade Agreement) legal opinion," prepared by Steven Shrybman

Sessional Paper 530/2000

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie,:

3 letters from Jill Brioschi and Jeffrey A. Anthony, both of Canmore, and Dave Sutherland of Lac Des Arcs, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to the development of the Spray Lakes area by the Genesis Land Corporation

Sessional Paper 531/2000

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

Postcard documenting the occupation and education of Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning

Sessional Paper 532/2000

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Resolution #4 of the Alberta Public Health Association entitled "Women's Organizations," approved May 7, 1999

Sessional Paper 533/2000

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

Letter, undated, from Theories Beardown, Edmonton, to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, expressing opposition to the proposal to allow Regional Health Authorities to enter into contracts with private for-profit hospitals
Sessional Paper 534/2000

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

Letter dated April 4, 2000, from Kenneth L. Smith, Edmonton, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding the Government's proposal to remove Alberta from the Canada Pension Plan and implement a Provincial Government Pension Plan
Sessional Paper 535/2000

Letter dated February 1, 2000, from Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, to Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, letter dated February 25, 2000, from Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, to Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, and an e-mail message dated March 31, 2000, to Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, regarding the visitation policy for inmates at young offenders facilities
Sessional Paper 536/2000

Letter dated May 19, 1994, from Nader Ghermezian, to a former Minister of Economic Development and Tourism regarding the financing arrangements of West Edmonton Mall
Sessional Paper 537/2000

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

2 documents entitled "Historical Consolidated Fiscal Summary, 1983-84 to 2002-03," relating to provincial health care expenditures, and "Current Economic Indicators," setting out consumer price index comparisons in Alberta, Calgary, Edmonton, Canada, and the United States
Sessional Paper 538/2000

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

Letter dated January 17, 2000, from Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, to Scott Sutton, Provincial Ombudsman, requesting a review and investigation of the current inaccessibility of our public health care system
Sessional Paper 539/2000

Poster advertising medicare rallies to be held at the Corral Round-up Centre, Calgary, on April 15, 2000, and at the Agricom, Edmonton on April 16, 2000
Sessional Paper 540/2000

Members' Statements

Ms Graham, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed, made a statement regarding Tartan Day, April 6, 2000, which recognizes the tartan as a symbol of Scottish clans and commemorates the signing of the declaration of independence at Arbroath on April 6, 1320.

Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, made a statement regarding Tartan Day, April 6, 2000, which celebrates Scottish heritage and commemorates the signing of the declaration of independence at Arbroath on April 6, 1320.

Mrs. Burgener, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, made a statement regarding a community initiative in Calgary by the Citizens Round Table concerning the development of affordable housing on CFB (Canadian Forces Base) Calgary land.

Projected Government Business

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(5), Mrs. Sloan, 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 10 to April 14, 2000:

Monday, April 10	Aft.	- Government Bills and Orders Second Reading Bill 7, 14, 15, 16, 17, 11 And as per Order Paper
	Eve.	- Government Bills and Orders Second Reading Bill 11, 3, 13 And as per Order Paper
Tuesday, April 11	(4:30)	- Private Bills Second Reading/Committee of the Whole Bill 20, 22, 23, 11 And as per Order Paper

THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 2000

	Eve.	- Government Bills and Orders Second Reading/Committee of the Whole Bill 11, 18, 19, 20 And as per Order Paper
Wednesday, April 12	Eve.	- Government Bills and Orders Committee of the Whole Bill 10, 11 And as per Order Paper
Thursday, April 13	Aft.	- Government Bills and Orders Committee of the Whole Bill 21, 11 And as per Order Paper

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 urge the Government to respect the right of journalists to freely join trade unions and to condemn any infringement of this basic human right.

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 21 Appropriation Act, 2000 (\$) — Hon. Dr. West on behalf of Hon. Mr. Day

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 11 Health Care Protection Act — Hon. Mr. Klein on behalf of Hon. Mr. Jonson

A debate followed.

Second Reading

Pursuant to Standing Order 61(3), at 5:15 p.m. the Deputy Speaker immediately put the question on the Appropriation Bill standing on the Order Paper for Second Reading, which was agreed to.

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

Bill 21 Appropriation Act, 2000 (\$) — Hon. Dr. West on behalf of Hon. Mr. Day

Debate resumed on the motion for Second Reading of Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act.

Mr. MacDonald 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 Monday, April 10, 2000, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, April 10, 2000

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

Presenting Petitions

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from 225 Edmonton and area residents requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, presented a petition from 320 Edmonton and area residents requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, presented a petition from 265 Edmonton and Spruce Grove residents requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry, presented a petition from 254 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, presented a petition from 261 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mr. Gibbons, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, presented a petition from 251 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood, presented a petition from 286 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from 1,300 Edmonton residents requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mr. Wickman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, presented a petition from 323 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, presented a petition from 257 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, presented a petition from 386 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, presented a petition from 222 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, presented a petition from 269 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, presented a petition from 275 Calgary residents requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 511 Albertans requesting the introduction of a bill banning the establishment of private for-profit hospitals in Alberta to maintain the integrity of the public, universal health care system.

Reading and Receiving Petitions

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

On request by Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of the Province of Alberta, hereby petition the Legislative Assembly to pass a bill banning private for-profit hospitals in Alberta so that the integrity of the public, universal health care system may be maintained.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier:

Letter dated April 7, 2000, from The Right Honourable Jean Chrétien, Prime Minister, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, in response to Hon. Mr. Klein's letter of April 4, 2000 (Sessional Paper 437/2000), stating that the Honourable Allan Rock, Federal Minister of Health, will be writing a letter to Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health and Wellness, proposing amendments to Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act

Sessional Paper 541/2000

Calgary Herald article dated April 9, 2000, entitled "MacBeth started billing for upgrades"

Sessional Paper 542/2000

Order in Council 211/92, establishing the Hospitalization Benefits Amendment Regulation

Sessional Paper 543/2000

Letter dated April 5, 2000, from Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, to Dr. Sandra Thomson, Provincial Archivist, requesting that all ministerial records during her tenure as Minister of Health be transferred to the Provincial Archives with a 15 year restriction on public access

Sessional Paper 544/2000

Letter dated April 10, 2000, from Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, to The Right Honourable Jean Chrétien, Prime Minister, expressing disappointment on Mr. Tommy Banks' recent appointment to the Senate rather than Mr. Bert Brown or Mr. Ted Morton, and urging him to reconsider his position on this matter

Sessional Paper 545/2000

Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health and Wellness:

Letter dated April 10, 2000, from Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health and Wellness, to the Honourable Allan Rock, Federal Minister of Health, with attachments, addressing concerns Hon. Mr. Rock has expressed regarding Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act

Sessional Paper 546/2000

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

Alberta Mental Health Board, Annual Report 1998-1999

Sessional Paper 547/2000

Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health and Wellness:

Alberta Cancer Board, Annual Report 1998/99

Sessional Paper 548/2000

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

Letter dated April 4, 2000, from Rev. Dr. George H. Rodgers, United Church of Canada, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, requesting that Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act be withdrawn

Sessional Paper 549/2000

Letter dated April 5, 2000, from John Boulder, Sherwood Park, unaddressed, expressing concerns, and asking questions regarding Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act

Sessional Paper 550/2000

Letter dated March 29, 2000, from Brigham Y. Card, to Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, with attached Lethbridge Herald articles, regarding Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act

Sessional Paper 551/2000

Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Letter dated April 4, 2000, from Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, with an attachment, requesting clarification of the Premier's response dated April 4, 2000, to Mrs. MacBeth's request in the Legislative Assembly on April 4, 2000, for information on the Government's policy regarding contracting out medical services

Sessional Paper 552/2000

Response to Written Question 149 (Sessional Paper 149/95) regarding access by Albertans to MRIs (magnetic resonance imaging) private clinics

Sessional Paper 553/2000

Discussion paper dated February 14, 1991, entitled "Ambulatory Care Services in Alberta," prepared by Research and Planning Branch, Alberta Health

Sessional Paper 554/2000

Order in Council 211/92, establishing the Hospitalization Benefits Amendment Regulation

Sessional Paper 555/2000

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

Letter dated October 7, 1999, from S.J. Brodie, Edmonton, to Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, responding to recommendations to the MLAs' (Members of the Legislative Assembly) report on the School Council Review, and commenting on the overall condition of the Learning Department

Sessional Paper 556/2000

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

Report dated September 1998, entitled "Child Health and Family Socioeconomic Status in the Canadian National Longitudinal Survey of Children and Youth," prepared by Martin D. Dooley, McMaster University, and Lori Curtis, Dalhousie University

Sessional Paper 557/2000

Report dated November 1999, entitled "The Changing Nature of Home Care and Its Impact on Women's Vulnerability to Poverty" prepared by Maria Morris, Jane Robinson, Janet Simpson, Sherry Haley, Sandra Kirby, Lise Martin, Martha Mazowiecki, all of the Canadian Research Institute for the Advancement of Women (CRAW)

Sessional Paper 558/2000

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

E-mail message from Edwina Staples, Grande Cache, and an e-mail message from an unnamed sender, to Members of the Legislative Assembly, expressing opposition to Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act

Sessional Paper 559/2000

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Letter from Aric Storck, Calgary, to Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, and from Lisa Young and David Biggin-Pound, both of Canmore, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to the Genesis Land Development Corporation's proposed development in the Spray Valley of Kananaskis Country

Sessional Paper 560/2000

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

Concert program for the Cadet Honour Band of Prairie Region's presentation of "Welcome to the 21st Century" performed at the Jubilee Auditorium on April 6, 2000

Sessional Paper 561/2000

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

Letter dated March 31, 2000, from Don and Anita Lowell, Edmonton, to Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health and Wellness, expressing opposition to Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act, and non-support of the Government that supports this Bill

Sessional Paper 562/2000

Health Sciences Association of Alberta Challenger article dated March 2000, entitled "If it Walks Like a Duck, and Talks Like a Duck, It's Probably a Duck," expressing opposition to Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act

Sessional Paper 563/2000

Ms Kryczka, Hon. Member for Calgary-West:

Report entitled "Seniors Advisory Council for Alberta, 1998-1999 Year In Review"

Sessional Paper 564/2000

Oral Question Period

During Oral Question Period, Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, tabled the following:

Letter dated April 6, 2000, from Elizabeth Dunham, Calgary Regional Health Authority, to Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, responding to Ms Leibovici's request of February 14, 2000, for access to proposals submitted by the Health Resources Group or Health Resources Centre relative to the contracting out of insured services

Sessional Paper 565/2000

Recognitions

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre: Volunteer Week, April 9-15, 2000, the efforts of the Edmonton and Calgary Volunteer Centres, and the advocacy and policy roles of the Volunteer Alberta and Volunteer Canada organizations

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods: Mill Woods Presidents' Council, comprised of the presidents of the Mill Woods, Ellerslie, and Mill Creek community leagues, and established to promote services and respond to community needs

Mr. Gibbons, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning: Cadet Honour Band of Prairie Region and their performance of "Welcome to the 21st Century" at the Jubilee Auditorium, April 6, 2000

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 11 Health Care Protection Act — Hon. Mr. Klein on behalf of Hon. Mr. Jonson

A debate followed.

Mr. Gibbons, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all the words after "That" and substituting the following:

Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act, be not now read a Second time but that the Order for Second Reading be discharged, the Bill withdrawn and the subject-matter be referred to the Standing Committee on Law and Regulations.

Debate adjourned on amendment, Mr. Bonner speaking.

Adjournment

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

MONDAY, APRIL 10, 2000 — 8:00 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 11 Health Care Protection Act — Hon. Mr. Klein on behalf of Hon. Mr. Jonson

Debate continued on amendment introduced by the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, on April 10, 2000, that the motion be amended by deleting all the words after “That” and substituting the following:

Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act, be not now read a Second time but that the Order for Second Reading be discharged, the Bill withdrawn and the subject-matter be referred to the Standing Committee on Law and Regulations.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Mrs. Gordon in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 7

Bonner	Leibovici	Sloan
Carlson	MacDonald	Wickman
Gibbons		

Against the motion: 31

Amery	Kryczka	Severtson
Broda	Laing	Stelmach
Cao	Magnus	Stevens
Clegg	Mar	Strang
Coutts	Marz	Taylor
Ducharme	McClellan	Thurber
Havelock	McFarland	Trynchy
Herard	Melchin	Woloshyn
Hlady	Oberg	Yankowsky
Jonson	Paszkowski	Zwozdesky
Klapstein		

Hon. Mr. Havelock, Deputy Government House Leader, moved that the question be now put, pursuant to Standing Order 47(1).

A debate followed.

Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health and Wellness, moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Adjournment

Hon. Mr. Havelock, Deputy Government House Leader, moved adjournment of the Assembly. The question being put, the motion was agreed to. With Mrs. Gordon in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 29

Amery	Kryczka	Stelmach
Broda	Laing	Stevens
Cao	Magnus	Strang
Clegg	Marz	Taylor
Coutts	McClellan	Thurber
Ducharme	McFarland	Trynchy
Havelock	Melchin	Woloshyn
Hlady	Oberg	Yankowsky
Jonson	Paszkowski	Zwozdesky
Klapstein	Severtson	

Against the motion: 11

Blakeman	Leibovici	Sapers
Bonner	MacBeth	Sloan
Carlson	MacDonald	Soetaert
Gibbons	Massey	

The Assembly adjourned at 11:28 p.m. until Tuesday, April 11, 2000, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 11, 2000

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

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Ducharme, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake, presented a petition from 565 Albertans requesting that Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act, be withdrawn.

Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, presented a petition from 328 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, presented a petition from 340 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, presented a petition from 205 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, presented a petition from 257 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Dr. Nicol, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, presented a petition from 789 Albertans requesting the introduction of a Bill requiring a minimum of two people on shifts from dark to daylight.

Dr. Nicol, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, presented a petition from 3,221 Albertans requesting that a minimum of two people be required to work on shifts from dark to daylight.

Dr. Nicol, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, presented a petition from 336 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, presented a petition from 236 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mr. Wickman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, presented a petition from 126 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 734 Albertans requesting the introduction of a bill banning the establishment of private for-profit hospitals in Alberta to maintain the integrity of the public, universal health care system.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 69 Albertans requesting the introduction of a bill banning the establishment of private for-profit hospitals in Alberta to maintain the integrity of the public, universal health care system.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from 264 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, presented a petition from 215 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, presented a petition from 233 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry, presented a petition from 218 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, presented a petition from 218 Edmonton and Sherwood Park residents requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mr. White, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, presented a petition from 230 Edmonton and area residents requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mr. Gibbons, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, presented a petition from 219 Edmonton and area residents requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood, presented a petition from 239 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from 257 Edson and Sangudo residents requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from 396 Edmonton residents requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Reading and Receiving Petitions

On request by Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, on behalf of Dr. Nicol, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

On request by Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of the Province of Alberta, hereby petition the Legislative Assembly to pass a bill banning private for-profit hospitals in Alberta so that the integrity of the public, universal health care system may be maintained.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

On request by Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to introduce legislation requiring a minimum of two people on shifts from dark to daylight.

Notices of Motions

Pursuant to Standing Order 34(2)(a), Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following Written Questions and Motions for Returns to be dealt with Wednesday, April 12, 2000:

Written Questions:	WQ11, WQ12, WQ13.
Motions for Returns:	MR18, MR19, MR20, MR21, MR22, MR25, MR26, MR27, MR28, MR30.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Dr. West, Minister of Resource Development:

Responses to questions raised on March 15, 2000, Department of Resource Development, 2000-2001 Public Accounts Committee consideration
Sessional Paper 566/2000

Responses to questions raised on March 13, 2000, Department of Resource Development, 2000-2001 Subcommittee D of the Committee of Supply consideration

Sessional Paper 567/2000

Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Environment:

Return to Order of the Assembly MR233 asked for by Mr. White on December 1, 1999:

Copies of the most recent tables for deciduous and coniferous timber, separately, showing for each forest management unit, the 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.

Sessional Paper 568/2000

Return to Order of the Assembly MR234 asked for by Mr. White on December 1, 1999:

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.

Sessional Paper 568A/2000

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Government Services:

Responses to questions raised on March 15, 2000, Department of Government Services, 2000-2001 Committee of Supply consideration

Sessional Paper 569/2000

Hon. Mr. Paszkowski, Minister of Municipal Affairs:

2 news releases, the first dated March 22, 2000, entitled "Official Opposition Legislative Priorities Emphasize Strong Communities" and the second dated April 7, 2000, entitled "Capital Region Governance Review Report Supports Long-Range Planning, Not Klein Government's Crisis-Based Tinkering," both prepared by the Alberta Liberal Caucus

Sessional Paper 570/2000

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

3 letters dated April 4, 2000, March 29, 2000, and April 10, 2000, from Debra Morris, Edmonton Presbytery Office, The United Church of Canada, Edmonton, Moira E. Hogg, and Harry B. Chase, both of Calgary, expressing their opposition to Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act

Sessional Paper 571/2000

Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Report dated April 2000, entitled "Albertans' Views on Bill 11," prepared by Angus Reid Group, Inc.

Sessional Paper 572/2000

Report dated April 11, 2000, entitled "Poll shows Klein's legislature speech failed to bail out Bill 11," prepared by the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE)

Sessional Paper 573/2000

Report, undated, entitled "Insight Research Healthcare Poll, Results from Yesterday - Monday, March 20, 2000," prepared by A-Channel Television

Sessional Paper 574/2000

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

Document dated April 11, 2000, entitled "Cost-Benefit Analysis of Trust on Bill 11 Health Care Debate," comparing poll results and expense statistics for Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and the Official Opposition

Sessional Paper 575/2000

News release with attachments dated April 11, 2000, entitled "Time for Ralph Klein and Halvar Jonson to Detail True Costs of Government Propaganda Campaign on Private Health Care," prepared by the Alberta Liberal Caucus

Sessional Paper 576/2000

Invoices and receipts providing details of the costs incurred by the Official Opposition to protect Alberta's health care system

Sessional Paper 577/2000

Partially completed checklist intended for Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, to update Government costs incurred promoting Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act

Sessional Paper 578/2000

Document, undated, entitled "Government Closure of Second Reading on Bill 11 Limits Debate"

Sessional Paper 579/2000

List of MLAs (Members of the Legislative Assembly) not given an opportunity to speak to Second Reading consideration of Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act

Sessional Paper 580/2000

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

E-mail message, undated, from Dale F. Levy to Mr. Wickman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, and letter dated April 10, 2000, from Con Duenler, Edmonton, to Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health and Wellness, expressing opposition to Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act

Sessional Paper 581/2000

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood:

Letter dated May 2, 1994, from Donald J. Philippon, Deputy Minister, Alberta Health, to Robert H. Reynolds, Parliamentary Counsel, Legislative Assembly, providing responses to questions asked by Mr. Reynolds in his letter dated April 15, 1994, regarding the Gimbel Foundation Act, and expressing concerns regarding the Gimbel Foundation Act

Sessional Paper 582/2000

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Memo, with attachment, dated March 26, 2000, from Brenda Gilboe, Edmonton, to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing concerns regarding Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act

Sessional Paper 583/2000

Notes dated March 19, 2000, from Ewa Cyganek expressing opposition to Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act

Sessional Paper 584/2000

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Letter dated March 14, 2000, from George Kay, Mayor, High Prairie, to Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Environment, requesting that Mr. Mar attend public meetings in High Prairie to discuss the importation of foreign toxic waste for disposal at the Bovar hazardous waste treatment facility in Swan Hills

Sessional Paper 585/2000

Letter dated February 18, 2000, from Richard M. Collier, Calgary, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, requesting the Government act to stop development of the Spray Valley in Kananaskis Country

Sessional Paper 586/2000

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood:

102 letters from parents of students at Delwood Elementary School, Edmonton, expressing concerns regarding funding for the public school system

Sessional Paper 587/2000

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

Report dated March 23, 2000, entitled "Housing our Homeless," prepared by the Calgary Homeless Foundation, assessing shelter needs in Calgary

Sessional Paper 588/2000

Report dated November 1999, entitled "Working Together to Break the Chains of Poverty," prepared by the South Peace Social Planning Council, presenting the results of the 1999 Round Table on Poverty

Sessional Paper 589/2000

Report dated January 2000, entitled "It's Up To Us!," prepared by the Progressive Conservative National Caucus Task Force on Poverty, presenting observations and recommendations based on hearings conducted throughout Canada on the issue of poverty

Sessional Paper 590/2000

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

Letter dated September 1, 1999, from Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, in response to Mr. MacDonald's letter of July 7, 1999 concerning fatality inquiries for all Albertans who die while working

Sessional Paper 591/2000

Web page from the Canadian Alliance Party stating that party's policy declaration regarding restoring democratic accountability by allowing free votes in a Legislative Assembly

Sessional Paper 592/2000

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

Copy of a blank Health Protection Act phone survey, prepared by the Castle Downs Constituency Office

Sessional Paper 593/2000

Copy of a blank questionnaire appearing in the Castle News, April 2000, regarding Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act, prepared by Ms Paul, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs

Sessional Paper 594/2000

Members' Statements

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, made a statement regarding the Leaders of Tomorrow Awards recognizing hard work and volunteer efforts of Alberta youth presented to Melissa Knockleby, Cari McIlduff, Savon Meak Michael Wetsch, and Amy Armstrong, in Camrose, March 22, 2000, and to Kristine Huot, Chris Kirwin, Cody Soanes, and Shawn Gist at the Reynolds-Alberta Museum, April 10, 2000.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding the need to replace pine shake roofing at École Maurice-Lavallée and École Marie Poburan, St. Albert, and requesting that the Provincial Government pay for replacement of the roofs.

Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement regarding Volunteer Week, April 9-15, 2000, acknowledging the Wild Rose Foundation and Volunteer Alberta for coordinating events surrounding Volunteer Week, and recognizing Shannon Davidson, Alisha Mannix, Stephanie Britton, Gillian Hansen and Kurt Duffee, all recipients of the Leaders of Tomorrow Awards held in St. Albert, April 8, 2000.

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 Provincial-Municipal Tax Sharing Calculation Act — Mrs. MacBeth

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(2)(b), debate adjourned, Mr. Dickson concluding debate on a point of order.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

506. Moved by Mr. MacDonald:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to demonstrate its recognition of the contribution made by parents who stay at home to care for their children by providing support equal to that received by parents choosing other childcare options.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was defeated.

507. Moved by Ms Leibovici:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to further increase the number of beds and improve standards for long-term care facilities and home care services with regard to staffing ratios and levels of service to adequate levels, and ensure that Regional Health Authority boundaries do not become barriers to placement.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(2)(c), debate adjourned, Mrs. Soetaert speaking.

Government Bills and Orders**Second Reading**

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

Bill 11 Health Care Protection Act — Hon. Mr. Klein on behalf of Hon. Mr. Jonson

Ms Olsen moved adjournment of the debate on the motion for the previous question, which was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:27 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 2000 — 8:00 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders**Second Reading**

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

Bill 11 Health Care Protection Act — Hon. Mr. Klein on behalf of Hon. Mr. Jonson

A debate followed on the motion for the previous question.

Mr. Renner moved adjournment of the debate. The question being put, the motion was agreed to. With Mr. Tannas in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 28

Broda	Fritz	McClellan
Calahasen	Graham	O'Neill
Cao	Hancock	Paszkowski
Clegg	Herard	Pham
Doerksen	Jacques	Renner
Dunford	Johnson	Smith
Evans	Langevin	Tarchuk
Fischer	Lougheed	Woloshyn
Forsyth	Marz	Zwozdesky
Friedel		

Against the motion: 13

Blakeman	Leibovici	Nicol
Bonner	MacBeth	Olsen
Carlson	MacDonald	Soetaert
Dickson	Massey	White
Gibbons		

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 2:22 a.m. Wednesday, April 12, 2000, until 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 12, 2000

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

Presenting Petitions

Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, presented a petition from 148 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from 268 Albertans requesting that Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act, be withdrawn.

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, presented a petition from 266 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, presented a petition from 234 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mr. Wickman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, presented a petition from 80 Albertans requesting that funding be restored to public health care to reduce the current long waiting lists.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 511 Albertans requesting the introduction of a bill banning the establishment of private for-profit hospitals in Alberta to maintain the integrity of the public, universal health care system.

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 citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

On request by Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

On request by Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of the Province of Alberta, hereby petition the Legislative Assembly to pass a bill banning private for-profit hospitals in Alberta so that the integrity of the public, universal health care system may be maintained.

On request by Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of the Province 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 system may be maintained.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Letter dated April 12, 2000, from Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, to Stacy Schiff, Edmonton, congratulating her on being named the recipient of the Pulitzer Prize for Literature

Sessional Paper 595/2000

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Associate Minister of Health and Wellness:

Alberta Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission (AADAC) Corporate Business Plan, 2000/2001 - 2002/2003

Sessional Paper 596/2000

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood:

Report dated April 2000, entitled "Court Reporters' Brief," prepared by a committee of three court reporters, briefing the Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, in response to the restructuring plan of court reporting services in Alberta courts announced January 5, 2000

Sessional Paper 597/2000

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Brochure prepared by the Alberta Liberal Caucus offering information to constituents from Edmonton-Centre regarding Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act

Sessional Paper 598/2000

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

2 e-mail messages, undated, from Darrel Runka, Edmonton, to Mr. Wickman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, and from Joshua Stuart, Lethbridge, to all Members of the Legislative Assembly, expressing opposition to Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act

Sessional Paper 599/2000

E-mail message, undated, from Linda Thomsen, Lethbridge, to all Members of the Legislative Assembly, expressing concerns regarding private for-profit health care

Sessional Paper 600/2000

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

3 letters from Stephen R. Bown, Nicky L. Brink, and Lisa Downing, all of Canmore, and Michael White, of Calgary, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to the Genesis Land Development in the Spray Valley

Sessional Paper 601/2000

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

Copy of the first page of Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act, with handwritten note dated March 24, 2000, from Gwyneth Foster-Newell and Dan Newell, both of Edmonton, to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, expressing opposition to Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act

Sessional Paper 602/2000

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

2 letters dated March 7, 2000, from Elise Parker, Edmonton, and Denise Martineau, Strathmore, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to the development of the Spray Lakes area in Kananaskis Country

Sessional Paper 603/2000

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

2 letters dated February 8, 2000, from Emma Hannah and Jennifer Thornton, both of Canmore, and e-mail message from Gail Boehm, Calgary, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to the development of the Spray Lakes area in Kananaskis Country

Sessional Paper 604/2000

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

Excerpt of report entitled "National Health Expenditure Trends, 1975-1999," prepared by the Canadian Institute for Health Information, setting out Alberta Provincial Government health expenditures, 1975-1999

Sessional Paper 605/2000

Document, undated, entitled "Summary of Bill 11 Second Reading Debate from Tuesday, April 11, 2000"

Sessional Paper 606/2000

List of MLAs (Members of the Legislative Assembly) who have not spoken to Second Reading consideration of Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act

Sessional Paper 607/2000

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

Letter dated April 12, 2000, from Genevieve A. Thurlow, Ph.D., Calgary, to Mr. Herard, Hon. Member for Calgary-Egmont, and letter dated March 30, 2000, from Margaret Zyla, B.A., M.Sc., Nsq., Calgary, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act

Sessional Paper 608/2000

Set of 25 commentaries prepared by Bill Barley and submitted by Blair McPherson expressing opposition to Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act

Sessional Paper 609/2000

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

2 letters dated March 6, 2000 and March 1, 2000, from Terry Forkheim and Dale Hughes, both of Calgary, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concerns regarding the proposed development of the Spray Lakes area in Kananaskis Country

Sessional Paper 610/2000

Letter dated March 3, 2000, from Shirley Marsh, Calgary, to the Director, Environmental Assessment and Strategy Division, expressing concerns regarding the proposed development of the Spray Lakes area in Kananaskis Country
Sessional Paper 611/2000

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

Letter dated March 4, 2000, from Gisele Villeneuve, Calgary, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and letter dated March 3, 2000, from Martine Wilson, Calgary, to Gobi Singh, CEO (Chief Executive Officer), Genesis Land Development Corporation, expressing concerns regarding the proposed development of the Spray Lakes area in Kananaskis Country

Sessional Paper 612/2000

Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Petition, in French, supporting public health care in Alberta, signed by 40 members of the Edmonton Francophone community

Sessional Paper 613/2000

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

Letter dated March 1, 2000, from Franci Cochrane, Canmore, to the Director, Environmental Assessment and Strategy Division, and letter and e-mail message dated November 17, 1999 and March 7, 2000, from Mac Hislop, Calgary, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concerns regarding the proposed development of the Spray Lakes area in Kananaskis Country

Sessional Paper 614/2000

Recognitions

Mr. Strang, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead: Edson Mohawk Bantam Warriors hockey team, silver medal winners of the Alberta Bantam A Championships held in Medicine Hat during the weekend of March 17, 2000, and their coaches, Clarence Wanchulak, Dave Stewart, and Bill Taylor

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo: concerns of the multicultural community in the constituency of Calgary-Buffalo regarding racial discrimination and a desire on the part of that community for the Alberta Human Rights and Citizenship commission to take a more aggressive stance in that respect

Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert: Lo-Se-Ca Foundation for their dedication to advocating for, and improving the quality of life of persons with disabilities

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona: Volunteer Week, April 9-15, 2000, and the volunteers of Edmonton who assist Dr. Pannu and his staff on a daily basis

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark: Friends of Medicare for their efforts in supporting and promoting the public health care system, and the rallies to be held in Calgary on April 15, 2000, and in Edmonton on April 16, 2000

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Questions were accepted as amended:

WQ11. Moved by Mrs. Soetaert on behalf of Ms Blakeman:

As of March 1, 2000, how many active files in the Maintenance Enforcement Program were in receipt of payments from a jurisdiction named in the Declaration of Reciprocating States Regulation?

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

As of *March 31, 2000*, how many active files in the Maintenance Enforcement Program were in receipt of payments from a jurisdiction named in the Declaration of Reciprocating States Regulation?

WQ12. Moved by Mrs. Soetaert on behalf of Ms Blakeman:

As of March 1, 2000, how many active files in the Maintenance Enforcement Program were paid to creditors in a jurisdiction named in the Declaration of Reciprocating States Regulation?

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

As of *March 31, 2000*, how many active files in the Maintenance Enforcement Program were paid to creditors in a jurisdiction named in the Declaration of Reciprocating States Regulation?

WQ13. Moved by Mrs. Sloan on behalf of Ms Blakeman:

As of March 1, 2000, how many active files in the Maintenance Enforcement Program related to creditors or to debtors where the payee or payer was resident in a jurisdiction not named in the Declaration of Reciprocating States Regulation?

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

As of *March 31, 2000*, how many active files in the Maintenance Enforcement Program related to creditors or to debtors where the payee or payer was resident in a jurisdiction not named in the Declaration of Reciprocating States Regulation?

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

WQ14, WQ15, WQ16, WQ17, WQ18, WQ19, WQ20.

Motions for Returns

The following Motion for Returns was accepted:

MR18. Moved by Mrs. Soetaert on behalf of Ms. Carlson:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A copy of any studies or reports that the Government has authorized, conducted or examined since January 1, 1995, concerning the historic or current population and distribution of woodland caribou in Alberta and copies of any documents indicating what measures the Government has taken to ensure healthy populations of these endangered animals.

The following Motions for Returns were rejected:

MR19. Moved by Mr. Dickson on behalf of Dr. Nicol:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of written approvals provided by the Premier, Executive Council, Treasury Board and/or the Agenda and Priorities Committee for out-of-province and out-of-country travel by Cabinet Ministers and Government Members of the Legislative Assembly (MLAs) for the period January 1, 1993 through November 17, 1999.

MR20. Moved by Mr. Dickson on behalf of Mr. Sapers:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copy of Financial Planning and Human Resources Minutes, dated May 14, 1997, pertaining to the refinancing of West Edmonton Mall, as listed on page 40 of the affidavit of records of Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Alberta dated November 30, 1999.

MR21. Moved by Mr. Dickson on behalf of Mr. Sapers:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copy of excerpts of Cabinet agenda with attachments, dated August 13, 1996, pertaining to the refinancing of West Edmonton Mall, as listed on page 34 of the affidavit of records of Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Alberta dated November 30, 1999.

MR22. Moved by Mr. Dickson on behalf of Mr. Sapers:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copy of excerpts of Agenda and Priorities Committee Minutes, dated February 9, 1998, pertaining to the refinancing of West Edmonton Mall, as listed on page 40 of the affidavit of records of Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Alberta dated November 30, 1999.

MR25. Moved by Mr. White:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all studies and reports prepared by, or for, the Department of Resource Development between May 25, 1999 and March 17, 2000 reviewing the Alberta Royalty Tax Credit (ARTC) Program.

MR26. Moved by Mr. White:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all studies and reports prepared by the Department of Resource Development between May 25, 1999 and March 17, 2000 evaluating the potential aggregate revenues in the Balancing Pool (BP) from the auction of the Power Purchase Arrangements (PPAs).

MR27. Moved by Mr. White:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all studies and reports prepared by the Department of Resource Development between May 25, 1999 and March 17, 2000 evaluating the potential aggregate revenues raised from the auction of the Power Purchase Arrangements (PPAs).

MR28. Moved by Mr. Dickson on behalf of Mr. Sapers:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copy of excerpts of Agenda and Priorities Committee Minutes, dated April 28, 1997, pertaining to the refinancing of West Edmonton Mall (WEM), as listed on page 40 of the affidavit of records of Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Alberta, dated November 30, 1999.

MR30. Moved by Mr. Dickson on behalf of Mr. Sapers:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copy of correspondence from Triple Five Corporation Ltd. (N. Ghermezian) to Peter Elzinga, dated February 14, 1994, pertaining to the refinancing of West Edmonton Mall (WEM), as listed on page 9 of the affidavit of records of the WEM Corporate Defendants, dated November 30, 1999.

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

MR29, MR31, MR32, MR33, MR34, MR35, MR36, MR37, MR38, MR40, MR42, MR44, MR45, MR46.

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 Provincial-Municipal Tax Sharing Calculation Act — Mrs. MacBeth

A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:21 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, 2000— 8:00 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 11 Health Care Protection Act — Hon. Mr. Klein on behalf of Hon. Mr. Jonson

A debate followed on the motion for the previous question.

The question being put on the motion for the previous question, the motion was agreed to. With Hon. Mr. Kowalski in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 34

Amery	Jacques	O'Neill
Calahasen	Jonson	Paszkowski
Cardinal	Klapstein	Renner
Clegg	Kryczka	Smith
Coutts	Laing	Stevens
Ducharme	Magnus	Strang
Dunford	Mar	Tannas
Evans	Marz	Taylor
Fischer	McFarland	Thurber
Haley	Melchin	Trynchy
Havelock	Nelson	Yankowsky
Hlady		

Against the motion: 17

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

Pursuant to Standing Order 47(2), the question being put on the motion for Second Reading of Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act, the motion was agreed to. With Hon. Mr. Kowalski in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 34

Amery	Jacques	O'Neill
Calahasen	Jonson	Paszkowski
Cardinal	Klapstein	Renner
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Hlady		

Against the motion: 17

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

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

Bill 11 Health Care Protection Act — Hon. Mr. Klein on behalf of Hon. Mr. Jonson

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 11 Health Care Protection Act — Hon. Mr. Jonson

Mrs. Laing, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by the Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendments to Bill 11 (Hon. Minister of Health and Wellness) — Debate adjourned

Sessional Paper 616/2000

Mrs. Laing, Acting Chair of Committees, also tabled copies of the document tabled by Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health and Wellness, during Committee of the Whole consideration of Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act

Background and summary relating to Physician Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics with attached related sections of the Bylaws of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta, and The Canadian Medical Association Code of Ethics

Sessional Paper 615/2000

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:55 p.m. until Thursday, April 13, 2000, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 13, 2000

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

Presenting Petitions

Mr. White, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, presented a petition from 250 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, presented a petition from 180 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mr. Wickman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, presented a petition from 130 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 1,100 Albertans requesting the introduction of a bill banning the establishment of private for-profit hospitals in Alberta to maintain the integrity of the public, universal health care system.

Reading and Receiving Petitions

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

On request by Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, the following petition was read and received:

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Letter dated March 30, 2000, from Reverend J.M. Trudeau and Dr. R.B. Sheared, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, e-mail message dated April 6, 2000, from William Dascavich, Lee Kitlarchuk, Francina Lazarovich, and Reverend Robert Seal, all constituents of Vegreville-Viking, to Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Minister of Infrastructure, and fax from Janice L. Wheeler, of Chipman, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health and Wellness, Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Associate Minister of Health and Wellness, Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Minister of Infrastructure, Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, and Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, all expressing concerns regarding Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act

Sessional Paper 617/2000

Letter dated April 11, 2000, from Allan E. Blakeney, P.C., University of Saskatchewan, to The Right Honourable Jean Chrétien, Prime Minister, commenting on the possible effects of Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act

Sessional Paper 618/2000

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

Document, undated, entitled "Summary of Bill 11 Second Reading Debate from Wednesday, April 12, 2000"

Sessional Paper 619/2000

List of MLAs (Members of the Legislative Assembly) who did not speak to
Second Reading consideration of Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act
Sessional Paper 620/2000

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

Report dated February 1998 (revised January 1999), entitled "Lone Female Headship and Welfare Policy in Canada," prepared by Martin D. Dooley, McMaster University, Stephane Gascon, Human Resources Development Canada, and Pierre Lefebvre and Philip Merrigan, Université du Québec à Montréal, concerning the correlation between single female parents and the incidence of being supported by social welfare

Sessional Paper 621/2000

Report dated December 1999, entitled "Low income cut-offs," prepared by Statistics Canada, providing statistical information regarding the number of Canadian residents who earn less than a specific income

Sessional Paper 622/2000

Report dated January 2000, entitled "Canada's Great Divide: The politics of the growing gap between rich and poor in the 1990s," prepared by Armine Yalnizyan, Centre for Social Justice

Sessional Paper 623/2000

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

Government of Alberta web page providing a Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act debate summary for April 10 and 11, 2000, with notations of errors in the summary

Sessional Paper 624/2000

Government of Alberta web page providing a list of reports and studies relating to Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act

Sessional Paper 625/2000

Document providing a tally of e-mail messages and letters up to and including April 11, 2000, sent to the office of Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, regarding Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act

Sessional Paper 626/2000

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

2 letters dated March 5, 2000, from Deborah A. Sanderson and Miles Tindal, Calgary, to Annette Trimbee, Director, Environmental Assessment and Strategy Division, Department of Environment, expressing concerns about the development of the Spray Lakes area in Kananaskis Country by Genesis Land Development Corporation

Sessional Paper 627/2000

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Letter dated March 6, 2000, from the Sierra Youth Coalition of Calgary to Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, and e-mail message dated March 6, 2000, from Janet Miller, Canmore, to Annette Trimbee, Director, Environmental Assessment and Strategy Division, Department of Environment, expressing concerns about the development of the Spray Lakes area in Kananaskis Country by Genesis Land Development Corporation

Sessional Paper 628/2000

Members' Statements

Mr. Boutilier, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray, made a statement regarding the Fort McMurray Oil Barons Junior hockey team on winning the Alberta Provincial Junior Hockey Championships held on April 12, 2000.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding the importance of unions in Alberta and urged the Government to improve its relationship with them.

Mrs. Forsyth, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, made a statement regarding the importance of men's health issues.

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 April 17 to April 21, 2000:

Monday, April 17	Aft.	- Government Bills and Orders
		Second Reading
		Bill 3, 7, 13, 14, 15
		Committee of the Whole
		Bill 11
		And as per Order Paper

THURSDAY, APRIL 13, 2000

- Eve. - **Government Bills and Orders**
Second Reading
 Bill 16, 17, 18, 19
Committee of the Whole
 Bill 11
 And as per Order Paper
- Tuesday, April 18 (4:30) - **Government Bills and Orders**
Second Reading
 Bill Pr1, Pr2, Pr3, Pr4, Pr5
Committee of the Whole
 Bill 11
 And as per Order Paper
- Eve. - **Government Bills and Orders**
Second Reading
 Bill 20, 22, 23
Committee of the Whole
 Bill 11
 And as per Order Paper
- Wednesday, April 19 Eve. - **Government Bills and Orders**
Committee of the Whole
 Bill 10, 11
Third Reading
 Bill 21
 And as per Order Paper
- Thursday, April 20 Aft. - **Government Bills and Orders**
Third Reading
 Bill 21, 2, 4, 5
Committee of the Whole
 Bill 11
 And as per Order Paper

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 21 Appropriation Act, 2000 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Day

Pursuant to Standing Order 61(4), at 5:15 p.m., the Chair 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 assumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 21 Appropriation Act, 2000 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Day

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 11 Health Care Protection Act — Hon. Mr. Jonson

Mr. Herard, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of an amendment considered by the Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 11 (Section A) (introduced by the Hon. Minister of Health and Wellness on April 12, 2000) — Debate adjourned
Sessional Paper 629/2000

Mr. Herard, Acting Chair of Committees, also tabled copies of the document tabled by Ms Olsen during Committee of the Whole consideration of Bill 11.

Letter dated April 12, 2000, from the Honourable Allan Rock, Federal Minister of Health, to Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health and Wellness, responding to Hon. Mr. Jonson's letter of April 10, 2000, concerning Mr. Rock's suggestions for amendments to Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act

Sessional Paper 630/2000

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:19 p.m. until Monday, April 17, 2000, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, April 17, 2000

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

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, presented a petition from 982 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mr. Wickman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, presented a petition from 638 Calgary residents requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, presented a petition from 571 Albertans stating that the Progressive Conservative Party will not be supported if Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act, and Bill 18, Alberta Personal Income Tax Act, are passed.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 364 Albertans requesting the introduction of a bill banning the establishment of private for-profit hospitals in Alberta to maintain the integrity of the public, universal health care system.

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry, presented a petition from 951 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, presented a petition from 898 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from 40 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mr. Strang, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead, presented a petition from 1,859 Grande Cache and area residents urging the Government to improve Highway 40 south of Grande Cache in response to a fatality on that highway on February 7, 2000.

Reading and Receiving Petitions

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

On request by Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of the Province of Alberta, hereby petition the Legislative Assembly to pass a bill banning private for-profit hospitals in Alberta so that the integrity of the public, universal health care system may be maintained.

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 the Legislative Assembly adjourn the ordinary business of the Assembly to consider the following motion:

Be it resolved that this Assembly has no confidence in the Government.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Children's Services:

Report of the Task Force on Children at Risk entitled "Start Young Start Now!"
Sessional Paper 631/2000

Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment, 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 1999-2000
Sessional Paper 632/2000

Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment, pursuant to the Architects Act, cA-44.1, s6(4):

Alberta Association of Architects, Annual Report 1999
Sessional Paper 633/2000

Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment:

Report dated March 31, 2000, entitled "Two-Year Review of the Personal Directives Act," prepared by the Interdepartmental Coordinating Committee on Personal Directives, Government of Alberta
Sessional Paper 634/2000

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

E-mail message, undated, from Professor Richard Plain, Health Economist, Medicare Economics Group, University of Alberta, to Members of the Legislative Assembly (MLAs), with attached proposed amendments to Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act
Sessional Paper 635/2000

4 e-mail messages from Pilar Gateman to all Members of the Legislative Assembly, Jack Clack and Evelyn Soltys, both of Lethbridge, to all Members of the Legislative Assembly, and Gabor Takats, Edmonton, to Mr. Wickman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, expressing concern with, and opposition to, Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act
Sessional Paper 636/2000

E-mail message dated April 14, 2000, from Brian Jackson, Calgary, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, urging the Premier to allow a free vote on Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act
Sessional Paper 637/2000

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

Letter dated March 21, 2000, from Peter Nettleton, Calgary, to Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Environment, expressing opposition to the development of the Spray Lakes area in Kananaskis Country

Sessional Paper 638/2000

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

Letter dated April 10, 2000, from Justin Brooks, grade 6 student, Brookwood Elementary School, Spruce Grove, to Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, expressing opposition to Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act

Sessional Paper 639/2000

Letter dated April 14, 2000, from Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, to Mr. Langevin, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul, issuing a second invitation to debate the merits of Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act, at a mutually agreeable time at a location of his choice

Sessional Paper 640/2000

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

News release dated April 15, 2000, entitled "MacBeth Calls on Albertans to Urge Their MLAs to Respect the Wishes of Constituents and Vote Against Bill 11," prepared by the Alberta Liberal Caucus

Sessional Paper 641/2000

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

Report, undated, entitled "Progress Report at a Glance," providing a portrait of children and youth in Canada and Backgrounder, dated January 25, 2000, entitled "Why do we need a National Children's Agenda?", setting out trends documented in "The Progress of Canada's Children 1999/2000," both prepared by the Canadian Council on Social Development

Sessional Paper 642/2000

Report dated December 1999, entitled "Does Mother or Father Know Best? An Assessment of Parent/Child Agreement in the Canadian Longitudinal Survey of Children and Youth," prepared by Lori Curtis and Shelley Phipps, both of Dalhousie University, and Martin Dooley, McMaster University

Sessional Paper 643/2000

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

Updates of Government of Alberta website documents, undated, entitled "Bill 11 Debate Summary for Monday, April 10, 2000" and "Bill 11 Debate Summary for Tuesday, April 11, 2000"

Sessional Paper 644/2000

Statement dated March 30, 2000, entitled "Is Bill 11 Good for Albertans?", prepared by the Interfaith Coalition on Justice in the Workplace, Edmonton, setting out questions, answers and recommendations regarding Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act

Sessional Paper 645/2000

Information sheet, undated, urging Albertans to contact their MLAs (Members of the Legislative Assembly) to express opposition to Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act

Sessional Paper 646/2000

Recognitions

Ms Kryczka, Hon. Member for Calgary-West: 4th annual Volunteer Calgary Leadership Awards, held at the Palliser Hotel, Calgary, April 13, 2000, celebrating the contributions of youth, business, and individuals to Alberta communities

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre: 84th anniversary of the enfranchisement of women in Alberta, April 1916, the first provincial election in Canada in which women could exercise that franchise in June 1917 resulting in the election of Louise McKinney, and the fact that aboriginals were not enfranchised until the 1960s

Mr. Coutts, Hon. Member for Livingstone-Macleod: Mr. Speaker's Youth Parliament, involving 80 grade 10 students held April 13-14, 2000 at the Legislature, the Royal Canadian Legion Alberta-Northwest Territories Command, Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, and staff of the Assembly, for organizing and facilitating the event

Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview: 90th anniversary of the Girl Guides of Canada, the 21,000 Alberta guiding members, and Girl Guides Sandwich Cookie Weeks, April 1-May 14, 2000

Ms Fritz, Hon. Member for Calgary-Cross: Baisakhi 2000, a celebration of Khalsa, by members of the Calgary Sikh community, Saturday, April 15, 2000

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie: Brian Staszewski, on being recognized by Time Magazine as a hero for the planet for his founding of the Destination Conservation Program in 1987 which helps schools save energy, conserve water, and minimize waste production

Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert: the death of Tom Whiting on April 9, 2000 in St. Albert, and his contributions as a businessman in fighting the National Energy Program for the jobs of his employees and all oil patch workers in Alberta

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 the Legislative Assembly adjourn the ordinary business of the Assembly to consider the following motion:

Be it resolved that this Assembly has no confidence in the Government.

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 Acting Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(3), at 5:30 p.m., the Committee recessed until 8:00 p.m.

MONDAY, APRIL 17, 2000 — 8:00 P.M.

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

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 11 Health Care Protection Act — Hon. Mr. Jonson

After some time spent therein, Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, moved that the Committee rise and report progress. The question being put, the motion was agreed to. With Mr. Tannas in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 30

Boutilier	Hierath	Oberg
Cao	Jacques	Pham
Clegg	Jonson	Renner
Doerksen	Langevin	Severtson
Forsyth	Lougheed	Stelmach
Friedel	Lund	Tarchuk
Fritz	Mar	Trynchy
Graham	Marz	West
Hancock	McClellan	Woloshyn
Herard	O'Neill	Zwozdesky

Against the motion: 14

Blakeman	Leibovici	Pannu
Bonner	MacBeth	Sapers
Carlson	MacDonald	Sloan
Dickson	Massey	White
Gibbons	Olsen	

The Deputy Speaker assumed the Chair.

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 11 Health Care Protection Act — Hon. Mr. Jonson

Mr. Herard, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by the Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 11 (Section A) (introduced by the Hon. Minister of Health on and Wellness on April 12, 2000) — Debate adjourned
Sessional Paper 647/2000

Subamendment to the amendment to Bill 11 (Section A) introduced by the Hon. Minister of Health on and Wellness on April 12, 2000 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark) — Debate adjourned
Sessional Paper 648/2000

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 3 Statute Revision Act — Hon. Mr. Hancock

Bill 7 Alberta Science, Research and Technology Authority Amendment Act, 2000 (\$) — Hon. Dr. Taylor

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:58 p.m. until Tuesday, April 18, 2000, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 18, 2000

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

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Lougheed, Hon. Member for Clover Bar-Fort Saskatchewan, presented a petition from 140 Albertans supporting the reinstatement of front license plates in Alberta.

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, presented a petition from 121 Albertans urging the Government to reinstate front license plates in Alberta.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from 63 Edmonton residents regarding the addition of newer and more effective medications and therapies to the Alberta drug list.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from 571 Albertans requesting the introduction of a Bill requiring a minimum of two people on shifts from dark to daylight.

Mr. Gibbons, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, presented a petition from 239 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mr. White, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, presented a petition from 245 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, presented a petition from 75 Edmonton residents supporting adequate funding for medicare and opposing private for-profit hospitals.

Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, presented a petition from 143 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, presented a petition from 280 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood, presented a petition from 276 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, presented a petition from 136 Edmonton residents urging the Legislative Assembly to reinvest in the public health care system rather than supporting private for-profit health care.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 531 Albertans requesting the introduction of a bill banning the establishment of private for-profit hospitals in Alberta to maintain the integrity of the public, universal health care system.

Reading and Receiving Petitions

On request by Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for 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 provide respective Regional Health Authorities with the flexibility necessary to provide the delivery of publicly funded, publicly administered overnight surgical services cost-effectively and efficiently through the contracting-out of such services if deemed necessary.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

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

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

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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 citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

On request by Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of the Province of Alberta, hereby petition the Legislative Assembly to pass a bill banning private for-profit hospitals in Alberta so that the integrity of the public, universal health care system may be maintained.

Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees

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

Mr. Speaker, the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills has had certain Bills under consideration and wishes to report as follows:

The Committee recommends that the following Private Bills proceed:

Bill Pr1 Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the Province of Alberta Repeal Act — Mr. Coutts

Bill Pr2 William Roper Hull Child and Family Services Amendment Act, 2000 — Mr. Stevens

Bill Pr4 Calgary Municipal Heritage Properties Authority Amendment Act, 2000 — Mrs. Laing

Bill Pr5 Calgary Foundation Act — Mrs. Burgener

Mr. Speaker, I request the concurrence of the Assembly in these recommendations.

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

Notices of Motions

Pursuant to Standing Order 34(2)(a), Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following Written Questions and Motions for Returns to be dealt with Wednesday, April 19, 2000:

Written Questions: WQ14, WQ15, WQ16.

Motions for Returns: MR29, MR31, MR32, MR36, MR37, MR38, MR42.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Dr. West, Acting Provincial Treasurer:

Response to Written Question WQ231 asked for by Mr. Sapers on December 8, 1999:

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?

Sessional Paper 649/2000

Response to Written Question WQ232 asked for by Mr. Sapers on December 8, 1999:

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?

Sessional Paper 650/2000

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

Letter, undated, from Norman Conner, Edmonton, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and letter dated April 10, 2000, from Reverend Janni Belgum, United Church of Canada, Calgary Presbytery, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health and Wellness, both expressing concerns regarding Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act

Sessional Paper 651/2000

2 letters dated February 8, 2000, from Jaana Wilkinson and Meagan Nishio, both of Canmore, expressing opposition to the Genesis Land Corporation development in the Spray Valley of Kananaskis Country

Sessional Paper 652/2000

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

Letter dated April 10, 2000, from Elsa Robinson, Edmonton, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to, and requesting the withdrawal of, Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act

Sessional Paper 653/2000

6 e-mail messages from Brighid McGarry, Carol Ward, Christina Arnold, Mima Cecchetti, Charlene Ball, and one unnamed, to Mr. Wickman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, expressing opposition to Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act

Sessional Paper 654/2000

E-mail message dated April 17, 2000, from John Zurawell, Edmonton, to Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, and Mr. Wickman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, with an attached letter from Mr. Zurawell to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act

Sessional Paper 655/2000

2 e-mail messages, both undated, from Andree-Ann Thivierge, Edmonton, and Keith Leal, Pincher Creek, to Members of the Legislative Assembly (MLAs) expressing opposition to Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act

Sessional Paper 656/2000

2 e-mail messages, both undated and unaddressed, from Eldred Stamp and Tom St. Clair, Calgary, expressing opposition to Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act

Sessional Paper 657/2000

List dated April 17, 2000, of names of 25 people who have called the office of Mr. Wickman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, expressing their opposition to Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act

Sessional Paper 658/2000

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

Letter, undated, from Meredith McKague, M.D., C.C.F.P., to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to, and concerns regarding Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act

Sessional Paper 659/2000

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

Letter dated April 17, 2000, from Mr. Dickson, Official Opposition House Leader, to Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, responding to Mr. Hancock's letter of April 13, 2000, expressing concerns about the 14 proposed Government amendments to Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act and the difficulty by the Official Opposition to introduce amendments because of the time it will take to dispose of the Government amendments, and questioning whether the Government will address certain issues regarding Bill 11

Sessional Paper 660/2000

3 letters dated February 8, 2000, from John MacLeod, Riley McGurk and Damian Martin-Lamartine, all of Canmore, expressing opposition to the Genesis Land Corporation development in the Spray Valley of Kananaskis Country

Sessional Paper 661/2000

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

E-mail message dated April 11, 2000, from Bob Blakey, Calgary, to Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, urging the Government to use its legislative powers to assist striking Calgary Herald workers in obtaining their first collective agreement

Sessional Paper 662/2000

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

Summary, dated March 2000, of meetings held between the Council of University Students (CAUS) and Members of the Legislative Assembly (MLAs) regarding tuition fees and loan arrangements, prepared by the Council of Alberta University Students

Sessional Paper 663/2000

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

Edmonton Journal article dated April 18, 2000, entitled "Government gave false impression Bill 11 backed by RNs, association says"

Sessional Paper 664/2000

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

Letter dated October 23, 1996, from Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, to Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health and Wellness, requesting a copy of the standard service delivery contract used by the 17 health regions, and attaching a letter dated January 23, 1995, from Hon. Mrs. McClellan, former Minister of Health, clarifying several aspects of the process for restructuring the delivery of laboratory services

Sessional Paper 665/2000

Flyer distributed at rallies held in Calgary and Edmonton on April 15, and 16, 2000, providing information on how to use the Internet to vote against Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act

Sessional Paper 666/2000

Further update of Government of Alberta web site document, undated, entitled "Bill 11 Debate Summary for April 11, 2000"

Sessional Paper 667/2000

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

21 letters to Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, Mrs. Gordon, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Stettler, and Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, from constituents of Edmonton-Riverview, expressing opposition to Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act

Sessional Paper 668/2000

Final report dated April 2000, entitled "Children and Youth in Care Review: Listen to Their Voices," prepared by The Saskatchewan Children's Advocate Office

Sessional Paper 669/2000

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

Letter dated February 22, 2000, from Peter J. Vermeulen, Calgary, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to the Genesis Land Development Corporation's proposed development of the Spray Lakes area in Kananaskis Country

Sessional Paper 670/2000

Letter dated February 22, 2000, from Clive M. Pyburn, Ph.D., Canmore, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing admiration for the Government's achievements regarding elimination of the deficit and paying down the debt, and expressing opposition to the Genesis Land Development Corporation's proposed development of the Spray Lakes area in Kananaskis Country

Sessional Paper 671/2000

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

2 letters dated March 7, 2000, from Steve Arthur, Calgary, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and March 2, 2000, from R. Bruce Green, Calgary, to Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, expressing opposition to the proposed terms of reference submitted by Genesis Land Development Corporation for a development in the Spray Valley area of Kananaskis Country, and urging the Government to include the public in an evaluation of the environmental, social, and economic consequences of any development in Spray Valley

Sessional Paper 672/2000

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

2 letters dated March 8, 2000, from Dicksie E. Helm, Red Deer, to Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, and March 6, 2000, from Martha McCallum, Canmore, expressing opposition to the Genesis Land Development Corporation's proposed development of the Spray Lakes area in Kananaskis Country

Sessional Paper 673/2000

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Letter dated April 5, 2000, from Nan Schuurmans, M.D., F.R.C.S.C., Obstetrician-Gynaecologist, Medical Director, Menopause Clinic; David A. Hanley, M.D., F.R.C.S.C., Endocrinologist, and Professor and Head, Division of Endocrinology, University of Calgary; John R. Mackay, M.D., F.R.C.S.C., A.B.I., Medical Oncologist, Cross Cancer Institute, and Associate Director, Breast Cancer International Research Group, University of Alberta; and Brian Wirzba, M.D., F.R.C.S.C., General Internist, Medical Director, Osteoporosis Clinic and Associate Clinical Professor, University of Alberta, to Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health and Wellness, expressing concerns regarding the lack of resources being dedicated to the treatment and prevention of osteoporosis, and requesting that the prescription drug raloxifene be added to the provincial drug plan

Sessional Paper 674/2000

Members' Statements

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood, made a statement regarding the peaceful protest of Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act, by approximately 500 Albertans on April 18, 2000, the importance of Members of the Legislative Assembly listening to their constituents, and the calm and professional manner in which the Legislative Assembly security and other staff carried out their duties during the demonstration.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

Second Reading

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

Bill 207 Provincial-Municipal Tax Sharing Calculation Act — Mrs. MacBeth

A debate followed.

During debate, Mr. Gibbons, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, tabled the following:

Document dated April 18, 2000, entitled "Setting the Record Straight on Bill 207: Provincial-Municipal Tax Sharing Calculation Act," reiterating excerpts of the debate on Bill 207

Sessional Paper 675/2000

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

Motions Other Than Government Motions

507. Moved by Ms Leibovici

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to further increase the number of beds and improve standards for long-term care facilities and home care services with regard to staffing ratios and levels of service to adequate levels, and ensure that Regional Health Authority boundaries do not become barriers to placement.

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

For the motion: 11

Blakeman	Massey	Sloan
Dickson	Olsen	Soetaert
Gibbons	Paul	White
Leibovici	Sapers	

Against the motion: 41

Broda	Hlady	Severtson
Burgener	Jacques	Shariff
Calahasen	Johnson	Smith
Cao	Klapstein	Stelmach
Coutts	Kryczka	Stevens
Ducharme	Laing	Strang
Fischer	Magnus	Tannas
Forsyth	Mar	Thurber
Friedel	Marz	Trynchy
Graham	McClellan	West
Haley	McFarland	Woloshyn
Hancock	Melchin	Yankowsky
Herard	Nelson	Zwozdesky
Hierath	Paszkowski	

508. Moved by Mr. Trynchy:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to examine the results of the study undertaken by the Provincial Auto Insurance Crown Corporation of Québec - Société d'Assurance Automobile du Québec (SAAQ) on the dangers of hand-held cellular telephone use by drivers of motor vehicles, and then consult with Albertans on whether and what restrictions should be imposed on the use of hand-held cell phones by operators of motor vehicles while driving.

A debate followed.

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

Private Bills

Second Reading

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

Bill Pr1 Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the Province of Alberta Repeal Act — Mr. Coutts

Bill Pr2 William Roper Hull Child and Family Services Amendment Act, 2000 — Mr. Stevens

Bill Pr4 Calgary Municipal Heritage Properties Authority Amendment Act, 2000 — Mrs. Laing

Bill Pr5 Calgary Foundation Act — Mrs. Burgener

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(3), at 5:30 p.m., the Committee recessed until 8:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 2000 — 8:00 P.M.

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

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 11 Health Care Protection Act — Hon. Mr. Jonson

After some time spent therein, Mr. Broda moved that the Committee rise and report progress. The question being put, the motion was agreed to. With Mrs. Gordon in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 33

Boutilier	Hierath	Paszkowski
Broda	Hlady	Severtson
Calahasen	Johnson	Shariff
Clegg	Jonson	Smith
Coutts	Kryczka	Stelmach
Doerksen	Laing	Stevens
Ducharme	Magnus	Strang
Evans	Mar	Thurber
Fischer	McClellan	Woloshyn
Forsyth	McFarland	Yankowsky
Hancock	Melchin	Zwozdesky

Against the motion: 12

Blakeman	Leibovici	Olsen
Bonner	MacBeth	Sapers
Carlson	MacDonald	Sloan
Dickson	Massey	White

The Acting Speaker assumed the Chair.

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 11 Health Care Protection Act — Hon. Mr. Jonson

Mr. Shariff, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by the Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 11 (Section A) (introduced by the Hon. Minister of Health and Wellness on April 12, 2000) — Debate adjourned

Sessional Paper 676/2000

Subamendment to the amendment to Bill 11 (Section A) introduced by the Hon. Minister of Health and Wellness on April 12, 2000 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark) — Debate adjourned

Sessional Paper 677/2000

Third Reading

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed.

Bill 2 First Nations Sacred Ceremonial Objects Repatriation Act — Hon. Ms Calahasen

Bill 4 Surveys Amendment Act, 2000 — Hon. Mr. Mar

Second Reading

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

Bill 20 Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 2000 — Hon. Mr. Hancock

A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:55 p.m. until Wednesday, April 19, 2000, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 19, 2000

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

Speaker's Statement

Honourable Members I would like to reiterate to each of you and to all Albertans what I said in the House on March 14, 2000. Audio proceedings of this particular Assembly are available on the Internet. Citizens may listen on the Legislative Assembly of Alberta web site at www.assembly.ab.ca. If you look at that page you will see a reference to "Live Audio" and when you click on it you will be able to hear the activities of this Assembly from any appropriately equipped computer in the world. Coverage normally begins at 1:30 p.m. on a daily basis and continues to the conclusion of each sitting day. In other words this is gavel to gavel coverage.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. McFarland, Hon. Member for Little Bow, presented a petition from 2,717 Albertans urging the Government to prevent a variety of health authorities from shutting down 24 hour emergency services at certain hospitals.

Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, presented a petition from 382 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 304 Albertans requesting the introduction of a bill banning the establishment of private for-profit hospitals in Alberta to maintain the integrity of the public, universal health care system.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from 280 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry, presented a petition from 109 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mr. White, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, presented a petition from 168 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, presented a petition from 267 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from 224 Hinton residents requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from 2,187 Albertans requesting the introduction of a Bill requiring a minimum of two people on shifts from dark to daylight.

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, presented a petition from 313 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, presented a petition from 218 Edmonton and area residents requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mr. Wickman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, presented a petition from 263 Edmonton and area residents requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, presented a petition from 224 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, presented a petition from 319 Ft. McMurray residents requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood, presented a petition from 188 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, presented a petition from 266 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Reading and Receiving Petitions

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

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to reinstate the front license plate on all vehicles registered in Alberta.

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

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Alberta Government to take an enlightened preventative approach and add the newer and more effective medications and therapies to the Alberta drug list to ensure the health of an aging society.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to introduce legislation requiring a minimum of two people on shifts from dark to daylight.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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On request by Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of the Province of Alberta, hereby petition the Legislative Assembly to pass a bill banning private for-profit hospitals in Alberta so that the integrity of the public, universal health care system may be maintained.

Notices of Motions

Point of Privilege

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, gave notice he would be raising a question of privilege before Orders of the Day on the issue of being denied entry into the Legislature Building on April 18, 2000, and thus prevented from being present in the Chamber while Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act, was under consideration.

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Responses to questions raised on March 20, 2000, Department of Justice and Attorney General, 2000-2001 Committee of Supply consideration
Sessional Paper 678/2000

Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health and Wellness:

“The President’s Letter” dated April 18, 2000, from David W. Bond, M.D., President, Alberta Medical Association, to a Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA), outlining its Board of Directors’ review of the Government’s proposed amendments to Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act, and its concerns about the Bill
Sessional Paper 679/2000

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

5 letters and 1 e-mail message from Lise Park, Edson, Wayne Sklarski, Calgary, Tim Belem, Westeros, Brad Braun, Calgary, Matthew Berezan, Edmonton, and Dan Hula, Grande Cache, to Members of the Legislative Assembly, all expressing their opposition to Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act
Sessional Paper 680/2000

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood:

3 letters dated February 22 and March 5, 2000, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to the Genesis Land Corporation development in the Spray Valley of Kananaskis Country

Sessional Paper 681/2000

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

Letter dated February 26, 2000, from Dr. Peter R. Winters, Professor Emeritus, Faculty of Business, University of Alberta, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to the Genesis Land Corporation development in the Spray Valley of Kananaskis Country

Sessional Paper 682/2000

Letter dated February 22, 2000, from Norma Stimpson, Canmore, to Annette Trimbee, Director of Environmental Assessment and Strategy Division, Alberta Environment, expressing concerns regarding the Genesis Land Corporation development in the Spray Valley of Kananaskis Country

Sessional Paper 683/2000

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

3 letters dated February 16, 2000, from Michael Brett, Edmonton, February 21, 2000, from Alison Kranias and Keith Etsell, Calgary, and March 2, 2000, from Sue Arlidge, Exshaw, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding the Genesis Land Corporation development in the Spray Valley of Kananaskis Country

Sessional Paper 684/2000

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Letter dated January 2, 2000, from Mary Trumpener, Edmonton, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, urging the Government to protect the 11 wilderness areas chosen for preservation by Alberta Wilderness for the Foothills on the basis of Government scientific assessments

Sessional Paper 685/2000

Letter dated March 28, 2000, signed by 26 residents of Strathcona County to Mr. Lougheed, Hon. Member for Clover Bar-Fort Saskatchewan, Vern Hartwell, Mayor of Strathcona County, Ken Epp, Member of Parliament, Elk Island, and M. Bruni, expressing strong objection to any seismic, oil, and gas activity in the County of Strathcona

Sessional Paper 686/2000

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

2 letters dated February 22, 2000, from Sharyn Honeywell, Calgary, and undated, from Theresa Wood, Spruce Grove, to Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, expressing opposition to the Genesis Land Corporation development in the Spray Valley of Kananaskis Country

Sessional Paper 687/2000

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

2 letters dated February 8, 2000, from David Owen and Kimberly Dudinsky, both of Canmore, and a letter dated March 18, 2000, from Sonya Biamonte, Edmonton, to Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, expressing opposition to the Genesis Land Corporation development in the Spray Valley of Kananaskis Country

Sessional Paper 688/2000

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

2 e-mail messages, both undated and unaddressed, from Scott G. Sugden and Lynn Koss, to Mr. Wickman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, and a letter, undated, from Marjorie Staples, Edmonton, to all Government Members of the Legislative Assembly, with an attached Edmonton Journal article dated February 15, 2000, expressing concerns and opposition to, and requesting the withdrawal of, Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act

Sessional Paper 689/2000

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

Letter dated February 27, 2000, from Paul McKendrick, Halifax, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and letter dated March 4, 2000, from Diana Sheprak, Calgary to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and Annette Trimbee, Director of Environmental Assessment and Strategy Division, Alberta Environment, expressing opposition to the Genesis Land Corporation development in the Spray Valley of Kananaskis Country

Sessional Paper 690/2000

Letter dated April 14, 2000, and associated attachment, from Nick J. Chamchuk, Edmonton, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, congratulating the Government on allowing soft lenses as standard medical supplies for cataract surgery, expressing concern about the proposed amendments to Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act, and advising that he has filed a complaint with Advertising Standards Canada regarding the full-page advertisement in the April 14, 2000 edition of the Edmonton Journal regarding Bill 11, citing the information to be false and misleading

Sessional Paper 691/2000

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

Letter dated April 19, 2000, from Mr. Dickson, Official Opposition House Leader, to Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, listing communication and access issues regarding the activities at the Legislative Assembly the evening of April 18, 2000, and urging the Speaker to take appropriate action to ensure remedial action prior to the evening Session on April 19, 2000

Sessional Paper 692/2000

Invoice showing the expenditure of \$50 by Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, on a one-quarter page advertisement in an unnamed January/February newsletter

Sessional Paper 693/2000

Partially completed checklist intended for Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, to update Government costs incurred promoting Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act

Sessional Paper 694/2000

Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Environment:

Responses to questions raised on March 13, 2000, Department of Environment, 2000-2001 Committee of Supply Subcommittee D consideration

Sessional Paper 695/2000

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Letter, undated, from Eugene E. Mondor, R.N., B.Sc.N., to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to the plans for privatization and creation of for-profit hospitals, and to Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act

Sessional Paper 696/2000

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

Public Inquiry Report to the Attorney General, dated March 27, 2000, regarding the death of Jordan Daniel Quinney

Sessional Paper 697/2000

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

Chart dated April 2000, entitled "Conflicting Interests at the Calgary Regional Health Authority," taken from "Clear Answers, The Economics and Politics of For-Profit Medicine," prepared by Kevin Taft and Gillian Steward

Sessional Paper 698/2000

Oral Question Period

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

Excerpts of a letter documenting events that occurred during the Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act rally in Calgary, April 15, 2000

Sessional Paper 699/2000

During Oral Question Period, Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, tabled the following:

Letter dated April 17, 2000, from Leo F. Klug, Ph.D., Chair, Catholic Health Association of Alberta and Affiliates (CHAAA), to Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health and Wellness, attaching a statement entitled "The Common Good - How Is It Best Served?", setting out concerns and questions regarding Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act

Sessional Paper 700/2000

Temporary Recess

The Speaker recessed the Assembly for the 30 minutes remaining in Oral Question Period.

Recognitions

Mr. Strang, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead: Edson Sabres midget hockey team on winning the Alberta provincial midget A championship held in Slave Lake March 24-26, 2000, coach Harold Switzer, and the assistant coaches, sponsors, parents, and fans for their support

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark: Honouring Passover which begins the night of April 19, 2000, and reading an excerpt from the Saturday Prayer book explaining the story of Exodus

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose: 105 students from Wetaskiwin Composite High School music groups, leaving April 19, 2000, to represent Canada in the Harrogate International Youth Music Festival in England

Mr. Wickman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford: McHappy Days, May 16, 2000, the proceeds of which are donated to two different charitable organizations, one of which is the Aaron Moser Foundation for Spinal Research

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona: Brian Staszewski, on being recognized by Time Magazine as a hero for the planet, for his founding of the Destination Conservation Program in 1987 which helps schools save energy, conserve water, and minimize waste production

Point of Privilege

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, raised a question of privilege under Standing Order 15 regarding being denied entry into the Legislature Building on April 18, 2000, and thus prevented from being present in the Chamber while Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act, was under consideration.

The Speaker heard from Hon. Mr. Hancock, Mrs. Fritz, Mrs. Burgener, Mr. Herard, Mr. Severtson, Mr. Dickson, Ms Kryczka, Mr. Magnus, Ms Olsen, and Mr. Pham.

The Speaker stated that he would rule on this issue in the near future.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Questions were accepted:

WQ14. Moved by Ms Leibovici:

What are the actual numbers of, and occupancy rates for, acute care beds serving the Calgary Regional Health Authority from April 1, 1992 to March 20, 2000?

WQ16. Moved by Ms Blakeman:

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

The following Written Question was accepted as amended:

WQ15. Moved by Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, on behalf of Ms Carlson:

How many bears were shot between April 1, 1998 to March 31, 1999 and April 1, 1999 to March 31, 2000 by private landowners and grazing leaseholders on Crown land, or by anyone acting on their behalf, and in how many cases did landowners or leaseholders call Alberta Environment to trap nuisance bears?

Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Environment, moved the motion be amended to read:

According to Alberta Environment records, how many bears were killed between April 1, 1998 to March 31, 1999 and April 1, 1999 to March 31, 2000 by private landowners and grazing leaseholders on Crown land, or by anyone acting on their behalf, and in how many cases did landowners or leaseholders call Alberta Environment to deal with nuisance bears?

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

WQ17, WQ18, WQ19, WQ20, WQ21.

Motions for Returns

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

MR29, MR31, MR32, MR33, MR34, MR35, MR36, MR37, MR38, MR39, MR40, MR41, MR42, MR43, MR44, MR45, MR46, MR47, MR48, MR49.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, it was agreed at 4:59 p.m. that when the Assembly reconvened at 8:00 p.m. it would be in Committee of the Whole and the Speaker left the Chair.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19, 2000— 8:00 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 11 Health Care Protection Act — Hon. Mr. Jonson

After some time spent therein, Mrs. Fritz moved that the Committee rise and report progress. The question being put, the motion was agreed to. With Mr. Tannas in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 27

Amery	Evans	Lougheed
Boutilier	Fritz	Marz
Calahasen	Hancock	McFarland
Cao	Herard	Nelson
Cardinal	Jacques	Renner
Clegg	Johnson	Severtson
Coutts	Jonson	Shariff
Doerksen	Klapstein	Tarchuk
Dunford	Langevin	Taylor

Against the motion: 10

Blakeman	MacBeth	Sloan
Carlson	Olsen	Soetaert
Dickson	Sapers	Smith
Leibovici		

The Deputy Speaker assumed the Chair.

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 11 Health Care Protection Act — Hon. Mr. Jonson

Mr. Shariff, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of an amendment considered by the Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Subamendment to the amendment to Bill 11 (Section A) introduced by the Hon. Minister of Health and Wellness on April 12, 2000 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark) — Debate adjourned

Sessional Paper 701/2000

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 12:08 a.m. Thursday, April 20, 2000, until 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 20, 2000

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

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Broda, Hon. Member for Redwater, presented a petition from 70 Albertans urging the Government to reinstate front license plates on all vehicles in Alberta.

Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, presented a petition from 272 Edmonton and area residents requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, on behalf of Mr. White, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, presented a petition from 276 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, presented a petition from 274 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, presented a petition from 281 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, presented a petition from 119 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mr. Wickman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, presented a petition from 269 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from 235 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, presented a petition from 265 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, presented a petition from 219 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry, presented a petition from 255 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, presented a petition from 1,800 Banff, Canmore, and Calgary residents urging the Government to maintain Kananaskis in a natural state, deny development approval to any intensive recreational developments, and create a wildland provincial park.

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, presented a petition from 276 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood, presented a petition from 276 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from 218 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, presented a petition from 133 Calgary residents requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

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Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 1,020 Albertans requesting the introduction of a bill banning the establishment of private for-profit hospitals in Alberta to maintain the integrity of the public, universal health care system.

Reading and Receiving Petitions

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Ms Calahasen, Associate Minister of Aboriginal Affairs:

Métis Settlements Appeal Tribunal (MSAT), Annual Report 1999
Sessional Paper 702/2000

Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment:

Memorandum dated April 20, 2000, from Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment, to all Members of the Legislative Assembly, recognizing April 28, 2000 as Alberta's National Day of Mourning and the fifth National Day of Mourning

Sessional Paper 703/2000

Technology Professionals in Alberta, Annual Report 1999

Sessional Paper 704/2000

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of International and Intergovernmental Relations:

Responses to questions raised on March 22, 2000, by Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, during Department of International and Intergovernmental Relations, 2000-2001 Committee of Supply consideration

Sessional Paper 705/2000

Responses to questions raised on March 22, 2000, by Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, during Department of International and Intergovernmental Relations, 2000-2001 Committee of Supply consideration

Sessional Paper 706/2000

Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Minister of Infrastructure:

Lease and sale documents, and environmental assessment reports relating to the sale of Gainers property, Edmonton

Sessional Paper 707/2000

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

Document, undated, containing statements regarding Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act, prepared by Hannah Noerenberg

Sessional Paper 708/2000

E-mail message dated April 19, 2000, from Dennis Rusinak to Alberta Health Information e-mail address requesting the withdrawal of Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act

Sessional Paper 709/2000

Letter dated April 12, 2000, from Ted Knowler, Calgary, to all concerned, expressing concerns with the medicare system

Sessional Paper 710/2000

E-mail message dated April 17, 2000, from Robert Lee, M.D., Calgary, to the Alberta Liberal Caucus, expressing support for the Liberal opposition to Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act, with attached letter dated April 17, 2000, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, urging the withdrawal of Bill 11

Sessional Paper 711/2000

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

2 letters dated October 21, 1999, from Amanda Vollmer and David Greenshield, both of Lethbridge, expressing concerns regarding the clear cut logging of old growth and ancient forest in the Snowshoe Creek area of southern Alberta

Sessional Paper 712/2000

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Letter dated December 16, 1999, from Monika Shaefer, Chair, Jasper Environmental Association, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to the Government decision to allow toxic wastes to be imported into Alberta for treatment at the Swan Hills waste treatment facility

Sessional Paper 713/2000

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

E-mail message dated April 19, 2000, from Elke Blodgett, St. Albert, to Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert, expressing concern about the way she was treated when she attended the Legislature to listen to Committee of the Whole consideration of Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act

Sessional Paper 714/2000

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

Letter dated April 17, 2000, from Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, to Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health and Wellness, setting out questions that remain outstanding from the Department of Health and Wellness, 2000-2001, Committee of Supply consideration

Sessional Paper 715/2000

Report dated October 1999, entitled "Standards for Non-hospital Surgical Facilities," prepared by the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta

Sessional Paper 716/2000

Grande Prairie Daily Herald Tribune advertisement dated April 8, 2000 entitled "For Rent - Operating Room"

Sessional Paper 717/2000

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

Edmonton City Council motion dated April 11, 2000, stating that the Mayor of the City of Edmonton will write a letter to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding and urging the withdrawal of Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act

Sessional Paper 718/2000

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

Letter dated April 17, 2000, with associated attachment, from Sian M.E. Barraclough to Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, expressing concern regarding the provincial health care system

Sessional Paper 719/2000

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

3 letters, one undated, from L. Sifton, Calgary, and dated February 8, 2000, from Shirley Mushy and Lena Shellian, both of Canmore, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding the Genesis Land Development Corporation's plan to develop the Spray Lakes area of Kananaskis Country

Sessional Paper 720/2000

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, made a statement regarding the shooting at the W.R. Myers High School in Taber on April 28, 1999, resulting in the death of 17 year old Jason Lang, commenting that one year later we are still trying to understand and come to terms with this tragedy, and suggesting that Albertans come together to improve the quality of life for all, especially our children.

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, commented on the statement.

Oral Question Period

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

Excerpts of statements made by Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, former Minister of Health, regarding access and waiting lists for surgery

Sessional Paper 721/2000

Web page of the Alberta Liberal Caucus dated April 13, 2000, entitled "Fighting for Public Health Care," outlining the Liberal Caucus opposition to Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act

Sessional Paper 722/2000

Members' Statements

Mr. Broda, Hon. Member for Redwater, made a statement regarding National Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness Week, April 23-30, 2000, the need for organ donation, and one critical reason for the high need often being the family's unawareness of the wishes of a potential organ donor.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, made a statement regarding the recent Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act protest rallies.

Mr. Hierath, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner, made a statement regarding the shooting at the W.R. Myers High School in Taber on April 28, 1999, resulting in the death of 17 year old Jason Lang, the anniversary of the shooting, which was marked by a memorial service held April 18, 2000 in Taber, and the contributions of certain individuals who provided support and counselling for the students and staff at the time of the shooting.

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 1 to May 5, 2000:

Monday, May 1	Aft.	- Government Bills and Orders
		Second Reading
		Bill 13, 14, 15
		Committee of the Whole
		Bill 3, 7, 11
		And as per Order Paper
	Eve.	- Government Bills and Orders
		Second Reading
		Bill 16, 17, 18, 19
		Committee of the Whole
		Bill 11
		And as per Order Paper

- Tuesday, May 2 (4:30) - **Government Bills and Orders**
Second Reading
 Bill 22, 23
Committee of the Whole
 Bill 11
 And as per Order Paper
- Eve. - **Government Bills and Orders**
Second Reading
 Bill 22, 23, 20
Committee of the Whole
 Bill 11
 And as per Order Paper
- Wednesday, May 3 Eve.. - **Government Bills and Orders**
Committee of the Whole
 Bill 10, 13, 14, 15, 11
 And as per Order Paper
- Thursday, May 4 Aft. - **Government Bills and Orders**
Second Reading
 Bill 20, 23
Third Reading
 Bill 5
 And as per Order Paper

Point of Privilege

The Speaker made the following ruling:

Yesterday, April 19th, the Leader of the Third Party rose on a purported question of privilege under Standing Order 15. The Chair would note that proper notice of this matter was provided in accordance with Standing Order 15(2). The purported question of privilege concerns the ability of the Member to access the Legislature Building on the evening of Tuesday, April 18th.

At the outset, the Chair would like to state that there is no doubt that Tuesday night was an out of the ordinary incident in the history of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Alberta. The Chair would also like to emphasize to all Members that obstructing a Member from attending the House is a very grave matter and in most circumstances would give rise to a prima facie case of privilege. The Chair wants to assure all Members that this matter is taken very very seriously. The events on Tuesday night and the week in general, bring to the forefront some of the most fundamental issues in a parliamentary democracy. It is fundamental...fundamental to any parliament based on the Westminster model that Members have access to the Assembly.

To emphasize this principle the Chair wants to quote from page 176 of Joseph Maingot's text, *Parliamentary Privilege in Canada* [2nd edition]:

No impediment should be placed on the Member in going about his or her parliamentary business, whether in the House, on his or her way to the House, or while on his or her way home. On the contrary, Members are 'to have free and unimpeded access to the Parliament buildings'.

The Assembly is the forum where democratically elected Members represent the views of their constituents. No function is more sacred. In order for a Member to discharge his or her parliamentary duties, that Member should not be obstructed or intimidated in speaking or attending. Several members indicated during yesterday's discussion on the purported question of privilege that they felt intimidated by the demonstrations in the Building on Monday night. While there were no violent confrontations that night, it could have deteriorated into a most regrettable situation. Those events on Monday night led to the implementation of Tuesday's security measures in order to protect the ability of Members to represent the views of their constituents. However, as the Minister of Justice and Attorney General intimated, events unfolded rather quickly and the security service had to put a program in place quickly without knowing what circumstances would be encountered.

The Honourable Leader of the Third Party was aware of the general approach on Tuesday afternoon at the House Leaders' meeting in the Speaker's Office. As the Chair emphasized yesterday, it is most regrettable that the Member was not advised of the specifics of the security measures but it seems clear that other Members were escorted in or went through the pedway to gain access to the Building. The Honourable Member volunteered that he did not have his security card with him.

The Chair would also like to point out to Members that it is a well accepted principle that the members of the public, as opposed to Members, do not have access to Legislative Assemblies as of a right. This principle was established in 1904 in the Supreme Court of Canada's decision in *Payson v. Hubert*. It is very interesting that a case from Nova Scotia that was decided just before Alberta became a province could have so much relevance to the life of a Legislature in the next millennium. Mr. Justice Davies said this at pages 212-13:

The true rule which must guide the Speaker and the offices of the House in the exercise of their duty of preserving order and decorum is, in my judgment, that the public have access to the Legislative Chamber and to the precincts of the House as a matter of privilege only, and under either express or tacit license, which can at any time be withdrawn or revoked when in the interest of order and decorum it is judged to be necessary.

This 1904 case was referred to and cited with approval by the majority of the Supreme Court of Canada in their 1993 decision in *New Brunswick Broadcasting v. Speaker of the Nova Scotia Assembly* which established that the inherent privileges of Assemblies enjoy constitutional status. One of those privileges is the ability to exclude strangers.

Of course, and the Chair wants to stress, that the Legislative Assembly of Alberta has attempted to ensure the greatest possible access to the galleries consistent with the security of Members, staff and the preservation of order.

It is most regrettable that the Member was delayed in attending the Assembly on Tuesday evening. In the Chair's view, a delay in accessing the Building does not constitute a denial especially in this case where the Member indicated that he was without his security card and he did not point to anyone who specifically denied him access. Accordingly, there is no prima facie question of privilege. The Chair would note that in the Canadian House of Commons on May 25, 1970, Speaker Lamoureux found that a delay in accessing the Parliament Buildings did not give rise to a prima facie question of privilege.

The Chair certainly wants to encourage a practice of giving all Members adequate notice of any security measures in a timely fashion so that this matter does not arise again. The Sergeant-at-Arms has worked closely with Justice staff to ensure that Members have access to the building while preserving the safety of Members and staff and that procedure and process will be continued.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 21 Appropriation Act, 2000 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Day

Second Reading

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

Bill 13 Energy Statutes Amendment Act, 2000 — Mr. Hlady

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

Bill 14 Alberta Treasury Branches Amendment Act, 2000 — Hon. Mr. Day

A debate followed.

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

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

Bill 15 Business Corporations Amendment Act, 2000 — Mr. Melchin

A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

Pursuant to Motion No. 7 agreed to by the Assembly on March 7, 2000, and on motion by Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Acting Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 4:02 p.m. until Monday, May 1, 2000, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, May 1, 2000

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. Al Hiebert, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, 1979 to 1986, who passed away on April 23, 2000.

A moment of silence was also observed in recognition of the National Day of Mourning, April 28, 2000, for persons killed or injured in the workplace.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Gibbons, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, presented a petition from 218 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry, presented a petition from 211 Calgary residents requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, presented a petition from 221 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, presented a petition from 213 Calgary residents requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Dr. Nicol, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, presented a petition from 3,255 Albertans requesting the introduction of a Bill requiring a minimum of two people on shifts from dark to daylight.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 1,038 Albertans requesting the introduction of a bill banning the establishment of private for-profit hospitals in Alberta to maintain the integrity of the public, universal health care system.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 56 Albertans requesting that the Government use its legislative powers to help resolve the labour dispute at the Calgary Herald.

Reading and Receiving Petitions

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

On request by Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to introduce legislation requiring a minimum of two people on shifts from dark to daylight.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

On request by Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of the Province of Alberta, hereby petition the Legislative Assembly to pass a bill banning private for-profit hospitals in Alberta so that the integrity of the public, universal health care system may be maintained.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

Notices of Motions

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

Be it resolved that further consideration of any or all of the resolutions, clauses, sections or titles of Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act, shall, when called, be the first business of the Committee and shall not be further postponed.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment:

Letter dated April 7, 2000, from Mike Kolinatycki, Director, Employment Standards, Human Resources and Employment, to Employers of Employees in the Restaurant/Hospitality Industry, attaching a poster entitled "Employment Standards for Employees and Employers in the Restaurant/Hospitality Industry"
Sessional Paper 723/2000

Responses to questions raised on March 21, 2000, during the Department of Human Resources and Employment, 2000-2001 Committee of Supply consideration
Sessional Paper 724/2000

Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning:

Letter dated April 18, 2000, from Robert R. Blakely, President, Alberta Building Trades Council, to Shirley Dul, Executive Director, Apprenticeship and Industry Training, Alberta Learning, expressing support for Bill 23, Apprenticeship and Industry Training Amendment Act, 2000
Sessional Paper 725/2000

Letter dated March 29, 2000, from R. Neil Tidsbury, President, Construction Labour Relations, to Shirley Dul, Executive Director, Apprenticeship and Industry Training, Alberta Learning, expressing support for Bill 23, Apprenticeship and Industry Training Amendment Act, 2000

Sessional Paper 726/2000

Letter dated April 18, 2000, from Stephen Kushner, President, Merit Contractors Association, to Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, expressing support for Bill 23, Apprenticeship and Industry Training Amendment Act, 2000

Sessional Paper 727/2000

Letter dated April 14, 2000, from Sharon Copithorne, Executive Director, Alberta Construction Association, to Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, expressing support for Bill 23, Apprenticeship and Industry Training Amendment Act, 2000

Sessional Paper 728/2000

Letter dated March 27, 2000, from W.D. (Bill) Watkin, President, Motor Dealers' Association of Alberta, to Shirley Dul, Executive Director, Apprenticeship and Industry Training, Alberta Learning, expressing support for Bill 23, Apprenticeship and Industry Training Amendment Act, 2000

Sessional Paper 729/2000

Letter dated April 12, 2000, from Doug Ferris, President, Construction Owners Association of Alberta, to Shirley Dul, Executive Director, Apprenticeship and Industry Training, Alberta Learning, expressing support for Bill 23, Apprenticeship and Industry Training Amendment Act, 2000

Sessional Paper 730/2000

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Letter dated February 8, 2000, and 2 letters dated March 5, 2000, from Allison Burstin, Canmore, and Barbara Hardt and Kristin Kiml, both of Calgary, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to the Genesis Land Corporation development in the Spray Valley of Kananaskis

Sessional Paper 731/2000

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Letter dated April 20, 2000, from Kyle Franz, Edmonton, to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, supporting Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act

Sessional Paper 732/2000

Premiere issue of newsletter entitled "The Thorn," Volume I, Number 1, Spring 2000, Volunteer Community Newsletter

Sessional Paper 733/2000

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

Letter dated April 30, 2000, from Sheila Hogan, Stephen Hogan, Laurie Lang, and Maureen Adachi, all psychiatric nurses from Edmonton, to Mr. Gibbons, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, expressing concerns regarding, and requesting the withdrawal of, Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act

Sessional Paper 734/2000

Program from the 2000 Rotary Integrity Awards held on April 27, 2000, recognizing Edmonton and area citizens for their contributions to business and community

Sessional Paper 735/2000

Program from "Together 2000," a reunion of the North Edmonton Public and St. Francis Catholic Schools, held on April 29 and 30, 2000

Sessional Paper 736/2000

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

Letter dated April 18, 2000, from Robert R. Blakely, President, Alberta Building Trades Council, to Shirley Dul, Executive Director, Apprenticeship and Industry Training, Alberta Learning, expressing support for Bill 23, Apprenticeship and Industry Training Amendment Act, 2000

Sessional Paper 737/2000

E-mail message dated April 17, 2000, from Joanne Ramondt, striking Calgary Herald worker, to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, urging the Government to use its legislative powers to assist striking Calgary Herald workers in obtaining their first collective agreement

Sessional Paper 738/2000

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

2 documents, undated, entitled "Health Care Facts" listing several health related statistics from 1991/92 to 1998/99, and "CEO and Executive Salaries by Regional Health Authority" summarizing total salaries, benefits and allowances from 1998/99

Sessional Paper 739/2000

First Annual Report (2000) of the Canadian Institute for Health Information, Ottawa

Sessional Paper 740/2000

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

2 web pages from the voteAlberta.org Bill 11 web site, showing the voting status on April 24 and April 30, 2000

Sessional Paper 741/2000

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

Report dated August 16, 1995, entitled "Medicare is Killing Us - Patient Choice in a Re-engineered Health Care System," prepared by Dennis L. Modry, M.D.
Sessional Paper 742/2000

Statement dated March 30, 2000, entitled "Is Bill 11 Good for Albertans?" prepared by the Interfaith Coalition on Justice in the Workplace
Sessional Paper 743/2000

Report dated April 20, 2000, entitled "Canadians and Albertans Speak on Alberta's Bill 11," prepared by the Angus Reid Group, Inc.
Sessional Paper 744/2000

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

E-mail message, undated, from Kenman Gan to a Member of the Legislative Assembly, expressing his concern about the lack of Government attention to osteoporosis
Sessional Paper 745/2000

9 e-mail messages and 1 letter from M.V. Boisvert, Barbara Baker, Keith and Eileen Leal, Brent Jeffery, Joseph A. Buijs, Dorothea Theilmann, Noel Somerville, Linda Cheu, James Fleckenstein, and Iqbal Lakhani, to Members of the Legislative Assembly and Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act
Sessional Paper 746/2000

3 letters, dated April 25, 2000, April 19, 2000, and one undated and with attachments, from Len Douziech, Steve Virag, and Ed Parks, all of Edmonton, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health and Wellness, and Mr. Wickman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, expressing opposition to the proposal of allowing Regional Health Authorities to enter into contractual arrangements with private for-profit hospitals
Sessional Paper 747/2000

Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Document entitled "Eulogy for the Burial of Bill 11" prepared by Brenda D. Corney, R.N., and delivered by Reverend Gordon Cunningham at a mock burial service in Ponoka on April 28, 2000
Sessional Paper 748/2000

Document dated May 1, 2000, listing private health care sector contributions, individual and corporate, to the Progressive Conservative Party of Alberta, 1993-1999
Sessional Paper 749/2000

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

E-mail message dated May 1, 2000, from Carol and Murray Roy, Camrose, to Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, and Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, expressing concerns about a public meeting regarding Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act, held in Camrose on April 9, 2000, arranged by Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose

Sessional Paper 750/2000

Letter dated April 29, 2000, from Con Duemler, Edmonton, to Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health and Wellness, expressing opposition to, and asking questions about Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act

Sessional Paper 751/2000

List of names of 96 Albertans expressing their opposition to private for-profit health care

Sessional Paper 752/2000

List of names of 13 Albertans expressing their opposition to private for-profit health care

Sessional Paper 753/2000

Calgary Regional Health Authority Regional Policy on Personal Conflict of Interest (Medical Officers) dated January 2000

Sessional Paper 754/2000

Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health and Wellness:

Alberta Dental Hygienists' Association (ADHA) Annual Report for the Year Ending October 31, 1999

Sessional Paper 755/2000

Oral Question Period

During Oral Question Period, Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, tabled the following:

Partially completed checklist intended for Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, to update Government costs incurred promoting Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act

Sessional Paper 756/2000

Recognitions

Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert: St. Albert Public Library on being awarded the Alberta Library Trustees Association creative library public service award, for the Library's efforts in creating an Internet training program and a book club for Seniors

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre: Library Week, May 1-7, 2000, celebrating our libraries, and thanking all library staff for their service to the community

Mr. Boutilier, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray: Fort McMurray Oil Barons, of the Alberta Junior Hockey League, on winning the Doyle Cup and Pacific Championship on April 30, 2000, earning them an opportunity to play in the National Junior Hockey Championships to be held in Fort McMurray May 5-14, 2000

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie: Earth Day, April 30, 2000, and urging the Government of Alberta to return to the vision that originally inspired the special places program

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry: 55th Anniversary of the liberation of Holland by Canadian soldiers from the Lord Strathcona's Horse regiment in the Second World War, April 19, 1945, and a memorial by the people of Nunspeet, Holland, honouring our veterans, that has been placed next to the town hall where the liberation treaty was signed

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 18 Alberta Personal Income Tax Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Day

A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

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

MONDAY, MAY 1, 2000 — 8:00 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 18 Alberta Personal Income Tax Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Day

A debate followed.

Mr. Magnus moved adjournment of debate, which was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:00 p.m. until Tuesday, May 2, 2000, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 2, 2000

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

Speaker's Statement

Honourable Members, tomorrow morning at 10:30 a.m. on the steps of the main entrance to the Legislature Building a ceremony will take place to commemorate the repatriation and interment of the remains of an unknown Canadian soldier who is to represent Canada's war dead and those who have died in the service of peace.

A small quantity of soil taken from the North, South, East, and West of the Alberta Legislature grounds will be deposited on the grave at the interment of the remains in Ottawa. This action is intended to signify that the province's contribution in war was drawn from all corners of our province. Alberta's soil will be delivered by a Royal Canadian Legion representative.

All provinces have been asked to participate in this project which will be completed in a ceremony to take place in Ottawa May 28, 2000.

I invite you all to join us for this important event tomorrow morning.

Presenting Petitions

Mrs. Tarchuk, Hon. Member for Banff-Cochrane, presented a petition from 20 Banff, Cochrane, and Harvie Heights residents requesting the introduction of a bill banning the establishment of private for-profit hospitals in Alberta to maintain the integrity of the public, universal health care system.

Mr. Trynchy, Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne, presented a petition from 205 Albertans supporting the reinstatement of front licence plates on all vehicles registered in Alberta.

Mr. Fischer, Hon. Member for Wainwright, presented a petition from 179 Wainwright residents supporting the reinstatement of front licence plates on all vehicles registered in Alberta.

Mr. Coutts, Hon. Member for Livingstone-Macleod, presented a petition from 79 Westlock and Barrhead residents supporting the reinstatement of front licence plates on all vehicles registered in Alberta.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from 221 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, presented a petition from 220 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, presented a petition from 444 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, presented a petition from 157 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry, presented a petition from 219 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mr. Gibbons, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, presented a petition from 187 Edmonton and area residents requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood, presented a petition from 82 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from 221 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, presented a petition from 237 Calgary residents requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, presented a petition from 211 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, presented a petition from 185 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, presented a petition from 306 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, presented a petition from 220 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mr. Wickman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, presented a petition from 202 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 302 Albertans requesting the introduction of a bill banning the establishment of private for-profit hospitals in Alberta to maintain the integrity of the public, universal health care system.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 40 Albertans requesting that the Government use its legislative powers to help resolve the labour dispute at the Calgary Herald.

Reading and Receiving Petitions

On request by Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of the Province of Alberta, hereby petition the Legislative Assembly to pass a bill banning private for-profit hospitals in Alberta so that the integrity of the public, universal health care system may be maintained.

On request by Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned, ask the Assembly to petition the Government to use its legislative powers to help resolve the labour dispute at the Calgary Herald.

On request by Mr. Sapers, on behalf of Mr. White, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees

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

Mr. Speaker, the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills has had certain Bills under consideration and wishes to report as follows:

The Committee recommends that the following Private Bill proceed:

Bill Pr3 Westcastle Development Authority Repeal Act — Mr. Coutts

Mr. Speaker, I request the concurrence of the Assembly in this recommendation.

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

Notices of Motions

Pursuant to Standing Order 34(2)(a), Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following Written Questions and Motions for Returns to be dealt with Wednesday, May 3, 2000:

Written Questions: WQ17, WQ18, WQ19, WQ20.

Motions for Returns: MR29, MR31, MR32, MR36, MR37, MR38, MR41, MR42, MR43, MR46.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Dr. West, Acting Provincial Treasurer, pursuant to the Insurance Act, cI-5, s344(2):

Automobile Insurance Board, Annual Report for the Year Ending December 31, 1999

Sessional Paper 757/2000

Mr. Lougheed, Hon. Member for Clover Bar-Fort Saskatchewan:

6 letters, dated from February 22, 2000 to April 4, 2000, from D.N. McDermid, Assistant Commissioner, RCMP (Royal Canadian Mounted Police) "K" Division Commanding Officer; B. Wasylshen, Acting Chief of Police, Edmonton Police Service; M.L. Chalmers, Chief of Police, Camrose Police Service; J.D. LaFlamme, Chief of Police, Lethbridge Police Service; D.G. Kylo, Chief of Police, Medicine Hat Police Service; and Christine E. Silverberg, Chief of Police, Calgary Police Service, to Clarke Steele, Provincial Coordinator, Alberta Provincial Crime Watch, all expressing their support for Motion 509, and urging the Government to reinstate the requirement to display front licence plates on all vehicles registered in the province

Sessional Paper 758/2000

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

5 proposed subamendments to Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act, which Dr. Pannu will not be able to introduce in Committee of the Whole debate due to the Government's motion for closure

Sessional Paper 759/2000

3 letters dated April 26, 2000, from Gaye McVean, Calgary, to Mr. Hlady, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, April 27, 2000, from J.H. Uttley, Edmonton, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and April 27, 2000, from Brian Kosinski, Didsbury, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, all expressing opposition to Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act

Sessional Paper 760/2000

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

2 e-mail messages dated April 29, 2000, from Duane Dawson, Calgary, to Members of the Legislative Assembly, and May 2, 2000, from Stephen Lamoureux, Edmonton, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, both expressing opposition to Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act

Sessional Paper 761/2000

Letter dated May 1, 2000, from Jessica Chapman, unaddressed, expressing opposition to plans for privatization and for-profit hospitals in the health care system

Sessional Paper 762/2000

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

Letter dated March 12, 2000, from Brian L. Fish, Edmonton, to Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, expressing concerns regarding, and requesting the withdrawal of, Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act, and expressing concerns regarding the Gimbel Eye Clinic and the Canada Health Act, with an attached response from Hon. Mr. Hancock to Mr. Fish dated March 22, 2000, addressing his concerns

Sessional Paper 763/2000

4 e-mail messages and 3 letters, dated from March 17, 2000 to April 4, 2000, from Lydia Cristini, Marie Walker, Paul Kohl, Cairine MacDonald, Susan Scott, and Bonnie Anderson, all of Edmonton, and John Lindeman, St. Albert, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health and Wellness, and Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, all expressing opposition to Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act

Sessional Paper 764/2000

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

Letter dated April 10, 2000, from Janet Boulton, Edmonton, to Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, expressing opposition to Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act

Sessional Paper 765/2000

Letter dated April 17, 2000, from Carol Vander Well, Edmonton, to Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, expressing concerns regarding, and opposition to, Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act

Sessional Paper 766/2000

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

Letter dated May 2, 2000, from Mr. Dickson, Official Opposition House Leader, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding statements made by the Premier during Oral Question Period on May 1, 2000

Sessional Paper 767/2000

Receipt showing the expenditure of \$21.19 by Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, for refreshments for a Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act focus group held on April 26, 2000

Sessional Paper 768/2000

Document dated May 2, 2000, entitled "Update: Cost-Benefit Analysis of Opposition and Support for 'Klein's Private Hospitals' (Bill 11)," comparing poll results and expense statistics for Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and the Official Opposition

Sessional Paper 769/2000

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

Information pamphlet from a conference entitled "Confronting Poverty... Making a Difference" to be held in Medicine Hat on May 5 and 6, 2000

Sessional Paper 770/2000

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

Pamphlet dated April 2000, listing 4 songs sung by persons attending the rally held at the Alberta Legislature protesting Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act, on the evening of May 1, 2000

Sessional Paper 771/2000

Letter dated April 19, 2000, from Bill Smith, Mayor, City of Edmonton, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, stating that a motion had been passed by Edmonton City Council at its meeting of April 11, 2000, indicating grave concerns regarding, and requesting the withdrawal of, Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act

Sessional Paper 772/2000

E-mail message dated April 14, 2000, from Vernon and Madeline White to Marilyn Hart, Secretary, Alberta Liberal Caucus, expressing concern over having to pay for a 24-hour blood pressure cuff

Sessional Paper 773/2000

E-mail message from William Dascavich, Lee Kitlarchuk, Francina Lazarovich, and Reverend Robert Seal, to Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Minister of Infrastructure, asking for answers to questions regarding Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act
Sessional Paper 774/2000

E-mail message dated April 20, 2000, from Ross Gould, Calgary, to Mr. Melchin, Hon. Member for Calgary-North West, asking for answers to questions regarding Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act
Sessional Paper 775/2000

Letter, undated, from Harold Moore, Fairview, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding donations made to the Progressive Conservative Party
Sessional Paper 776/2000

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Information brochure entitled "A Study of the Socio-Cultural Factors Affecting TB (Tuberculosis) Treatment and Prevention in Immigrant and Aboriginal Populations in Alberta, Canada," prepared by the Departments of Human Ecology, Family Medicine, and the Capital Health TB Clinic, University of Alberta
Sessional Paper 777/2000

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

E-mail message dated April 14, 2000, from Gina Duff, striking Calgary Herald worker, to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, urging the Government to use its legislative powers to assist striking Calgary Herald workers in obtaining their first collective agreement
Sessional Paper 778/2000

Document, undated, entitled "The Ralph Klein/Bill 11 Top 10 Movie List" provided by citizens gathered at the Alberta Legislature to protest Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act
Sessional Paper 779/2000

Members' Statements

Mr. Magnus, Hon. Member for Calgary-North Hill, made a statement regarding Holocaust Remembrance Day, May 2, 2000, a day to remember the senseless and systematic annihilation of 6 million innocent European Jews and millions of others during the holocaust of World War II.

Mr. Gibbons, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, made a statement regarding the 49th Anniversary of Mental Health Week in Canada, May 1-7, 2000, focussing this year on workplace stress and the importance of community mental health services.

Ms Kryczka, Hon. Member for Calgary-West, made a statement regarding Charissa Tomczak, a grade 10 Calgary-West student who participated in Mr. Speaker's Youth Parliament, April 13 and 14, 2000, 7 young constituents who were nominated for the Alberta Government's first Great Kids awards, and 19 young athletes and 2 coaches from Calgary-West who competed in the 2000 Alberta Winter Games.

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 206 School (Students' Code of Conduct) Amendment Act, 2000 — Mr. Coutts

Motions Other Than Government Motions

508. Moved by Mr. Trynchy:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to examine the results of the study undertaken by the Provincial Auto Insurance Crown Corporation of Québec - Société d'Assurance Automobile du Québec (SAAQ) on the dangers of hand-held cellular telephone use by drivers of motor vehicles, and then consult with Albertans on whether and what restrictions should be imposed on the use of hand-held cell phones by operators of motor vehicles while driving.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

509. Moved by Mr. Lougheed:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to reinstate the requirement to display front licence plates on all vehicles registered in the province.

Mr. Tannas, Hon. Member for Highwood, moved the motion be amended by adding the following after “province”:

“in conjunction with a licence plate re-issue”

Debate continued on the amendment.

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

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 23 Apprenticeship and Industry Training Amendment Act, 2000 — Hon. Mrs. McClellan on behalf of Hon. Dr. Oberg

A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

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

TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2000 — 8:00 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 18 Alberta Personal Income Tax Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Day

A debate followed.

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, moved that the motion be amended by striking out all of the words after “That” and substituting the following:

Bill 18, Alberta Personal Income Tax Act, be not now read a Second time because the Assembly believes that as a result of the tax reduction measures announced in the 2000 Federal budget the Bill would not ensure that all Alberta taxpayers receive a fair tax reduction.

Debate continued on the amendment.

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

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

Bill 23 Apprenticeship and Industry Training Amendment Act, 2000 — Hon. Dr. Oberg

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)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 11 Health Care Protection Act - Hon. Mr. Jonson

17. Oral notice having been given on Monday, May 1, 2000, 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 11, Health Care Protection Act, shall, when called, be the first business of the Committee and shall not be further postponed.

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

For the motion: 39

Boutilier	Herard	Nelson
Broda	Hierath	O'Neill
Cao	Hlady	Paszkowski
Clegg	Jacques	Pham
Doerksen	Jonson	Renner
Dunford	Klapstein	Severtson
Evans	Klein	Smith
Forsyth	Langevin	Stelmach
Friedel	Lougheed	Tarchuk
Fritz	Magnus	Taylor
Graham	Marz	West
Haley	McClellan	Woloshyn
Hancock	Melchin	Zwozdesky

Against the motion: 14

Blakeman	Leibovici	Pannu
Bonner	MacBeth	Sapers
Carlson	MacDonald	Sloan
Dickson	Massey	Soetaert
Gibbons	Olsen	

During Committee of the Whole consideration of Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act, Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government 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, following the vote on the subamendment to the proposed amendment to the Bill (Section A), introduced by the Hon. Minister of Health and Wellness.

Debate continued on subamendment introduced by Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, on April 17, 2000, that the proposed amendment to the Bill (Section A), introduced by the Hon. Minister of Health and Wellness on April 12, 2000, be amended as follows:

The proposed section 2(1) is amended:

- (a) by striking out “No physician shall provide a surgical service” and substituting “No physician shall provide an insured surgical service”; and
- (b) in clause (b) by adding “that requires a stay by the patient of under 12 hours” after “approved surgical facility”.

Pursuant to Government Motion 17 and Standing Order 21(2), at 12:04 a.m., the question was immediately put on the subamendment to Bill 11 (Section A) Health Care Protection Act, which was defeated. With Mr. Tannas in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 14

Blakeman	Leibovici	Pannu
Bonner	MacBeth	Sapers
Carlson	MacDonald	Sloan
Dickson	Massey	Soetaert
Gibbons	Olsen	

Against the motion: 45

Boutilier	Hancock	McFarland
Broda	Herard	Melchin
Cao	Hierath	Nelson
Clegg	Hlady	O'Neill
Coutts	Jacques	Paszkowski
Doerksen	Johnson	Pham
Ducharme	Jonson	Renner
Dunford	Klapstein	Severtson
Evans	Klein	Smith
Fischer	Langevin	Stelmach
Forsyth	Lougheed	Tarchuk
Friedel	Lund	Taylor
Fritz	Magnus	West
Graham	Marz	Woloshyn
Haley	McClellan	Zwozdesky

Pursuant to Government Motion 17 and Standing Order 21(2), at 12:18 a.m., the question was immediately put on the amendment to Bill 11 (Section A) Health Care Protection Act, introduced by the Hon. Minister of Health and Wellness on April 12, 2000, that the Bill be amended as follows:

- A. Section 2 is struck out and the following is substituted:
- 2(1) No physician shall provide a surgical service in Alberta, and no dentist shall provide an insured surgical service in Alberta, except in
- (a) a public hospital, or
 - (b) an approved surgical facility.
- (2) No physician or dentist shall provide a major surgical service, as described
- (a) in the by-laws under the *Medical Profession Act*, in the case of a physician, or
 - (b) in the regulations under section 25(1)(a.1), in the case of a dentist, in Alberta, except in a public hospital.

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

For the motion: 45

Boutilier	Hancock	McFarland
Broda	Herard	Melchin
Cao	Hierath	Nelson
Clegg	Hlady	O'Neill
Coutts	Jacques	Paszkowski
Doerksen	Johnson	Pham
Ducharme	Jonson	Renner
Dunford	Klapstein	Severtson
Evans	Klein	Smith
Fischer	Langevin	Stelmach
Forsyth	Lougheed	Tarchuk
Friedel	Lund	Taylor
Fritz	Magnus	West
Graham	Marz	Woloshyn
Haley	McClellan	Zwozdesky

Against the motion: 14

Blakeman	Leibovici	Pannu
Bonner	MacBeth	Sapers
Carlson	MacDonald	Sloan
Dickson	Massey	Soetaert
Gibbons	Olsen	

Pursuant to Government Motion 17 and Standing Order 21(2), at 12:22 a.m., the question was immediately put on the amendment to Bill 11 (Section B) Health Care Protection Act, introduced by the Hon. Minister of Health and Wellness on April 12, 2000, that the Bill be amended as follows:

B. Section 3 is struck out and the following is substituted:

3 No person shall

- (a) give or accept any money or other valuable consideration,
- (b) pay for or accept payment for enhanced medical goods or services or non-medical goods or services, or
- (c) provide an uninsured surgical service

for the purpose of giving any person priority for the receipt of an insured surgical service.

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

For the motion: 44

Boutilier	Herard	Melchin
Broda	Hierath	Nelson
Cao	Hlady	O'Neill
Clegg	Jacques	Paszkowski
Coutts	Johnson	Pham
Doerksen	Jonson	Renner
Ducharme	Klapstein	Severtson
Dunford	Klein	Smith
Evans	Langevin	Stelmach
Fischer	Lougheed	Tarchuk
Forsyth	Lund	Taylor
Fritz	Magnus	West
Graham	Marz	Woloshyn
Haley	McClellan	Zwozdesky
Hancock	McFarland	

Against the motion: 14

Blakeman	Leibovici	Pannu
Bonner	MacBeth	Sapers
Carlson	MacDonald	Sloan
Dickson	Massey	Soetaert
Gibbons	Olsen	

Pursuant to Government Motion 17 and Standing Order 21(2), at 12:28 a.m., the question was immediately put on the amendment to Bill 11 (Section C) Health Care Protection Act, introduced by the Hon. Minister of Health and Wellness on April 12, 2000, that the Bill be amended as follows:

C. Section 5(1) is struck out and the following is substituted:

5(1) No person shall require a person who receives an insured surgical service at a public hospital or a designated surgical facility to pay for

- (a) enhanced medical goods or services, or
- (b) non-medical goods or services

that are provided in connection with the provision of the insured surgical service or that arise out of the stay at the public hospital or designated surgical facility, unless subsections (2) and (3) have been complied with.

(1.1) No person shall charge or collect a rate for enhanced medical goods or services that is greater than cost plus a reasonable allowance for administration.

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

For the motion: 43

Boutilier	Herard	Melchin
Broda	Hierath	Nelson
Cao	Hlady	O'Neill
Clegg	Jacques	Paszkowski
Coutts	Johnson	Pham
Doerksen	Klapstein	Renner
Ducharme	Klein	Severtson
Dunford	Langevin	Smith
Evans	Lougheed	Stelmach
Fischer	Lund	Tarchuk
Forsyth	Magnus	Taylor
Fritz	Marz	West
Graham	McClellan	Woloshyn
Haley	McFarland	Zwozdesky
Hancock		

Against the motion: 14

Blakeman	Leibovici	Pannu
Bonner	MacBeth	Sapers
Carlson	MacDonald	Sloan
Dickson	Massey	Soetaert
Gibbons	Olsen	

Pursuant to Government Motion 17 and Standing Order 21(2), at 12:34 a.m., the question was immediately put on the amendment to Bill 11 (Section D) Health Care Protection Act, introduced by the Hon. Minister of Health and Wellness on April 12, 2000, that the Bill be amended as follows:

- D. Section 6(1) is amended by striking out “section 4” and substituting “section 4 or 5(1.1)” and by striking out “section 5” and substituting “section 5(1)”.

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

For the motion: 44

Boutilier	Herard	Melchin
Broda	Hierath	Nelson
Cao	Hlady	O'Neill
Clegg	Jacques	Paszkowski
Coutts	Johnson	Pham
Doerksen	Jonson	Renner
Ducharme	Klapstein	Severtson
Dunford	Klein	Smith
Evans	Langevin	Stelmach
Fischer	Lougheed	Tarchuk
Forsyth	Lund	Taylor
Fritz	Magnus	West
Graham	Marz	Woloshyn
Haley	McClellan	Zwozdesky
Hancock	McFarland	

Against the motion: 14

Blakeman	Leibovici	Pannu
Bonner	MacBeth	Sapers
Carlson	MacDonald	Sloan
Dickson	Massey	Soetaert
Gibbons	Olsen	

Pursuant to Government Motion 17 and Standing Order 21(2), at 12:39 a.m., the question was immediately put on the amendment to Bill 11 (Section E) Health Care Protection Act, introduced by the Hon. Minister of Health and Wellness on April 12, 2000, that the Bill be amended as follows:

E. Section 8 is amended

(a) by striking out subsection (1) and substituting the following:

8(1) A health authority that wishes to enter into an agreement with an operator of a surgical facility for the purpose of providing facility services that are required in connection with the provision of insured surgical services shall provide the Minister with a copy of the proposed agreement for the Minister's approval.

(b) in subsection (3)

(i) by striking out clause (d) and substituting the following:

(d) that there is an expected public benefit in providing the insured surgical services as contemplated under the proposed agreement, considering factors such as

- (i) access to such services,
- (ii) quality of service,
- (iii) flexibility,
- (iv) the efficient use of existing capacity, and
- (v) cost effectiveness and other economic considerations,

- (ii) by striking out “and” at the end of clause (e), by adding “and” at the end of clause (f) and by adding the following after clause (f):
 - (g) that the proposed agreement contains provisions showing how physicians’ compliance with the *Medical Profession Act* and by-laws as they relate to conflict of interest and other ethical issues in respect of the operation of the facility will be monitored.

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

For the motion: 44

Boutilier	Herard	Melchin
Broda	Hierath	Nelson
Cao	Hlady	O'Neill
Clegg	Jacques	Paszkowski
Coutts	Johnson	Pham
Doerksen	Jonson	Renner
Ducharme	Klapstein	Severtson
Dunford	Klein	Smith
Evans	Langevin	Stelmach
Fischer	Lougheed	Tarchuk
Forsyth	Lund	Taylor
Fritz	Magnus	West
Graham	Marz	Woloshyn
Haley	McClellan	Zwozdesky
Hancock	McFarland	

Against the motion: 14

Blakeman	Leibovici	Pannu
Bonner	MacBeth	Sapers
Carlson	MacDonald	Sloan
Dickson	Massey	Soetaert
Gibbons	Olsen	

Pursuant to Government Motion 17 and Standing Order 21(2), at 12:44 a.m., the question was immediately put on the amendment to Bill 11 (Section F) Health Care Protection Act, introduced by the Hon. Minister of Health and Wellness on April 12, 2000, that the Bill be amended as follows:

- F. Section 12(b)(iv) is amended by adding “in respect of the provision of facility services” after “under the agreement”.

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

For the motion: 44

Boutilier	Herard	Melchin
Broda	Hierath	Nelson
Cao	Hlady	O'Neill
Clegg	Jacques	Paszkowski
Coutts	Johnson	Pham
Doerksen	Jonson	Renner
Ducharme	Klapstein	Severtson
Dunford	Klein	Smith
Evans	Langevin	Stelmach
Fischer	Lougheed	Tarchuk
Forsyth	Lund	Taylor
Fritz	Magnus	West
Graham	Marz	Woloshyn
Haley	McClellan	Zwozdesky
Hancock	McFarland	

Against the motion: 14

Blakeman	Leibovici	Pannu
Bonner	MacBeth	Sapers
Carlson	MacDonald	Sloan
Dickson	Massey	Soetaert
Gibbons	Olsen	

Pursuant to Government Motion 17 and Standing Order 21(2), at 12:49 a.m., the question was immediately put on the amendment to Bill 11 (Section G) Health Care Protection Act, introduced by the Hon. Minister of Health and Wellness on April 12, 2000, that the Bill be amended as follows:

G. Section 18 is struck out and the following is substituted:

18(1) Where the Minister is of the opinion that, since the granting of a designation in respect of a surgical facility, circumstances have changed with respect to any of the factors referred to in section 8(3) or 15(1) in a material and substantial way, the Minister shall give a written notice of intent under subsection (2) to the operator of the designated surgical facility.

(2) A notice of intent must

(a) set out in detail the nature of the change in circumstances under subsection (1) that gave rise to the notice of intent, and

- (b) advise the operator of the Minister's intention to withdraw the designation of the surgical facility or amend the designation to delete one or more of the surgical services that the designated surgical facility is authorized to provide unless, within 60 days of receipt of the notice of intent, the operator establishes to the Minister's satisfaction that
- (i) the concerns raised in the notice of intent have been addressed or will be addressed, or
 - (ii) the concerns raised in the notice of intent are not founded or do not warrant withdrawing or amending the designation.
- (3) During the 60-day period referred to in subsection (2) the Minister and the operator shall attempt to resolve the concerns in the notice of intent.
- (4) If
- (a) the Minister is not satisfied as set out in subsection (2)(b), or
 - (b) the Minister is of the opinion that, after reasonable attempts at resolution of the concerns under subsection (3), the concerns will not be resolved within the 60-day period,
- the Minister shall by order withdraw the designation of the surgical facility or amend the designation to delete one or more of the surgical services that the designated surgical facility is authorized to provide.
- (5) The Minister may by order withdraw a designation of a surgical facility or amend the designation to delete one or more of the surgical services that the designated surgical facility is authorized to provide where the Minister is satisfied that there has been a contravention of this Act, the regulations, an approved agreement, a term or condition imposed under section 8(2), 11(3) or 15(4) or a conflict of interest by-law referred to in section 19.4(1)(a.1) of the *Cancer Programs Act* or section 6.1(1) of the *Regional Health Authorities Act*.
- (6) The Minister shall by order immediately withdraw a designation of a surgical facility or amend the designation to delete one or more of the surgical services that the designated surgical facility is authorized to provide where the Minister is advised by the council of the College that the surgical facility is no longer accredited or is no longer accredited to provide that surgical service or those surgical services, as the case may be.

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

For the motion: 44

Boutilier	Herard	Melchin
Broda	Hierath	Nelson
Cao	Hlady	O'Neill
Clegg	Jacques	Paszkowski
Coutts	Johnson	Pham
Doerksen	Jonson	Renner
Ducharme	Klapstein	Severtson
Dunford	Klein	Smith
Evans	Langevin	Stelmach
Fischer	Lougheed	Tarchuk
Forsyth	Lund	Taylor
Fritz	Magnus	West
Graham	Marz	Woloshyn
Haley	McClellan	Zwozdesky
Hancock	McFarland	

Against the motion: 14

Blakeman	Leibovici	Pannu
Bonner	MacBeth	Sapers
Carlson	MacDonald	Sloan
Dickson	Massey	Soetaert
Gibbons	Olsen	

Pursuant to Government Motion 17 and Standing Order 21(2), at 12:54 a.m., the question was immediately put on the amendment to Bill 11 (Section H) Health Care Protection Act, introduced by the Hon. Minister of Health and Wellness on April 12, 2000, that the Bill be amended as follows:

- H. Section 23 is struck out and the following is substituted:
- 23(1) A decision of the Minister under this Act is final and conclusive, subject to the right to judicial review set out in subsection (2).
- (2) A decision of the Minister may be challenged on judicial review for jurisdictional error or patent unreasonableness by filing an originating notice with the Court of Queen's Bench and serving it on the Minister within 30 days of the decision.

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

For the motion: 44

Boutilier	Herard	Melchin
Broda	Hierath	Nelson
Cao	Hlady	O'Neill
Clegg	Jacques	Paszkowski
Coutts	Johnson	Pham
Doerksen	Jonson	Renner
Ducharme	Klapstein	Severtson
Dunford	Klein	Smith
Evans	Langevin	Stelmach
Fischer	Lougheed	Tarchuk
Forsyth	Lund	Taylor
Fritz	Magnus	West
Graham	Marz	Woloshyn
Haley	McClellan	Zwozdesky
Hancock	McFarland	

Against the motion: 14

Blakeman	Leibovici	Pannu
Bonner	MacBeth	Sapers
Carlson	MacDonald	Sloan
Dickson	Massey	Soetaert
Gibbons	Olsen	

Pursuant to Government Motion 17 and Standing Order 21(2), at 12:59 a.m., the question was immediately put on the amendment to Bill 11 (Section I) Health Care Protection Act, introduced by the Hon. Minister of Health and Wellness on April 12, 2000, that the Bill be amended as follows:

- I. Section 25(1) is amended
 - (a) in clause (a) by striking out “physician’s or”;
 - (b) by adding the following after clause (a):
 - (a.1) respecting what constitutes a major surgical service for the purposes of section 2(2)(b);
 - (c) in clause (b)(i) by striking out “enhanced medical goods and services and non-medical goods and services” and substituting “enhanced medical goods or services and non-medical goods or services”.

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

For the motion: 44

Boutilier	Herard	Melchin
Broda	Hierath	Nelson
Cao	Hlady	O'Neill
Clegg	Jacques	Paszkowski
Coutts	Johnson	Pham
Doerksen	Jonson	Renner
Ducharme	Klapstein	Severtson
Dunford	Klein	Smith
Evans	Langevin	Stelmach
Fischer	Lougheed	Tarchuk
Forsyth	Lund	Taylor
Fritz	Magnus	West
Graham	Marz	Woloshyn
Haley	McClellan	Zwozdesky
Hancock	McFarland	

Against the motion: 14

Blakeman	Leibovici	Pannu
Bonner	MacBeth	Sapers
Carlson	MacDonald	Sloan
Dickson	Massey	Soetaert
Gibbons	Olsen	

Pursuant to Government Motion 17 and Standing Order 21(2), at 1:04 a.m., the question was immediately put on the amendment to Bill 11 (Section J) Health Care Protection Act, introduced by the Hon. Minister of Health and Wellness on April 12, 2000, that the Bill be amended as follows:

J. Section 25(2) is amended by adding "and the Board of The Alberta Dental Association" after "College".

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

For the motion: 44

Boutilier	Herard	Melchin
Broda	Hierath	Nelson
Cao	Hlady	O'Neill
Clegg	Jacques	Paszkowski
Coutts	Johnson	Pham
Doerksen	Jonson	Renner
Ducharme	Klapstein	Severtson
Dunford	Klein	Smith
Evans	Langevin	Stelmach
Fischer	Lougheed	Tarchuk
Forsyth	Lund	Taylor
Fritz	Magnus	West
Graham	Marz	Woloshyn
Haley	McClellan	Zwozdesky
Hancock	McFarland	

Against the motion: 14

Blakeman	Leibovici	Pannu
Bonner	MacBeth	Sapers
Carlson	MacDonald	Sloan
Dickson	Massey	Soetaert
Gibbons	Olsen	

Pursuant to Government Motion 17 and Standing Order 21(2), at 1:09 a.m., the question was immediately put on the amendment to Bill 11 (Section K) Health Care Protection Act, introduced by the Hon. Minister of Health and Wellness on April 12, 2000, that the Bill be amended as follows:

K. Section 26(3) is amended by striking out "5(1)" and substituting "5(1) or (1.1)".

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

For the motion: 44

Boutilier	Herard	Melchin
Broda	Hierath	Nelson
Cao	Hlady	O'Neill
Clegg	Jacques	Paszkowski
Coutts	Johnson	Pham
Doerksen	Jonson	Renner
Ducharme	Klapstein	Severtson
Dunford	Klein	Smith
Evans	Langevin	Stelmach
Fischer	Lougheed	Tarchuk
Forsyth	Lund	Taylor
Fritz	Magnus	West
Graham	Marz	Woloshyn
Haley	McClellan	Zwozdesky
Hancock	McFarland	

Against the motion: 14

Blakeman	Leibovici	Pannu
Bonner	MacBeth	Sapers
Carlson	MacDonald	Sloan
Dickson	Massey	Soetaert
Gibbons	Olsen	

Pursuant to Government Motion 17 and Standing Order 21(2), at 1:14 a.m., the question was immediately put on the amendment to Bill 11 (Section L) Health Care Protection Act, introduced by the Hon. Minister of Health and Wellness on April 12, 2000, that the Bill be amended as follows:

L. Section 29 is amended

- (a) by striking out clause (g)(ix) and substituting the following:
 - (ix) medical goods or services consistent with generally accepted medical practice in the particular case;
- (b) in clause (r) by striking out "but does not include a minor surgical procedure that is exempted in the regulations under section 25(1)(a)" and substituting "but does not include a surgical procedure that is exempted as a minor surgical procedure in regulations under section 25(1)(a) or is described as a minor surgical procedure for the purposes of this clause in the by-laws under the *Medical Profession Act*;

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

For the motion: 44

Boutilier	Herard	Melchin
Broda	Hierath	Nelson
Cao	Hlady	O'Neill
Clegg	Jacques	Paszkowski
Coutts	Johnson	Pham
Doerksen	Jonson	Renner
Ducharme	Klapstein	Severtson
Dunford	Klein	Smith
Evans	Langevin	Stelmach
Fischer	Lougheed	Tarchuk
Forsyth	Lund	Taylor
Fritz	Magnus	West
Graham	Marz	Woloshyn
Haley	McClellan	Zwozdesky
Hancock	McFarland	

Against the motion: 14

Blakeman	Leibovici	Pannu
Bonner	MacBeth	Sapers
Carlson	MacDonald	Sloan
Dickson	Massey	Soetaert
Gibbons	Olsen	

Pursuant to Government Motion 17 and Standing Order 21(2), at 1:18 a.m., the question was immediately put on the amendment to Bill 11 (Section M) Health Care Protection Act, introduced by the Hon. Minister of Health and Wellness on April 12, 2000, that the Bill be amended as follows:

M. The following is added after section 31:

31.1(1) The *Cancer Programs Act* is amended by this section.

(2) Section 19.4(1) is amended by adding the following after clause (a):

(a.1) governing conflict of interest in respect of members of the board, agents of the board and senior officers and employees of the board;

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

For the motion: 44

Boutilier	Herard	Melchin
Broda	Hierath	Nelson
Cao	Hlady	O'Neill
Clegg	Jacques	Paszkowski
Coutts	Johnson	Pham
Doerksen	Jonson	Renner
Ducharme	Klapstein	Severtson
Dunford	Klein	Smith
Evans	Langevin	Stelmach
Fischer	Lougheed	Tarchuk
Forsyth	Lund	Taylor
Fritz	Magnus	West
Graham	Marz	Woloshyn
Haley	McClellan	Zwozdesky
Hancock	McFarland	

Against the motion: 14

Blakeman	Leibovici	Pannu
Bonner	MacBeth	Sapers
Carlson	MacDonald	Sloan
Dickson	Massey	Soetaert
Gibbons	Olsen	

Pursuant to Government Motion 17 and Standing Order 21(2), at 1:23 a.m., the question was immediately put on the amendment to Bill 11 (Section N) Health Care Protection Act, introduced by the Hon. Minister of Health and Wellness on April 12, 2000, that the Bill be amended as follows:

N. The following is added after section 33:

33.1(1) The *Regional Health Authorities Act* is amended by this section.

(2) The following is added after section 6:

6.1(1) A regional health authority shall make by-laws governing conflict of interest in respect of members of the authority, agents of the authority and senior officers and employees of the authority.

(2) By-laws under subsection (1) have no effect until they are approved in writing by the Minister.

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

For the motion: 43

Boutilier	Herard	Melchin
Broda	Hlady	Nelson
Cao	Jacques	O'Neill
Clegg	Johnson	Paszkowski
Coutts	Jonson	Pham
Doerksen	Klapstein	Renner
Ducharme	Klein	Severtson
Dunford	Langevin	Smith
Evans	Lougheed	Stelmach
Fischer	Lund	Tarchuk
Forsyth	Magnus	Taylor
Fritz	Marz	West
Graham	McClellan	Woloshyn
Haley	McFarland	Zwozdesky
Hancock		

Against the motion: 14

Blakeman	Leibovici	Pannu
Bonner	MacBeth	Sapers
Carlson	MacDonald	Sloan
Dickson	Massey	Soetaert
Gibbons	Olsen	

Pursuant to Government Motion 17 and Standing Order 21(2), at 1:28 a.m., the question was immediately put on the remaining clauses of Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act, which was agreed to. With Mr. Tannas in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 44

Boutilier	Herard	Melchin
Broda	Hierath	Nelson
Cao	Hlady	O'Neill
Clegg	Jacques	Paszkowski
Coutts	Johnson	Pham
Doerksen	Jonson	Renner
Ducharme	Klapstein	Severtson
Dunford	Klein	Smith
Evans	Langevin	Stelmach
Fischer	Lougheed	Tarchuk
Forsyth	Lund	Taylor
Fritz	Magnus	West
Graham	Marz	Woloshyn
Haley	McClellan	Zwozdesky
Hancock	McFarland	

Against the motion: 14

Blakeman	Leibovici	Pannu
Bonner	MacBeth	Sapers
Carlson	MacDonald	Sloan
Dickson	Massey	Soetaert
Gibbons	Olsen	

Pursuant to Government Motion 17 and Standing Order 21(2), at 1:32 a.m., the question was immediately put on the title and preamble to Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act, which was agreed to. With Mr. Tannas in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 44

Boutilier	Herard	Melchin
Broda	Hierath	Nelson
Cao	Hlady	O'Neill
Clegg	Jacques	Paszkowski
Coutts	Johnson	Pham
Doerksen	Jonson	Renner
Ducharme	Klapstein	Severtson
Dunford	Klein	Smith
Evans	Langevin	Stelmach
Fischer	Lougheed	Tarchuk
Forsyth	Lund	Taylor
Fritz	Magnus	West
Graham	Marz	Woloshyn
Haley	McClellan	Zwozdesky
Hancock	McFarland	

Against the motion: 14

Blakeman	Leibovici	Pannu
Bonner	MacBeth	Sapers
Carlson	MacDonald	Sloan
Dickson	Massey	Soetaert
Gibbons	Olsen	

Pursuant to Government Motion 17 and Standing Order 21(2), at 1:37 a.m., the question was immediately put that Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act, be reported, which was agreed to. With Mr. Tannas in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 44

Boutilier	Herard	Melchin
Broda	Hierath	Nelson
Cao	Hlady	O'Neill
Clegg	Jacques	Paszkowski
Coutts	Johnson	Pham
Doerksen	Jonson	Renner
Ducharme	Klapstein	Severtson
Dunford	Klein	Smith
Evans	Langevin	Stelmach
Fischer	Lougheed	Tarchuk
Forsyth	Lund	Taylor
Fritz	Magnus	West
Graham	Marz	Woloshyn
Haley	McClellan	Zwozdesky
Hancock	McFarland	

Against the motion: 14

Blakeman	Leibovici	Pannu
Bonner	MacBeth	Sapers
Carlson	MacDonald	Sloan
Dickson	Massey	Soetaert
Gibbons	Olsen	

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader that the Committee rise and report, the motion was agreed to. With Mr. Tannas in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 43

Boutilier	Herard	Melchin
Broda	Hierath	Nelson
Cao	Hlady	O'Neill
Clegg	Jacques	Paszkowski
Coutts	Johnson	Pham
Doerksen	Jonson	Renner
Ducharme	Klapstein	Severtson
Dunford	Langevin	Smith
Evans	Lougheed	Stelmach
Fischer	Lund	Tarchuk
Forsyth	Magnus	Taylor
Fritz	Marz	West
Graham	McClellan	Woloshyn
Haley	McFarland	Zwozdesky
Hancock		

Against the motion: 13

Blakeman	Leibovici	Olsen
Bonner	MacBeth	Sapers
Carlson	MacDonald	Sloan
Dickson	Massey	Soetaert
Gibbons		

The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 11 Health Care Protection Act - Hon. Mr. Jonson

Mr. Herard, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by the Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Subamendment to Bill 11 (Section A) introduced by the Hon. Minister of Health and Wellness on April 12, 2000 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 780/2000

Amendment to Bill 11 (Section A) (introduced by the Hon. Minister of Health and Wellness on April 12, 2000) — Agreed to on division

Sessional Paper 781/2000

Amendment to Bill 11 (Section B) (introduced by the Hon. Minister of Health and Wellness on April 12, 2000) — Agreed to on division

Sessional Paper 782/2000

Amendment to Bill 11 (Section C) (introduced by the Hon. Minister of Health and Wellness on April 12, 2000) — Agreed to on division

Sessional Paper 783/2000

Amendment to Bill 11 (Section D) (introduced by the Hon. Minister of Health and Wellness on April 12, 2000) — Agreed to on division

Sessional Paper 784/2000

Amendment to Bill 11 (Section E) (introduced by the Hon. Minister of Health and Wellness on April 12, 2000) — Agreed to on division

Sessional Paper 785/2000

Amendment to Bill 11 (Section F) (introduced by the Hon. Minister of Health and Wellness on April 12, 2000) — Agreed to on division

Sessional Paper 786/2000

Amendment to Bill 11 (Section G) (introduced by the Hon. Minister of Health and Wellness on April 12, 2000) — Agreed to on division

Sessional Paper 787/2000

Amendment to Bill 11 (Section H) (introduced by the Hon. Minister of Health and Wellness on April 12, 2000) — Agreed to on division

Sessional Paper 788/2000

Amendment to Bill 11 (Section I) (introduced by the Hon. Minister of Health and Wellness on April 12, 2000) — Agreed to on division

Sessional Paper 789/2000

Amendment to Bill 11 (Section J) (introduced by the Hon. Minister of Health and Wellness on April 12, 2000) — Agreed to on division

Sessional Paper 790/2000

Amendment to Bill 11 (Section K) (introduced by the Hon. Minister of Health and Wellness on April 12, 2000) — Agreed to on division

Sessional Paper 791/2000

Amendment to Bill 11 (Section L) (introduced by the Hon. Minister of Health and Wellness on April 12, 2000) — Agreed to on division

Sessional Paper 792/2000

Amendment to Bill 11 (Section M) (introduced by the Hon. Minister of Health and Wellness on April 12, 2000) — Agreed to on division

Sessional Paper 793/2000

Amendment to Bill 11 (Section N) (introduced by the Hon. Minister of Health and Wellness on April 12, 2000) — Agreed to on division

Sessional Paper 794/2000

On the motion to concur in the report of the Committee of the Whole, the question being put, the motion was agreed to. With Mr. Tannas in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 35

Broda	Haley	O'Neill
Cao	Hancock	Paszkowski
Clegg	Hlady	Pham
Coutts	Jacques	Renner
Doerksen	Klapstein	Severtson
Ducharme	Lougheed	Smith
Dunford	Magnus	Stelmach
Evans	Marz	Tarchuk
Fischer	McClellan	West
Forsyth	McFarland	Woloshyn
Fritz	Melchin	Zwozdesky
Graham	Nelson	

Against the motion: 13

Blakeman	Leibovici	Olsen
Bonner	MacBeth	Sapers
Carlson	MacDonald	Sloan
Dickson	Massey	Soetaert
Gibbons		

Adjournment

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, moved adjournment of the Assembly. The question being put, the motion was agreed to. With Mr. Tannas in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 34

Broda	Hancock	O'Neill
Cao	Hlady	Paszkowski
Clegg	Jacques	Pham
Doerksen	Klapstein	Renner
Ducharme	Lougheed	Severtson
Dunford	Magnus	Smith
Evans	Marz	Stelmach
Fischer	McClellan	Tarchuk
Forsyth	McFarland	West
Fritz	Melchin	Woloshyn
Graham	Nelson	Zwozdesky
Haley		

Against the motion: 13

Blakeman	Leibovici	Olsen
Bonner	MacBeth	Sapers
Carlson	MacDonald	Sloan
Dickson	Massey	Soetaert
Gibbons		

The Assembly adjourned at 2:12 a.m. Wednesday, May 3, 2000, until 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 3, 2000

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 216 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from 69 Albertans requesting the addition of newer and more effective medications and therapies to the Alberta drug list.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from 64 Calgary residents requesting that the Government use its legislative powers to help resolve the labour dispute at the Calgary Herald.

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood, presented a petition from 225 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, presented a petition from 64 Calgary residents requesting that the Government use its legislative powers to help resolve the labour dispute at the Calgary Herald.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 4,566 Albertans requesting the introduction of a bill banning the establishment of private for-profit hospitals in Alberta to maintain the integrity of the public, universal health care system.

Reading and Receiving Petitions

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

On request by Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of the Province of Alberta, hereby petition the Legislative Assembly to pass a bill banning private for-profit hospitals in Alberta so that the integrity of the public, universal health care system may be maintained.

On request by Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned, ask the Assembly to petition the Government to use its legislative powers to help resolve the labour dispute at the Calgary Herald.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees

Mr. Langevin, Chair, Select Standing Committee on Legislative Offices, presented the following report:

Report of the Select Standing Committee on Legislative Offices, May 2000,
regarding the reappointment of the Auditor General

Sessional Paper 795/2000

Notices of Motions

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

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly concur in the recommendation of the Select Standing Committee on Legislative Offices agreed to on April 19, 2000, to recommend to Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor that Mr. Peter Valentine be reappointed as Auditor General for the Province of Alberta.

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 has no confidence in the Government's handling of the escalating labour disputes at the Calgary Herald.

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Response to Written Question WQ11 asked for by Ms Blakeman on April 12, 2000:

As of March 1, 2000, how many active files in the Maintenance Enforcement Program were in receipt of payments from a jurisdiction named in the Declaration of Reciprocating States Regulation?

Sessional Paper 796/2000

Response to Written Question WQ12 asked for by Ms Blakeman on April 12, 2000:

As of March 1, 2000, how many active files in the Maintenance Enforcement Program were paid to creditors in a jurisdiction named in the Declaration of Reciprocating States Regulation?

Sessional Paper 796/2000

Response to Written Question WQ13 asked for by Ms Blakeman on April 12, 2000:

As of March 1, 2000, how many active files in the Maintenance Enforcement Program related to creditors or to debtors where the payee or payor was resident in a jurisdiction not named in the Declaration of Reciprocating States Regulation?
Sessional Paper 796/2000

Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Children's Services:

Summary of survey conducted by Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Children's Services, of Sherwood Park constituents regarding potential concerns of constituents

Sessional Paper 797/2000

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

2 letters dated April 10, 2000, from David Craig, Red Deer, and May 3, 2000, from Bob Settle, Edmonton, both to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to, and requesting the withdrawal of, Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act

Sessional Paper 798/2000

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

Letter dated March 16, 2000, from Merv and Hildegard Prediger, Edmonton, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, requesting the withdrawal of Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act

Sessional Paper 799/2000

E-mail message dated April 14, 2000, from Ken McGoogan, striking Calgary Herald worker, to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, urging the Government to use its legislative powers to assist striking Calgary Herald workers in obtaining their first collective agreement

Sessional Paper 800/2000

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood:

Schedule of approved hospitals set out in Deputy Minister's Order #4/87

Sessional Paper 801/2000

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

E-mail message dated May 2, 2000, from Richard Shelast to Ken Boessenkool confirming that \$375.66 in cash was anonymously received from the Provincial Treasurer's Office and deposited to the General Revenue Fund

Sessional Paper 802/2000

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

Letter dated April 19, 2000, from Merv and Jean Rogers, Edmonton, to Members of the Legislative Assembly, and 3 e-mail messages dated April 29, 2000, from Marne St. Claire, Victoria, British Columbia, to Mr. Wickman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, April 30, 2000, from Duane Dawson, Calgary, to Members of the Legislative Assembly, and undated, from Stephen Lamoureux, Edmonton, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, all expressing opposition to, and requesting the withdrawal of, Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act

Sessional Paper 803/2000

Oral Question Period

During Oral Question Period, Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, tabled the following:

Document dated May 3, 2000, pledging that the Alberta Liberal Caucus will be free to reflect the wishes of their constituents through a free vote at Third Reading of Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act, signed by Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition

Sessional Paper 804/2000

Recognitions

Mrs. Burgener, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie: Ceremony on the steps of the Legislature, May 3, 2000, commemorating the repatriation and interment of the remains of an unknown soldier who died in World War I to represent all the Canadian men and women who have died both in war and in the service of peace, which is being carried out in all provinces and will be completed at a ceremony in Ottawa on May 28, 2000

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar: 40th Anniversary of Gold Bar Elementary School, to be celebrated on May 25, 2000, its principal, Mr. Terry Treleski, teachers, volunteers, parents, and students for their accomplishments and contributions to the Edmonton-Gold Bar community

Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert: Spinal Health Week, May 1-7, 2000, by the College of Chiropractors of Alberta, by bringing awareness to the relationship of the spine to a person's overall health

Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition: Holocaust Remembrance Day, May 2, 2000, remembering the horrors inflicted upon 6 million Jews, and recognizing Alberta's Jewish communities for their efforts to educate others to ensure these horrors against humanity are never witnessed again

Ms Fritz, Hon. Member for Calgary-Cross: 25th Anniversary of the Properties Sports Association (PSA) of Calgary, and the hosting of a gala evening on May 6, 2000, to pay tribute to, and honour the directors, organizers, parent volunteers, and participants

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona: Library Week, April 30 - May 6, 2000, the librarians and staff of the public libraries, and the Legislature librarians for displaying high standards of service and expertise

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort: Servants Anonymous Society of Calgary (SAS), for their contribution in serving the needs of youth aged 16 to 25 who are victims of street life

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 has no confidence in the Government's handling of the escalating labour disputes at the Calgary Herald.

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Questions were accepted:

WQ17. Moved by Mrs. Soetaert on behalf of Mrs. Sloan:

How many children with Child Welfare status have been housed in hotel rooms in the Edmonton region between February 18, 1999 and April 5, 2000?

WQ18. Moved by Mrs. Soetaert on behalf of Mrs. Sloan:

How many children with Child Welfare status have been housed in jail cells, remand centres, or single men's hostels between February 18, 1999 and April 5, 2000 in the Province?

WQ19. Moved by Mrs. Soetaert on behalf of Mrs. Sloan:

In which hotels in the Edmonton region were children who were receiving services under the Child Welfare Act housed in between February 18, 1999 and April 5, 2000?

WQ20. Moved by Mrs. Soetaert on behalf of 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 1998-99 fiscal year?

The following Written Question was ordered to stand:

WQ21.

Motions for Returns

The following Motion for Return was accepted:

MR46. Moved by Mrs. Soetaert on behalf of Mrs. Sloan:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of requests for proposals for employment program initiatives designed for Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped and Assured Support Program recipients since February 28, 1999.

The following Motions for Returns were rejected:

MR29. Moved by Mr. Wickman on behalf of Mr. Sapers:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copy of hand-written notes of a meeting between Jim Dinning, Allister McPherson, and Nader Ghermezian, dated January 28, 1994, pertaining to the refinancing of West Edmonton Mall (WEM), as listed on page 9 of the affidavit of records of the WEM Corporate Defendants, dated November 30, 1999.

MR31. Moved by Mr. Wickman on behalf of Mr. Sapers:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copy of excerpts of Cabinet agenda and attachments dated March 12, 1996, pertaining to the refinancing of West Edmonton Mall, as listed on page 34 of the affidavit of records of Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Alberta dated November 30, 1999.

MR32. Moved by Mr. Wickman on behalf of Mr. Sapers:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copy of correspondence from Stockwell Day to Triple Five Group Ltd. (Nader Ghermezian) dated June 30, 1998, pertaining to the refinancing of West Edmonton Mall, as listed on page 40 of the affidavit of records of West Edmonton Mall (WEM) dated November 30, 1999.

MR36. Moved by Mr. Wickman on behalf of Mr. White:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all studies and reports prepared by, or for, the Department of Resource Development between May 25, 1999 and April 3, 2000, evaluating the impact of electricity de-regulation on the utility bills of various classes of Alberta consumers.

MR37. Moved by Mr. Wickman on behalf of Mr. White:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all studies and reports prepared by, or for, the Department of Resource Development between January 1, 1999 and April 3, 2000, evaluating the cost-effectiveness of the Mineral Revenue Information System (MRIS).

MR38. Moved by Mr. Wickman on behalf of Mr. Sapers:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copy of excerpts of Cabinet agenda and minutes dated February 6, 1996, pertaining to the refinancing of West Edmonton Mall, as listed on page 34 of the affidavit of records of Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Alberta dated November 30, 1999.

MR41. Moved by Mr. Wickman on behalf of Mr. Sapers:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copy of excerpts of minutes, dated July 20, 1994, pertaining to the refinancing of West Edmonton Mall, as listed on page 33 of the affidavit of records of Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Alberta dated November 30, 1999.

MR42. Moved by Mr. Wickman on behalf of Mr. Sapers:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copy of excerpts of the Agenda and Priorities Committee agenda, with attachments, dated October 18, 1993, pertaining to the refinancing of West Edmonton Mall, as listed on page 34 of the affidavit of records of Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Alberta dated November 30, 1999.

MR43. Moved by Mr. Wickman on behalf of Mr. Sapers:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copy of minutes, dated March 21, 1994, pertaining to the refinancing of West Edmonton Mall, as listed on page 33 of the affidavit of records of Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Alberta dated November 30, 1999.

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

MR33, MR34, MR35, MR39, MR40, MR44, MR45, MR47, MR48, MR49, MR50.

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 with some amendments:

Bill 206 School (Students' Code of Conduct) Amendment Act, 2000 — Mr. Coutts

Mr. Shariff, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of an amendment considered by the Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 206 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Egmont) — Agreed to
Sessional Paper 805/2000

Second Reading

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

Bill 207 Provincial-Municipal Tax Sharing Calculation Act — Mrs. MacBeth

A debate followed.

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

Letter dated April 12, 2000, from Lorne Olsvik, President, AUMA (Alberta Urban Municipalities Association), to Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, expressing support for Bill 207, Provincial-Municipal Tax Sharing Calculation Act

Sessional Paper 806/2000

The question being put, the motion was defeated. With Mrs. Gordon in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 10

Blakeman	Leibovici	Olsen
Bonner	MacBeth	Soetaert
Carlson	MacDonald	Wickman
Dickson		

Against the motion: 37

Amery	Graham	McFarland
Broda	Haley	Melchin
Burgener	Hierath	Nelson
Calahasen	Hlady	O'Neill
Cao	Jacques	Renner
Cardinal	Johnson	Severtson
Coutts	Klapstein	Shariff
Doerksen	Langevin	Smith
Dunford	Lougheed	Strang
Evans	Mar	Tannas
Fischer	Marz	Thurber
Forsyth	McClellan	Zwozdesky
Fritz		

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

Bill 208 Gaming and Liquor Amendment Act, 2000 — Mrs. MacBeth

A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Acting Government House Leader, it was agreed at 5:27 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, MAY 3, 2000— 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 7 Alberta Science, Research and Technology Authority Amendment Act, 2000 (\$) — Hon. Dr. Taylor

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 10 Securities Amendment Act, 2000 — Mr. Hlady

Mr. Shariff, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of an amendment considered by the Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 10 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View) —
Agreed to (April 3, 2000)

Sessional Paper 436/2000

Second Reading

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

Bill 23 Apprenticeship and Industry Training Amendment Act, 2000 — Hon. Dr. Oberg

Third Reading

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

Bill 11 Health Care Protection Act - Hon. Mr. Jonson

A debate followed.

Mr. Klapstein moved adjournment of debate, which was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:00 p.m. until Thursday, May 4, 2000, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 4, 2000

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

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, presented a petition from 65 Albertans supporting the reinstatement of front licence plates on all vehicles registered in Alberta.

Mr. Wickman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, presented a petition from 180 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, presented a petition from 32 Calgary residents requesting that the Government use its legislative powers to help resolve the labour dispute at the Calgary Herald.

Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, presented a petition from 171 Albertans urging the Government to maintain Kananaskis in a natural state, deny development approval to any intensive recreational developments, and create a wildland provincial park.

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, presented a petition from 162 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from 80 Edmonton residents in support of the five basic principles on which medicare was built.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from 40 Calgary residents requesting that the Government use its legislative powers to help resolve the labour dispute at the Calgary Herald.

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood, presented a petition from 160 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 111 Calgary residents requesting that the Government use its legislative powers to help resolve the labour dispute at the Calgary Herald.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 664 Albertans requesting the introduction of a bill banning the establishment of private for-profit hospitals in Alberta to maintain the integrity of the public, universal health care system.

Mr. McFarland, Hon. Member for Little Bow, presented a petition from 87 Albertans supporting the reinstatement of front licence plates on all vehicles registered in Alberta.

Mr. Tannas, Hon. Member for Highwood, presented a petition from 46 Albertans supporting the reinstatement of front licence plates on all vehicles registered in Alberta.

Mr. Severtson, Hon. Member for Innisfail-Sylvan Lake, presented a petition from 20 Innisfail and Sylvan Lake residents supporting the reinstatement of front licence plates on all vehicles registered in Alberta.

Reading and Receiving Petitions

On request by Mr. Trynchy, Hon. Member for Whitecourt-St. Anne, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to reinstate the front licence plate on all vehicles registered in Alberta.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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 take an enlightened preventative approach and add the newer and more effective medications and therapies to the Alberta drug list to ensure the health of an aging society.

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

We, the undersigned, ask the Assembly to petition the Government to use its legislative powers to help resolve the labour dispute at the Calgary Herald.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

On request by Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of the Province of Alberta, hereby petition the Legislative Assembly to pass a bill banning private for-profit hospitals in Alberta so that the integrity of the public, universal health care system may be maintained.

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Letter dated May 3, 2000, from Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, to The Right Honourable Jean Chrétien, Prime Minister, expressing concern regarding the increase by the Canadian Transportation Agency of railway grain freight rates and urging the Federal Government to implement the recommendations made by Justice Estey and Mr. Kroeger regarding the farming industry

Sessional Paper 807/2000

Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment:

Return to Order of the Assembly MR46 asked for by Mrs. Soetaert on behalf of Mrs. Sloan on May 3, 2000:

Copies of requests for proposals for employment program initiatives designed for Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped and Assured Support Program recipients since February 28, 1999.

Sessional Paper 808/2000

Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Minister of Infrastructure:

List of new health facility projects and health facility renovation projects from 1992-93 to February 2000

Sessional Paper 809/2000

Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Letter dated April 26, 2000, from Moe Hamdon, Mayor, Town of Drayton Valley, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, stating that a resolution had been passed by the Drayton Valley Town Council at its meeting of April 26, 2000, indicating concerns regarding the future direction of health care in Alberta and Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act, in its present form

Sessional Paper 810/2000

Globe and Mail article dated May 4, 2000, entitled "True confessions: a left-wing nut bares all," prepared by Leah Lawrence, expressing concerns regarding comments made by Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, in relation to protesters of Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act, and expressing concerns regarding Bill 11

Sessional Paper 811/2000

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

Document dated May 4, 2000, entitled "Alberta vs. Ontario: Who really has the lowest personal income tax rate?", setting out income tax information for Alberta and Ontario in the 2001 taxation year, and attached excerpt from the Treasury Ministry Business Plan setting out a performance measure regarding personal income tax load

Sessional Paper 812/2000

Two 2000 Ontario Budget Backgrounders entitled "Personal Income Tax Cuts in the 2000 Ontario Budget" and "'Made for Ontario' Tax System," setting out information regarding changes to income tax rules in the 2000 Ontario budget

Sessional Paper 813/2000

E-mail message dated April 26, 2000, from Scott Kennie, Sherwood Park, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concerns about health care funding levels and Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act, and urging the Premier to call a provincial election prior to passing Bill 11

Sessional Paper 814/2000

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

Letter dated May 3, 2000, from Harold Moore to the Progressive Conservative Caucus and Mr. Clegg, Hon. Member for Dunvegan, requesting them to vote against Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act

Sessional Paper 815/2000

Alberta RN (Registered Nurse) newsletter article, dated March/April 2000, entitled "President's Update - What's wrong with Bill 11?"

Sessional Paper 816/2000

Letter dated April 7, 2000, from T. Murray Rankin, Q.C., to Stan Marshall, Senior Research Officer, Canadian Union of Public Employees, reviewing a memo prepared by Professor Levy for Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health and Wellness, regarding the Canada Health Act and Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act

Sessional Paper 817/2000

Internet NetNews Inc. article summary dated May 5, 2000, entitled "Who approved CLS (Calgary Laboratory Services)?", prepared by Donna Korchinski, journalist

Sessional Paper 818/2000

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

E-mail message dated April 20, 2000, from Karen Palmer, Board Member, Physicians for a National Health Program (PNHP), to Dr. Swanson enclosing a press release regarding the quality of for-profit hospitals versus not for-profit hospitals, prepared by Gordon Schiff, M.D., Past President, PNHP

Sessional Paper 819/2000

Web site containing a public inquiry poll regarding the evidence of conflicting interests at the Calgary Regional Health Authority (CRHA), and the need for a public inquiry into the CRHA's operations

Sessional Paper 820/2000

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

E-mail message dated May 3, 2000, from David McVean, Calgary, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concerns regarding the motion to close debate on Committee of the Whole consideration of, and asking questions about, Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act

Sessional Paper 821/2000

Fax dated May 4, 2000, from Ruth Vander Woude, Edmonton, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, and Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, requesting the withdrawal of Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act

Sessional Paper 822/2000

Letter dated May 4, 2000, from Astrid Blodgett, Edmonton, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concerns regarding Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act

Sessional Paper 823/2000

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

E-mail message dated May 2, 2000, from Irene Rheinwald, Edmonton, to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing opposition to Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act

Sessional Paper 824/2000

Thesis dated September 29, 1999, entitled "The Role of Changing Together: A Centre for Immigrant Women in the Well-being of its Clientele; A Qualitative Evaluation," prepared by Katharine Ruth Hibbard, M.Sc., University of Alberta

Sessional Paper 825/2000

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

5 letters, undated, from Doug Thomson, Mark Pouliot, Edmonton, Tenille Harasewich, Linda Harasewich, and Leona Sambor, all of Spruce Grove, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health and Wellness, and Members of the Legislative Assembly, expressing opposition to the proposal to allow Regional Health Authorities to enter into contractual arrangements with private for-profit hospitals

Sessional Paper 826/2000

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

Letter dated February 25, 2000, from Allan P. Jobson, Calgary, to Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health and Wellness, requesting an investigation regarding Mr. Jobson's application for out-of-country funding in addition to the basic coverage provided by the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan, with attached WCB (Workers' Compensation Board) appeals commission package

Sessional Paper 827/2000

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Letter dated April 24, 2000, from David W. Poulton, Conservation Director, Calgary/Banff Chapter, Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Environment, with attached petition from 68 Albertans expressing support for the permanent protection of the Spray and Kananaskis Valleys and opposition to any developments in the Spray Valley

Sessional Paper 828/2000

2 letters dated March 5, 2000, from Kristian Kiml and Ken Topham, both of Calgary, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to the development of the Spray Valley in Kananaskis Country

Sessional Paper 829/2000

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

Letter dated May 2, 2000, from Hon. Mr. Paszkowski, Minister of Municipal Affairs, to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, in response to Mr. MacDonald's letter dated April 13, 2000, concerning the Power Engineers' registration fee providing cost recovery for services delivered to the Power Engineers' program

Sessional Paper 830/2000

E-mail message dated April 13, 2000, from Naomi Lakritz, striking Calgary Herald worker, to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, urging the Government to use its legislative powers to assist striking Calgary Herald workers in obtaining their first collective agreement

Sessional Paper 831/2000

Oral Question Period

During Oral Question Period, Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, tabled the following:

Document dated November 12, 1998, entitled "Calgary Regional Health Authority Pilot Study: Evaluation of Contracted Surgical Services"
Sessional Paper 832/2000

During Oral Question Period, Hon. Dr. West, Acting Provincial Treasurer, tabled the following:

Proposed Government amendments to Bill 18, Personal Income Tax Act
Sessional Paper 833/2000

During Oral Question Period, Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, stated Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, would be addressing a Point of Privilege on his behalf as a result of questions raised by Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert.

Members' Statements

Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement regarding The Canadian Association of Statutory Human Rights Agencies hosting a conference May 7-9, 2000, in Banff, to discuss human rights trends and issues that shape Canadian society and culture.

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, made a statement regarding Lawrence Grassi Middle School in Canmore for writing more than 100 letters to elected officials asking for a halt to proposed additional development in the Spray Lakes area, for an end to grizzly hunting, and for the recognition of grizzlies as an endangered species.

During Members' Statements, Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, tabled the following:

Petition signed by Lawrence Grassi Middle School students, Canmore, requesting the Government to take a number of steps to protect wildlife and their environment

Sessional Paper 834/2000

Ms Fritz, Hon. Member for Calgary-Cross, made a statement congratulating Nortel Networks in Calgary for their upcoming 200,000 square foot expansion to its west wing campus.

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 May 8 to May 12, 2000:

Monday, May 8	Aft.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Government Bills and Orders Second Reading Bill 19, 16, 20 Third Reading Bill 11 And as per Order Paper
	Eve.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Government Bills and Orders Second Reading Bill 16, 19 Third Reading Bill 11 And as per Order Paper
Tuesday, May 9	(4:30)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Private Bills Second Reading Bill Pr3 Committee of the Whole Bill Pr1, Pr3, Pr2, Pr4, Pr5 Third Reading Bill Pr1, Pr3, Pr2, Pr4, Pr5 Government Bills and Orders Government Motion 18 And as per Order Paper

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| | Eve. | - Government Bills and Orders
Committee of the Whole
Bill 17, 3, 13, 15
Third Reading
Bill 11
And as per Order Paper |
| Wednesday, May 10 | Eve. | - Government Bills and Orders
Committee of the Whole
based on progress Tuesday
Third Reading
Bill 11
And as per Order Paper |
| Thursday, May 11 | Aft. | - Government Bills and Orders
Committee of the Whole
based on progress Wednesday
Third Reading
Bill 11
And as per Order Paper |

Point of Privilege

On behalf of Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, raised a question of privilege under Standing Order 15 regarding questions raised by Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, with respect to the site chosen for the new Peace River Hospital.

Mr. Speaker heard from Mr. Sapers, the Hon. Acting Opposition House Leader, and Mr. Friedel, Hon. Member for Peace River.

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, apologized to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, Members of the Legislative Assembly, and to the former owner of the Peace River Hospital site.

MONDAY, MAY 8, 2000

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 15 Business Corporations Amendment Act, 2000 — Mr. Melchin

Bill 17 Fair Trading Amendment Act, 2000 — Mr. Ducharme

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:12 p.m. until Monday, May 8, 2000, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, May 8, 2000

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 end of the war in Europe on May 8, 1945, and of those who died in the long and costly struggle.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Gibbons, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, presented a petition from 142 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood, presented a petition from 18 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood, presented a petition from 156 Calgary and Cochrane residents requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from 32 Calgary residents requesting that the Government use its legislative powers to help resolve the labour dispute at the Calgary Herald.

Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, presented a petition from 151 Edmonton and area residents requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, presented a petition from 22 Edmonton and area residents requesting the Government to stop promoting and implementing Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act, and the privatization of public health care.

Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, presented a petition from 49 Sherwood Park residents opposing the proposal to allow private for-profit hospitals in Alberta.

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, presented a petition from 179 Albertans urging the Government to maintain Kananaskis in a natural state, deny development approval to any intensive recreational developments, and create a wildland provincial park.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 200 Albertans requesting the introduction of a bill banning the establishment of private for-profit hospitals in Alberta to maintain the integrity of the public, universal health care system.

Mr. White, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, presented a petition from 189 Calgary residents urging the Government to maintain Kananaskis in a natural state, deny development approval to any intensive recreational developments, and create a wildland provincial park.

Reading and Receiving Petitions

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

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We, the undersigned residents of the Province of Alberta, hereby petition the Legislative Assembly to pass a bill banning private for-profit hospitals in Alberta so that the integrity of the public, universal health care system may be maintained.

Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees

Mr. Trynchy, Chair, Select Standing Committee on Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, presented the following report:

Report of the Standing Committee on the Alberta Heritage Trust Fund, May 2000,
Legislative Assembly of Alberta

Sessional Paper 835/2000

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Office of the Farmers' Advocate of Alberta, Annual Report 1999

Sessional Paper 836/2000

Mrs. Forsyth, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek:

Newspaper dated May 2000, entitled "Connecting Voices Creating Choices,"
prepared by the Prostitution Awareness and Action Foundation of Edmonton

Sessional Paper 837/2000

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

Invitation to Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, from The
Support Network of Edmonton to attend the Theresa Comrie Champagne
Luncheon, to be held at the Hotel Macdonald, Edmonton, on May 12, 2000

Sessional Paper 838/2000

Invitation to Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, from the Girl
Guides of Canada, Edmonton, to attend the Annual Area Awards and Appreciation
dinner, to be held at the Delta Edmonton South, Edmonton, on May 10, 2000

Sessional Paper 839/2000

Report dated January 26, 2000, entitled "Policy Framework: Homelessness,"
prepared by Alberta Community Development, Family and Special Purpose
Housing

Sessional Paper 840/2000

Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Letter dated May 5, 2000, from Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official
Opposition, to The Right Honourable Jean Chrétien, Prime Minister, urging the
Federal Government to use its powers to ensure that Bill 11, Health Care
Protection Act, is not allowed to become law

Sessional Paper 841/2000

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

E-mail message dated April 18, 2000, from Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, to Barb Baker, Edmonton, responding to her e-mail message dated April 18, 2000, to The Right Honourable Jean Chrétien, Prime Minister, expressing her concerns regarding, and opposition to, Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act

Sessional Paper 842/2000

Web page from the voteAlberta.org Bill 11 web site, showing the poll status for or against Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act, as of May 7, 2000

Sessional Paper 843/2000

Web page belonging to John D. Mills, Lethbridge, showing 4 entries in a guest book expressing opposition to Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act

Sessional Paper 844/2000

Update of Government of Alberta web site, dated May 4, 2000, entitled "Bill 11 Debate Summary for May 3, 2000"

Sessional Paper 845/2000

Letter dated May 4, 2000, from Michael Aston, Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Coordinator, Alberta Treasury, to Lennie Kaplan, Liberal Caucus Researcher, responding to a request for access to information relating to the implementation of an 11% single tax rate, the elimination of the 0.5% flat tax, the elimination of the 8% surtax, and an increase in personal, spousal, and equivalent-to-spouse exemptions, and attaching a severed document entitled "Personal Income Tax Issues"

Sessional Paper 846/2000

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

Cité libre article dated Spring 2000, entitled "Is a Two-Tier Health-Care System the Right Answer?", written by Victor Leblanc

Sessional Paper 847/2000

Health Matters article dated April 1995, entitled "Operating in the public interest?", regarding waiting times for appointments in NHS (National Health Service), written by John Yates

Sessional Paper 848/2000

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

Letter dated May 1, 2000, from Michelle Laing-LeClercq, Beaumont, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concerns regarding, and opposition to, Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act

Sessional Paper 849/2000

Letter dated April 25, 2000, from Carol Beck, Chairperson, Prince Albert District Health Board, to Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, advising that she has written to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, urging Mr. Klein to consider withdrawing Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act, and requesting Dr. Pannu's assistance to have Bill 11 withdrawn

Sessional Paper 850/2000

Letter, undated, from Carol Larsen, R.N., B.N., Standard, to Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health and Wellness, expressing grave concerns regarding Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act, and asking Mr. Jonson to vote against it

Sessional Paper 851/2000

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Letter dated March 5, 2000, from Keith Walker, Calgary, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to the Genesis Land Development Corporation development in the Spray Valley of Kananaskis Country

Sessional Paper 852/2000

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

Letter dated April 6, 2000, from the Grade 6 class of St. Anne School, Edmonton, expressing opposition to Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act

Sessional Paper 853/2000

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

5 letters, undated, from Gary M. Comer, Vic Mastrosard, Doug Edwards, P. Lemoine, and Gerald Larson, all of Edmonton, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health and Wellness, and Members of the Legislative Assembly, expressing opposition to the proposal to allow Regional Health Authorities to enter into contractual arrangements with private for-profit hospitals

Sessional Paper 854/2000

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Program from performance entitled "Mama Mia! Me a Mama?", presented by the Big Mama Co-op, Edmonton

Sessional Paper 855/2000

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

Letter dated April 17, 2000, from Hon. Gary Doer, Premier of Manitoba, to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, responding to Mr. MacDonald's letter of January 19, 2000, regarding the issue of the shortage of health professionals in the health care system across the country

Sessional Paper 856/2000

Program from the King's University College Graduation Convocation 2000, held on April 29, 2000

Sessional Paper 857/2000

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood:

E-mail message dated April 27, 2000, from Herb Baldwin, Red Deer, to Members of the Legislative Assembly, attaching a response to an opinion by Mr. Doerksen, Hon. Member for Red Deer-South, printed in the Red Deer Advocate on April 20, 2000, regarding health care issues

Sessional Paper 858/2000

Oral Question Period

During Oral Question Period, Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, tabled the following:

Report dated April 14, 2000, to be presented to Edmonton City Council, providing a response to an administrative inquiry respecting Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act, requested by Councillor D. Thiele on March 7, 2000

Sessional Paper 859/2000

Speaker's Statement - Member Recognition

The Speaker made a statement in recognition of the fourteen-year anniversary of 4 Members of the Legislative Assembly elected on May 8, 1986.

Recognitions

Ms Kryczka, Hon. Member for Calgary-West: Jerry Selinger, Q.C., Chief Crown Prosecutor, Calgary Crown Prosecutor's Office, who passed away on May 2, 2000, at 50 years of age, and for his numerous contributions to the community, notably, as a member of the Alberta Justice Working Committee on Domestic Violence, as well as working on the steering committee of the national pilot project in developing a domestic violence intake court in Calgary, and for his contribution in establishing a native court on the Tsuu T'ina reserve

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry: Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Month, and related celebrations including the 10th annual Super Cities Walk for Multiple Sclerosis at Rundle Park, Edmonton, on May 7, 2000, raising \$64,143 to date, and the 400 volunteers and many corporate sponsors who organized and facilitated the walk

Mr. Strang, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead: Grande Cache Rockies Senior hockey team, on winning the Alberta North Central Hockey League Championship, May 9, 2000, and head coach Rick Bentley, coaching staff, sponsors, and citizens of Grande Cache for supporting and encouraging the team

Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview: International Nursing Week, May 8-14, 2000, themed, "Nursing in the New Millennium," and the 180th birthday of Florence Nightingale

Mr. Lougheed, Hon. Member for Clover Bar-Fort Saskatchewan: Monument to Lord Strathcona, unveiled May 6, 2000, at a ceremony in Sherwood Park celebrating his life and accomplishments, project coordinator, John Ashton, for organizing the event, and Dawn McLean, the creator of the monument

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark: Bill Hunter, on the renaming of the Jasper Place arena as the Bill Hunter arena, and his achievements, notably, helping to found the World Hockey Association, the Western Hockey League, laying the groundwork for the National Hockey League's coming to Edmonton, acting as the Edmonton Oiler's general manager, recipient of the Order of Canada for his work as a hockey pioneer, and his nomination to the Hockey Hall of Fame

Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert: 12th annual Excellence in Teaching awards, May 6, 2000, honouring 21 teachers from across Alberta, and specifically Mark Samuel, St. Albert Catholic High School, who teaches many of the students in St. Albert who are at risk, and for his work and inspiration to young students at the St. Albert Storefront School

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

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

Bill 11 Health Care Protection Act - Hon. Mr. Jonson

Mr. Klapstein, Hon. Member for Leduc, moved that this question be now put, pursuant to Standing Order 47(1).

A debate followed.

Mrs. Forsyth, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, moved adjournment of the debate on the motion for the previous question, which was agreed to.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(1), the Deputy Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 5:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

MONDAY, MAY 8, 2000 — 8:00 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders**Third Reading**

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

Bill 11 Health Care Protection Act - Hon. Mr. Jonson

A debate followed on the motion for the previous question.

Mr. Renner moved adjournment of the debate on the motion for the previous question, which was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 12:08 a.m. Tuesday, May 9, 2000, until 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 9, 2000

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

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Lougheed, Hon. Member for Clover Bar-Fort Saskatchewan, presented a petition from 291 Albertans supporting the reinstatement of front licence plates on all vehicles registered in Alberta.

Mr. Langevin, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul, presented a petition from 210 Albertans supporting the reinstatement of front licence plates on all vehicles registered in Alberta.

Mr. Thurber, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Calmar, presented a petition from 88 Albertans supporting the reinstatement of front licence plates on all vehicles registered in Alberta.

Mr. Jacques, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Wapiti, presented a petition from 280 Albertans supporting the reinstatement of front licence plates on all vehicles registered in Alberta.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from 172 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, presented a petition from 140 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry, presented a petition from 141 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, presented a petition from 223 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Dr. Nicol, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, presented a petition from 49 Lethbridge residents requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mr. Wickman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, presented a petition from 135 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, presented a petition from 76 Edmonton residents urging the Government to ensure long-term care access is available within the public system.

Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, presented a petition from 37 Edmonton residents requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, presented a petition from 136 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mr. White, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, presented a petition from 216 Edmonton and area residents requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, presented a petition from 152 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, presented a petition from 107 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from 137 Albertans requesting that public health care be protected, supported and enhanced, and that for-profit, private hospitals be banned from receiving public dollars.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from 24 Calgary residents requesting that the Government use its legislative powers to help resolve the labour dispute at the Calgary Herald.

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood, presented a petition from 146 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mr. Gibbons, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, presented a petition from 124 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, presented a petition from 324 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 201 Albertans urging the Government to maintain Kananaskis in a natural state, deny development approval to any intensive recreational developments, and create a wildland provincial park.

Reading and Receiving Petitions

On request by Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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We, the undersigned, petition the Assembly to urge the Government to use its legislative powers to help resolve the labour dispute at the Calgary Herald.

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We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to introduce legislation requiring a minimum of two people on shifts from dark to daylight.

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We, the undersigned residents of the Province of Alberta, hereby petition the Legislative Assembly to pass a bill banning private for-profit hospitals in Alberta so that the integrity of the public, universal health care system may be maintained.

Notices of Motions

Pursuant to Standing Order 34(2)(a), Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following Written Questions and Motions for Returns to be dealt with Wednesday, May 10, 2000:

Written Questions: Stand and retain their places.

Motions for Returns: MR33, MR34, MR35, MR40, MR44, MR45, MR48, MR49.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier:

Letter dated May 9, 2000, from Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, to The Right Honourable Jean Chrétien, Prime Minister, advising the Prime Minister of the Government amendments to Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act

Sessional Paper 860/2000

Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Children's Services:

Response to Written Question WQ17 asked for by Mrs. Soetaert on behalf of Mrs. Sloan on May 3, 2000:

How many children with Child Welfare status have been housed in hotel rooms in the Edmonton region between February 18, 1999 and April 5, 2000?

Sessional Paper 861/2000

Response to Written Question WQ18 asked for by Mrs. Soetaert on behalf of Mrs. Sloan on May 3, 2000:

How many children with Child Welfare status have been housed in jail cells, remand centres, or single men's hostels between February 18, 1999 and April 5, 2000 in the Province?

Sessional Paper 862/2000

Response to Written Question WQ19 asked for by Mrs. Soetaert on behalf of Mrs. Sloan on May 3, 2000:

In which hotels in the Edmonton region were children who were receiving services under the Child Welfare Act housed in between February 18, 1999 and April 5, 2000?

Sessional Paper 863/2000

Response to Written Question WQ20 asked for by Mrs. Soetaert on behalf of Mrs. Sloan on May 3, 2000:

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 1998-99 fiscal year?

Sessional Paper 864/2000

Hon. Dr. West, Acting Provincial Treasurer:

Responses to questions raised on March 6, 2000, Department of Treasury 2000-2001 Budget estimates consideration by Committee of Supply

Sessional Paper 865/2000

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

Response to Written Question WQ16 asked for by Ms Blakeman on April 19, 2000:

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

Sessional Paper 866/2000

Mrs. Burgener, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie:

Information pamphlet entitled "Manifesto 2000, For a culture of peace and non-violence," prepared by UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization)

Sessional Paper 867/2000

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

2 letters, one undated, from Marie Lars, Edmonton, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and one dated April 17, 2000, from Dorothy Corney, Red Deer, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, The Right Honourable Jean Chrétien, Prime Minister, and the Honourable Allan Rock, Federal Minister of Health, both raising questions regarding, and expressing opposition to, Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act and the public health care system

Sessional Paper 868/2000

Letter dated March 26, 2000, from Gerry Shaw, President, Senior Alpine Ski Club, Calgary, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, opposing the Genesis Land Development Corporation proposed development to the Spray Lakes area in Kananaskis Country

Sessional Paper 869/2000

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

E-mail message dated May 5, 2000, from John O. Olsen, Camrose, to Mr. Wickman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, expressing concerns regarding Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act, and asking Mr. Wickman to vote against it

Sessional Paper 870/2000

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

NetNews Inc. web page article dated May 8, 2000, entitled "Story Two: The Numbers Game," written by Donna Korchinski, summarizing stories on Calgary Laboratory Services (CLS)

Sessional Paper 871/2000

NetNews Inc. web page news release, undated, entitled "Health Minister confirms that CLS (Calgary Laboratory Services) has 'outstanding issues'"

Sessional Paper 872/2000

Press release dated May 5, 2000, entitled "Liberal candidate says Health Minister is avoiding responsibility," with attached April 20, 2000 Hansard excerpt and letter dated May 5, 2000, from Mr. Robinson to Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, regarding surgery waiting lists in the Mistahia Health Region, prepared by Barry Robinson, Alberta Liberal candidate, Grande Prairie-Smoky constituency

Sessional Paper 873/2000

International Express article, undated, entitled "£60,000 for doctors if they rejoin NHS (National Health Service)"

Sessional Paper 874/2000

Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Letter dated April 24, 2000, from Dorothy Almas, Edmonton, unaddressed, regarding a minimum 12-week wait to receive radiation treatments at the W. W. Cross Cancer Institute

Sessional Paper 875/2000

Letter dated May 8, 2000, from David King, Edmonton, to the Editor, Edmonton Journal, expressing concerns regarding, and opposition to, Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act, and stating that he will ask constituents of Members of the Legislative Assembly who vote for Bill 11 to elect a new government

Sessional Paper 876/2000

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

Letter dated April 26, 2000, from Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, to Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Children's Services, requesting information relating to the Department of Children's Services and Child Welfare's acts and omissions in the placement of Corvette Crier

Sessional Paper 877/2000

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

Document dated May 9, 2000, entitled "Calculating your taxes under the 10.5% Klein Flat Tax, 2004," showing calculations of provincial tax payable for a range of incomes at current and proposed tax rates

Sessional Paper 878/2000

Petition signed by 20 Albertans opposing the privatization of health care and private for-profit services, and requesting that funding be restored to public health care to reduce long waiting lists

Sessional Paper 879/2000

Document, undated, signed by 40 Albertans, entitled "A Message to Ralph Klein" protesting the content of, and intention to legislate, Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act

Sessional Paper 880/2000

Letter dated May 9, 2000, from Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, to Carl Roy, President, Caritas Health Group, Edmonton, clarifying a misunderstanding arising from a St. Albert public meeting and apologizing to Mr. Roy for not referring to him by his proper title

Sessional Paper 881/2000

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

Web page dated May 5, 2000, from misterpoll.com showing poll results for the question "Should the Government of Alberta pass Bill 11?"

Sessional Paper 882/2000

E-mail message dated April 13, 2000, from Cinda Chavich, striking Calgary Herald worker, to Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, urging the Government to use its legislative powers to assist striking Calgary Herald workers in obtaining their first collective agreement

Sessional Paper 883/2000

Report, undated, entitled "Our Chosen Land, 100 years of development of the Chinese community," published by the Calgary Chinese Cultural Centre

Sessional Paper 884/2000

Report dated April 1999, entitled "Privacy and Confidentiality of Health Information at CIHI (Canadian Institute for Health Information): Principles and policies for the protection of health information," prepared by the Canadian Institute for Health Information

Sessional Paper 885/2000

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

Tabulation of responses, as of April 14, 2000, to a questionnaire on health care put to constituents of the Edmonton-Calder constituency

Sessional Paper 886/2000

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

Report, undated, entitled "Medical Errors Higher at For-Profit than Not-for-Profit Hospitals, Harvard Study Finds," prepared by Physicians for a National Health System (PNHP), Chicago, Illinois

Sessional Paper 887/2000

Newspaper dated May 2000, entitled "The Asian Times," featuring citizens from Edmonton-Mill Creek on the steps of the Legislature saying no to Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act

Sessional Paper 888/2000

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Letter dated April 27, 2000, from Sheila McKay, Board President, Central Alberta Women's Emergency Shelter, Red Deer, to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, requesting that Ms Blakeman continue her efforts in assisting to ensure funding is continued for the Batterers' Treatment Program in Red Deer

Sessional Paper 889/2000

Oral Question Period

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

Calgary Herald article dated May 4, 2000, entitled "Federal Liberals poised for record in stifling debate"

Sessional Paper 890/2000

Members' Statements

Mrs. Burgener, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, made a statement regarding the year 2000 being proclaimed the International Year for the Culture of Peace by the United Nations General Assembly, and a document entitled "Manifesto 2000" drafted on the 50th anniversary of the United Nations universal declaration of human rights, expected to be signed by 100 million people, to be presented to the United Nations General Assembly in September 2000 as part of the International Day of Peace.

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood, made a statement regarding the state of democracy in Alberta, particularly regarding the debate on Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act, and commented on the importance in a democracy of listening to and supporting alternative points of view.

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, made a statement regarding the year 2000 inductees to the Aviation Hall of Fame in Wetaskiwin, namely James Tocher-Baine, who will be posthumously inducted, Albert Baker, Paul Bernard Dilworth, Reginald John Laine, and Vera Elsie Strodel-Dowling, at a ceremony on May 13, 2000, to be held at the Reynolds-Alberta Museum, as well as the year 2000 Val Devorian award of excellence to be awarded to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Air Division.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 208 Gaming and Liquor Amendment Act, 2000 — Mrs. MacBeth

A debate followed.

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

Motions Other Than Government Motions

509. Moved by Mr. Lougheed:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to reinstate the requirement to display front licence plates on all vehicles registered in the province.

Debate continued on the amendment moved by Mr. Tannas on May 2, 2000, which reads as follows:

that the motion be amended by adding the following after “province”:

“in conjunction with a licence plate re-issue”

The question being put, the amendment was agreed to.

The question being put, the motion as amended was agreed to.

510. Moved by Ms Olsen:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to establish a special task force in conjunction with federal and municipal authorities to examine ways to preserve neighbourhoods affected by school closures and business relocations.

A debate followed.

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

Government Bills and Orders

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

Bill 11 Health Care Protection Act - Hon. Mr. Jonson

Debate continued on the motion for the previous question.

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(1), debate adjourned on the motion for the previous question, Mr. White speaking.

Adjournment

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

TUESDAY, MAY 9, 2000 — 8:00 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

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

Bill 11 Health Care Protection Act - Hon. Mr. Jonson

Debate continued on the motion for the previous question.

During debate, Hon. Mr. Paszkowski, Minister of Municipal Affairs, tabled the following:

Web page article from Norway regarding support by Hon. Tore Tonne, Norwegian Minister of Health, for utilizing private resources in the health system
Sessional Paper 891/2000

National Post article dated May 1, 2000, entitled "Romanow's revolution," regarding the Saskatchewan Health Facilities Licensing Act
Sessional Paper 892/2000

During debate, Mr. Coutts, Hon. Member for Livingstone-Macleod, tabled the following:

Document entitled "Bill 11 is a necessary step in ensuring the protection of the public health care system in Alberta," prepared by Teresa Welsch
Sessional Paper 893/2000

Mr. Melchin moved adjournment of the debate on the motion for the previous question, which was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:53 p.m. until Wednesday, May 10, 2000, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 10, 2000

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

Presenting Petitions

Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, presented a petition from 679 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, presented a petition from 566 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Dr. Nicol, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, presented a petition from 856 Albertans requesting the introduction of a bill requiring a minimum of two people on shifts from dark to daylight.

Mr. Wickman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, presented a petition from 766 Albertans in support of the five basic principles upon which medicare was built.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 647 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care be stopped, and that existing for-profit operations be banned.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 58 Athabasca residents requesting the introduction of a bill banning the establishment of private for-profit hospitals in Alberta to maintain the integrity of the public, universal health care system.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 319 Albertans requesting the introduction of a bill banning the establishment of private for-profit hospitals in Alberta to maintain the integrity of the public, universal health care system.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from 45 Albertans requesting the addition of newer and more effective medications and therapies to the Alberta drug list.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from 8 Calgary residents requesting that the Government use its legislative powers to help resolve the labour dispute at the Calgary Herald.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from 603 Albertans requesting that public health care be protected, supported and enhanced, and that for-profit, private hospitals be banned from receiving public dollars.

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood, presented a petition from 20 Edmonton and area residents requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Reading and Receiving Petitions

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

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

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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, petition the Assembly to urge the Government to use its legislative powers to help resolve the labour dispute at the Calgary Herald.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government to protect, support, and enhance public health care in Alberta and to ban for-profit, private hospitals from receiving public dollars.

On request by Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned, call upon the Legislative Assembly of Alberta to urge the Government of Alberta:

1. to immediately disallow any further development of the Spray Valley of Kananaskis Country, including those proposals currently under consideration;
2. to maintain Kananaskis Country in a natural state that provides high quality wildlife habitat and nature-based recreational activities;
3. to create a wildland provincial park which protects the whole of the undeveloped parts of the Kananaskis and Spray Valleys.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

On request by Mr. Langevin, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to reinstate the front licence plate on all vehicles registered in Alberta.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier:

Letter dated May 10, 2000, from John B. Zaozirny, Q.C., former Minister of Energy, to the Editor, Edmonton Journal, expressing support for Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act

Sessional Paper 894/2000

Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health and Wellness, pursuant to the Optometry Profession Act, cO-10, s6(4):

Alberta College of Optometrists, Annual Report 1999

Sessional Paper 895/2000

Executive summary dated November 12, 1998, entitled "Quality Care Committee Presentation - Pilot Study: Evaluation of Contracted Surgical Services"

Sessional Paper 896/2000

Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment:

Letter dated April 6, 2000, from Brigham Y. Card, Lethbridge, to Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment, with associated attachments, offering comments and information regarding the opposition the Government is facing regarding the passage of Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act
Sessional Paper 897/2000

Mrs. Gordon, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Stettler:

Edmonton Community Lottery Board, Annual Report 1999
Sessional Paper 898/2000

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

Web page and executive summary from www.garydickson.ab.ca showing results of a constituency opinion poll summary from May 1-9, 2000, regarding Bill 11 Health Care Protection Act
Sessional Paper 899/2000

Web page and executive summary from www.garydickson.ab.ca showing results of a constituency opinion poll summary from April 1-28, 2000, regarding Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act
Sessional Paper 900/2000

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

Petition signed by 677 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped
Sessional Paper 901/2000

Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Petition signed by 7 third-year nursing students, University of Calgary, supporting the withdrawal of Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act
Sessional Paper 902/2000

Petition signed by 159 members of the Federal Superannuates National Association requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped
Sessional Paper 903/2000

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

146 letters from Red Deer residents to taxpayer representatives expressing concern regarding the Government's proposal to allow private, for-profit hospitals in Alberta
Sessional Paper 904/2000

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

Petition signed by 22 Edmonton residents requesting the withdrawal of Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act

Sessional Paper 905/2000

FOIP (Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy) request for access to information from Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, for the number of communications received by the Premier's Office regarding support for and against Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act

Sessional Paper 906/2000

Results from a survey of Edmonton-Meadowlark constituents issued May 3, 2000, regarding private for-profit hospitals and the health care system

Sessional Paper 907/2000

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

Letter dated May 8, 2000, from Cecile L. Hansen, Edmonton, to Mr. Wickman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, expressing opposition to the proposal to allow Regional Health Authorities to enter into contractual arrangements with private for-profit hospitals

Sessional Paper 908/2000

Letter dated May 9, 2000, from Mary-Ellen Robinson, Edmonton, to Members of the Legislative Assembly, urging Members to vote against Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act, with attached Edmonton Journal article dated May 7, 2000, entitled "U.S. doctor wails over managed care," written by Ann Landers

Sessional Paper 909/2000

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

Letter dated March 6, 2000, from Harold and Cheri Gerbrandt, Medicine Hat, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act, and stating that if Bill 11 passes, they will not support the Premier in the next election

Sessional Paper 910/2000

Letter dated April 15, 2000, from Richard H. Beech, Sherwood Park, to Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Children's Services, expressing opposition to Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act

Sessional Paper 911/2000

Letter dated March 8, 2000, from Shirley Thomas, Red Deer, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, requesting information and data, as previously requested from Mr. Doerksen, Hon. Member for Red Deer-South, regarding the rationale for introducing Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act

Sessional Paper 912/2000

Petition signed by 235 Sisters of Assumption requesting that the Legislative Assembly reject any change in the health services legislation to use private for-profit organizations to deliver health care services currently provided by the public health care system

Sessional Paper 913/2000

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

Petition signed by 30 Albertans expressing opposition to Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act, and private for-profit hospitals

Sessional Paper 914/2000

Petition signed by 37 Albertans requesting the withdrawal of Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act

Sessional Paper 915/2000

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

Petition signed by 565 Albertans requesting the withdrawal of Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act

Sessional Paper 916/2000

Western Catholic Reporter (WCR) article, dated May 8, 2000, entitled "Scrap Bill 11, says CWL (Catholic Women's League)"

Sessional Paper 917/2000

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

35 letters dated February 8, 2000, from Canmore, Kananaskis, and Banff residents, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to the Genesis Land Corporation development of the Spray Lakes area of Kananaskis Country, and requesting that the area be designated as a wildland provincial park

Sessional Paper 918/2000

47 letters dated February 22, 2000, from Albertans and residents of numerous other provinces to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to the Genesis Land Corporation development of the Spray Lakes area of Kananaskis Country, and requesting that the area be designated as a wildland provincial park

Sessional Paper 919/2000

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

150 letters from Red Deer residents, unaddressed, expressing opposition to the plans for privatization of health care and for-profit hospitals in Alberta

Sessional Paper 920/2000

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

Petition signed by 83 Fort Macleod residents expressing support for public health care and opposition to special private clinics and special health care services
Sessional Paper 921/2000

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood:

Letter dated May 2, 2000, from Corinne Dacyshyn, Committee Clerk, Legislative Assembly, to Members of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts, regarding the cancellation of the Public Accounts Committee meeting on May 3, 2000
Sessional Paper 922/2000

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

Letter dated February 8, 2000, from Hon. Roy Romanow, Premier of Saskatchewan, to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, indicating that a major portion of the upcoming Premiers' conference will be focussed on health funding, in response to Mr. MacDonald's previous letter urging that the shortage of health professionals be discussed at the Premiers' conference
Sessional Paper 923/2000

Speaker's Statement

Honourable Members, before commencing Orders of the Day, the Chair would like to draw your attention to the item "Motions Other than Government Motions" found at page 6 of today's Order Paper.

Members will note that under that item, Motion 511, sponsored by the Member for Calgary-West, has been amended as is allowed under Standing Order 39.1. The Chair would like to note that the Honourable Member served notice well in advance of the 4 sitting day period stipulated in that Standing Order, however due to some internal miscommunication not the fault of the Member, this notice did not appear on the Order Paper until today.

While the notice falls slightly short of the 4 day notice by several hours, the Chair would ask for the indulgence of all the Members regarding this oversight.

Recognitions

Mrs. Forsyth, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek: Calgary Outriders Soccer Club, who will be participating in the Gothia Cup in Sweden, and the Dana Cup in Denmark this summer

Mr. Gibbons, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning: 8 recipients of the Edmonton Downtown Business Association awards on May 5, 2000

Mrs. Fritz, Hon. Member for Calgary-Cross: Nightingale Nights Celebration on May 12, 2000, recognizing the 180th birthday of Florence Nightingale, and 5 dinners to raise funds for nursing education to be held in Lethbridge, Calgary, Red Deer, Edmonton, and Grande Prairie, hosted by the Alberta Registered Nurses Educational Trust

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark: International Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Day, May 12, 2000

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort: Stephen Kung, Casey Wang, Nilou Davoudi, Samir Pradhan, and Susan Doan, recipients of the Youth Immigrants of Distinction Awards recently given out by the Calgary Immigrant Aid Society

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona: Norma Zopf, honoured at the United Way Labour Appreciation Night, May 6, 2000, for being a dedicated mother, community activist, and for volunteering throughout her life

Mr. Stevens, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore: Grand opening of the 1885 Calgary Town Hall at the Heritage Park Historical Village, Calgary, on May 9, 2000

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

WQ21, WQ22, WQ23, WQ24, WQ25.

Motions for Returns

The following Motion for Returns was accepted:

MR48. Moved by Mr. Dickson on behalf of Mr. White:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A copy of the minutes of each meeting of the Forest Protection Advisory Committee held in the calendar years 1998 and 1999.

The following Motions for Returns were rejected:

MR33. Moved by Mr. Sapers:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of documents prepared for Alberta Treasury by Government departments between November 1, 1998 and April 3, 2000, evaluating the cost of service and revenues associated with user fees, licenses, premiums, and charges levied by Government departments.

MR34. Moved by Mr. Sapers:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of base case forecast tables and change in marginal tax rates by income class of taxpayers prepared by, or for, Alberta Treasury for the period January 1, 1999 to April 3, 2000, associated with the implementation of the Government's 11% single rate tax plan.

MR35. Moved by Mr. Sapers:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all documents estimating the revenue impact and economic offset prepared by, or for, Alberta Treasury for the period June 1, 1999 to April 3, 2000, associated with the implementation of the Government's 11% single rate tax plan.

MR40. Moved by Mrs. Sloan on behalf of Ms Blakeman:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of the Maintenance Enforcement Program (MEP) Business Process Improvement Strategy on systems and procedures that are in place to protect and update investments in technology.

MR44. Moved by Mr. Sapers:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of budget and financial reports for the period January 1, 1999 to April 5, 2000, as required pursuant to Articles 9.7.1, 9.8.1, and 9.8.2 of the July 12, 1996 agreement between the Government of Alberta, the Alberta Special Waste Management Corporation, Bovar Technology Ltd. Bovar Inc., Bovar (Swan Hills) Limited Partnership, 542936 Alberta Ltd., and Chem-Security (Alberta) Ltd.

MR45. Moved by Mr. Sapers:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of studies, reports, memoranda, correspondence and background documents prepared by, or for, the Department of Environment or sent to the Department of Environment, for the period January 1, 1999 to April 5, 2000, relating to a change in ownership of the Alberta Special Waste Management Treatment Centre (Swan Hills) and the importation of hazardous waste from outside of Canada.

MR49. Moved by Mr. Dickson on behalf of Mr. White:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A copy of the meeting summaries and council reports of all the meetings of the Alberta Forest Management Science Council held from January 23, 1998 to April 13, 2000.

Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Environment, tabled the following:

Report dated June 1999, entitled "Statement of Account to the Minister of Environment, the Honourable Gary Mar," prepared by the Alberta Forest Management Science Council

Sessional Paper 924/2000

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

MR39, MR47, MR50.

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 206 School (Students' Code of Conduct) Amendment Act, 2000 — Mr. Coutts

Second Reading

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

Bill 208 Gaming and Liquor Amendment Act, 2000 — Mrs. MacBeth

A debate followed.

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

For the motion: 7

Dickson	MacDonald	Sapers
Leibovici	Nicol	Sloan
MacBeth		

Against the motion: 43

Amery	Hancock	O'Neill
Broda	Havelock	Paszkowski
Calahasen	Hlady	Pham
Cao	Jacques	Renner
Cardinal	Johnson	Severtson
Coutts	Klapstein	Shariff
Doerksen	Kryczka	Stelmach
Ducharme	Langevin	Stevens
Dunford	Lougheed	Strang
Evans	Lund	Tannas
Fischer	Mar	Tarchuk
Forsyth	Marz	Taylor
Friedel	McFarland	Woloshyn
Fritz	Nelson	Zwozdesky
Haley		

Adjournment

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, 2000— 8:00 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

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

Bill 11 Health Care Protection Act — Hon. Mr. Jonson

Debate continued on the motion for the previous question.

The question being put on the motion for the previous question, the motion was agreed to. With Hon. Mr. Kowalski in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 52

Amery	Havelock	O'Neill
Boutilier	Herard	Oberg
Broda	Hlady	Paszkowski
Calahasen	Jacques	Pham
Cao	Johnson	Renner
Cardinal	Jonson	Severtson
Clegg	Klapstein	Shariff
Coutts	Klein	Stelmach
Doerksen	Kryczka	Stevens
Ducharme	Langevin	Strang
Dunford	Lougheed	Tannas
Evans	Lund	Tarchuk
Fischer	Mar	Taylor
Forsyth	Marz	Thurber
Friedel	McClellan	West
Fritz	McFarland	Woloshyn
Haley	Nelson	Zwozdesky
Hancock		

Against the motion: 18

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

Pursuant to Standing Order 47(2), the question being put on the motion for Third Reading of Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act, the motion was agreed to. With Hon. Mr. Kowalski in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 52

Amery	Havelock	O'Neill
Boutilier	Herard	Oberg
Broda	Hlady	Paszkowski
Calahasen	Jacques	Pham
Cao	Johnson	Renner
Cardinal	Jonson	Severtson
Clegg	Klapstein	Shariff
Coutts	Klein	Stelmach
Doerksen	Kryczka	Stevens
Ducharme	Langevin	Strang
Dunford	Lougheed	Tannas
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Fritz	McFarland	Woloshyn
Haley	Nelson	Zwozdesky
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Against the motion: 18

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Carlson	Massey	Sloan
Dickson	Nicol	Soetaert
Gibbons	Olsen	White
Leibovici	Pannu	Wickman

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 11 Health Care Protection Act — Hon. Mr. Jonson

Second Reading

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

Bill 16 Condominium Property Amendment Act, 2000 — Mrs. Laing

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 15 Business Corporations Amendment Act, 2000 — Mr. Melchin

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 17 Fair Trading Amendment Act, 2000 — Mr. Ducharme

Mrs. O'Neill, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of an amendment considered by the Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 15 (Hon. Minister of Government Services) — Agreed to
Sessional Paper 925/2000

Second Reading

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

Bill 18 Alberta Personal Income Tax Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Day

Debate continued on amendment introduced by Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie on May 2, 2000, that the motion be amended by striking out all of the words after "That" and substituting the following:

Bill 18, Alberta Personal Income Tax Act, be not now read a Second time because the Assembly believes that as a result of the tax reduction measures announced in the 2000 Federal budget, the Bill would not ensure that all Alberta taxpayers receive a fair tax reduction.

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, moved adjournment of debate on the reasoned amendment, which was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:52 p.m. until Thursday, May 11, 2000, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 11, 2000

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

Presenting Petitions

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, presented a petition from 153 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 8 Calgary residents requesting that the Government use its legislative powers to help resolve the labour dispute at the Calgary Herald.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 200 Albertans requesting the introduction of a bill banning the establishment of private for-profit hospitals in Alberta to maintain the integrity of the public, universal health care system.

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 citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

On request by Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned, petition the Assembly to urge the Government to use its legislative powers to help resolve the labour dispute at the Calgary Herald.

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 Alberta Government to take an enlightened preventative approach and add the newer and more effective medications and therapies to the Alberta drug list to ensure the health of an aging society.

On request by Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, hereby petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government to immediately stop promoting private for-profit health care within the domain of medically required services, and to ban any existing for-profit operations that are conducting medically required surgical services, as paid for by the Government of Alberta through any Regional Health Authority in the Province.

On request by Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of the Province of Alberta, hereby petition the Legislative Assembly to pass a bill banning private for-profit hospitals in Alberta so that the integrity of the public, universal health care system may be maintained.

On request by Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of the Province of Alberta, hereby petition the Legislative Assembly to pass a bill banning private for-profit hospitals in Alberta so that the integrity of the public, universal health care system may be maintained.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 24 Wilderness Areas, Ecological Reserves and Natural Areas Amendment Act,
2000 — Hon. Mr. Mar

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Environment:

News release dated May 11, 2000, entitled "Legislative Amendment will protect Alberta's grasslands heritage," prepared by Alberta Environment, regarding Bill 24, Wilderness Areas, Ecological Reserves and Natural Areas Amendment Act, 2000

Sessional Paper 926/2000

Mr. Hlady, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View:

Report dated May 2000, entitled "Wage Enhancement," prepared by a variety of childcare organizations, educational institutions, and municipal organizations in Calgary, supporting better wages for childcare professionals

Sessional Paper 927/2000

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

E-mail message dated May 11, 2000, from Kay and Ross Gould, Calgary, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, asking questions about private health care facilities in view of the Premier's comments during Third Reading debate on Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act

Sessional Paper 928/2000

E-mail message dated May 11, 2000, from Fiona Boulet, Calgary, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concerns regarding Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act, and the way Albertans who oppose Bill 11 have been treated by the Government during debate on the Bill

Sessional Paper 929/2000

Petition signed by 19 Albertans urging the Legislative Assembly to pass a bill banning private for-profit hospitals in Alberta so that the integrity of the public, universal health care system may be maintained

Sessional Paper 930/2000

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

Summary of 128 questions asked by Calgary residents during the "Night of 100 Questions Rally" at the McDougall Centre, Calgary, on May 3, 2000, regarding Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act

Sessional Paper 931/2000

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

Document dated May 11, 2000, entitled "Tax on Income Proposals in the Provinces," setting out income tax rates in 8 provinces

Sessional Paper 932/2000

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood:

E-mail message dated May 4, 2000, from Toni Ziganash, Edmonton, to Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood, expressing support for Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act

Sessional Paper 933/2000

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

Letter dated January 27, 2000, from Hon. Brian Tobin, Premier of Newfoundland, to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, indicating that health care would be a priority agenda item at the Premiers' conference in February 2000, in response to Mr. MacDonald's letter dated January 19, 2000, urging that the shortage of health professionals be discussed at the Premiers' conference

Sessional Paper 934/2000

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

News release dated May 11, 2000, entitled "It's not over!", prepared by the Friends of Medicare, regarding Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act receiving Third Reading

Sessional Paper 935/2000

Members' Statements

Ms Kryczka, Hon. Member for Calgary-West, made a statement regarding Nursing Week, May 8-14, 2000, coinciding with Florence Nightingale's birthday, May 12, 2000, to be celebrated with a series of simultaneous birthday parties in many communities at 6:00 p.m. on May 12, 2000.

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood, made a statement regarding the public opposition to Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act, and concern by the Official Opposition regarding comments made by some Government Members of the Legislative Assembly during the disruptions in the Gallery the previous evening.

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 May 15 to May 19, 2000:

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| Monday, May 15 | Aft. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Government Bills and Orders Second Reading Bill 18, 19 And as per Order Paper |
| | Eve. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Government Bills and Orders Committee of the Whole Bill 3, 13, 16 Second Reading Bill 18, 19, 24 And as per Order Paper |
| Tuesday, May 16 | (4:30) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Private Bills Second Reading Bill Pr3 Committee of the Whole Bill Pr1, Pr3, Pr2, Pr4, Pr5 Third Reading Bill Pr1, Pr3, Pr2, Pr4, Pr5 Government Bills and Orders Government Motion 18 And as per Order Paper |
| | Eve. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Government Bills and Orders Committee of the Whole Bill 23 Second Reading Bill 20, 18, 19 And as per Order Paper |

Wednesday, May 17	Eve.	- Government Bills and Orders Committee of the Whole based on progress Tuesday in consultation with Opposition Third Reading All And as per Order Paper
Thursday, May 18	Aft.	- Government Bills and Orders Committee of the Whole based on progress Wednesday in consultation with Opposition Third Reading All And as per Order Paper

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:03 p.m. until Monday, May 15, 2000, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, May 15, 2000

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

Presenting Petitions

Dr. Nicol, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, presented a petition from 2,003 Albertans requesting the introduction of a bill requiring a minimum of two people on shifts from dark to daylight.

Mr. Gibbons, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, presented a petition from 131 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 72 Albertans requesting the introduction of a bill banning the establishment of private for-profit hospitals in Alberta to maintain the integrity of the public, universal health care system.

Reading and Receiving Petitions

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned, petition the Assembly to urge the Government to use its legislative powers to help resolve the labour dispute at the Calgary Herald.

On request by Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of the Province of Alberta, hereby petition the Legislative Assembly to pass a bill banning private for-profit hospitals in Alberta so that the integrity of the public, universal health care system may be maintained.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Environment:

Response to Written Question WQ2 asked for by Mr. White on March 8, 2000:

How many Alberta Environment staff and how many individuals on contract were available to fight forest fires on April 1, July 1 and October 1, 1999 and what were the equivalent numbers for the same dates in 1998?

Sessional Paper 936/2000

Response to Written Question WQ3 asked for by Mr. White on March 8, 2000:

What base resources were available to fight forest fires in Alberta at the beginning of the 1992, 1993, 1998 and 1999 fire seasons, including the number and type of air tankers, the number and type of helicopters and the number and size of wildland firefighting units?

Sessional Paper 937/2000

Response to Written Question WQ4 asked for by Ms Carlson on March 8, 2000:

How many fish and wildlife officers and how many park rangers were employed by Alberta Environment on April 1, in 1992 and 1998, and how many conservation officers were employed on April 1, 1999 to carry out the duties previously performed by fish and wildlife officers and park rangers?

Sessional Paper 938/2000

Response to Written Question WQ5 asked for by Mr. White on March 8, 2000:

During the calendar year 1999, how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in the entire Land and Forest Service, and specifically how many were employed in the Forest Management Division and in the Forestry Regional and Area offices; what was the total area of allocated Crown land (held under forest management agreements and other forms of tenure) on which forest management operations had to be supervised and how many full-time equivalent staff were involved in monitoring in the field?

Sessional Paper 939/2000

Response to Written Question WQ6 asked for by Mr. White on March 8, 2000:

How many forest officers with the working title or classification of Forest Officer, Forester, Agrologist, or Manager in Land and Forest Service, were employed by the then Alberta Environmental Protection on April 1, 1999?

Sessional Paper 940/2000

Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health and Wellness:

Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan Schedule of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Benefits

Sessional Paper 941/2000

Alberta Health Care Insurance Schedule of Medical Benefits Procedure List
Sessional Paper 942/2000

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood:

Letter dated May 12, 2000, from Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood, to Hon. Mr. Havelock, Minister of Economic Development, inquiring as to what steps have been taken by the Department of Economic Development to support the Government of Canada's diplomatic measures against the Socialist Republic of Vietnam in response to the execution of a Canadian citizen
Sessional Paper 943/2000

Letter dated May 12, 2000, from Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood, to Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of International and Intergovernmental Relations, inquiring as to what steps have been taken by the Government of Alberta to support the Government of Canada's diplomatic measures against the Socialist Republic of Vietnam in response to the execution of a Canadian citizen

Sessional Paper 944/2000

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

Program dated May 11, 2000, from the Steele Barracks Dedication Ceremony
Sessional Paper 945/2000

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

Report, undated, entitled "Bridging Downtown and Inner City - The first 30 years of Edmonton City Centre Church Corporation," prepared by Kathryn A. Ivany
Sessional Paper 946/2000

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

Report dated March 2000, entitled "Suicide Data Report - Suicide and Self Inflicted Injury Among Albertans," prepared by Alberta Centre for Injury Control and Research, Suicide Information and Education Centre, Alberta Health and Wellness, and Health Canada

Sessional Paper 947/2000

Program and accompanying information regarding the Alberta Registered Nurses Educational Trust and the Nightingale Night 2000 gala held on May 12, 2000
Sessional Paper 948/2000

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

Report dated 1991, entitled "Your Views and Experience Are Critical In the Development of New Environmental Regulations for Alberta," prepared by Honourable Ralph Klein, former Minister of Environment

Sessional Paper 949/2000

2 letters dated April 18, 2000, from Paulette Smith, Claresholm, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and Aileen Pelzer, Calgary, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Environment, both expressing opposition to the Genesis Land Corporation development of the Spray Lakes area of Kananaskis Country

Sessional Paper 950/2000

E-mail message dated May 9, 2000, from Jerry Smith, Medicine Hat, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to, and requesting the withdrawal of, Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act

Sessional Paper 951/2000

Recognitions

Ms Kryczka, Hon. Member for Calgary-West: Scott, a chemically dependent adolescent, the 131st graduate of the Alberta Adolescent Recovery Centre (AARC)

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark: Juvenile Arthritis Week, May 13-19, 2000, bringing public awareness to the illness

Ms Fritz, Hon. Member for Calgary-Cross: Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Month, May 2000, and Dr. Luanne Metz, University of Calgary, the only Canadian chosen to sit on the North American steering committee to study the effectiveness of the first oral medication for multiple sclerosis

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert: Palliative Care Week, May 14-20, 2000, developed to address the needs of those with terminal illness

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort: Samir Pradhan, Stephen Kung, and Casey Wang, recipients of the Youth Immigrants of Distinction Awards given out by the Calgary Immigrant Aid Society

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo: Day of Compassion, May 20, 2000, dedicated to the treatment and understanding of Alzheimer disease, and other dementia, sponsored by the Alzheimer Association of Alberta

Mr. Broda, Hon. Member for Redwater: Constable Laurel Kading, Morinville RCMP (Royal Canadian Mounted Police) and Trevor Tychowsky, Smoky Lake resident, Alberta Justice Crime Prevention Award 2000 recipients

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

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

Bill 18 Alberta Personal Income Tax Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Day

Debate continued on amendment introduced by Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie on May 2, 2000, that the motion be amended by striking out all of the words after “That” and substituting the following:

Bill 18, Alberta Personal Income Tax Act, be not now read a Second time because the Assembly believes that as a result of the tax reduction measures announced in the 2000 Federal budget the Bill would not ensure that all Alberta taxpayers receive a fair tax reduction.

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

For the motion: 11

Bonner	MacBeth	Sloan
Dickson	Massey	Soetaert
Gibbons	Nicol	White
Leibovici	Pannu	

Against the motion: 37

Broda	Jacques	Renner
Burgener	Johnson	Severtson
Cao	Jonson	Shariff
Coutts	Klapstein	Stelmach
Ducharme	Kryczka	Stevens
Dunford	Lougheed	Strang
Fischer	Lund	Thurber
Forsyth	McClellan	Trynchy
Fritz	McFarland	West
Graham	Melchin	Woloshyn
Haley	O'Neill	Yankowsky
Herard	Oberg	Zwozdesky
Hlady		

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

Bill 18, Alberta Personal Income Tax Act, be not now read a Second time but that the Order for Second Reading be discharged, the Bill withdrawn and the subject-matter be referred to the Standing Committee on Law and Regulations.

Debate continued on the amendment.

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(1), debate adjourned on the amendment, Mr. White speaking.

Adjournment

The Assembly adjourned at 5:30 p.m. and it was agreed that when the Assembly reconvened at 8:00 p.m. it would be in Committee of the Whole and the Speaker left the Chair.

MONDAY, MAY 15, 2000 — 8:00 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

(Assembly in Committee)

During Committee of the Whole consideration of Bill 23, Apprenticeship and Industry Training Amendment Act, 2000, 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.

The question was immediately put on the amendment to Bill 23, Apprenticeship and Industry Training Amendment Act, 2000, introduced by Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar on May 15, 2000, that the Bill be amended as follows:

- A. Section 3(c) is amended, in the proposed section 3, by striking out subsection (3).
- B. Section 8 is amended, in the proposed section 13.1, by striking out subsection (2).
- C. Section 16 is amended by striking out clause (b).
- D. Section 17 is struck out.

The amendment was defeated. With Mr. Tannas in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 7

Carlson	Nicol	Sloan
Dickson	Sapers	White
MacDonald		

Against the motion: 28

Broda	Klapstein	Shariff
Cardinal	Kryczka	Stelmach
Clegg	Laing	Stevens
Coutts	Lund	Strang
Ducharme	Magnus	Thurber
Fischer	McClellan	West
Graham	McFarland	Woloshyn
Havelock	Melchin	Yankowsky
Hlady	Oberg	Zwozdesky
Jonson		

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

The following Bills were reported:

Bill 16 Condominium Property Amendment Act, 2000 — Mrs. Laing
 Bill 23 Apprenticeship and Industry Training Amendment Act, 2000 — Hon. Dr. Oberg

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 13 Energy Statutes Amendment Act, 2000 — Mr. Hlady

Mr. Shariff, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by the Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 13 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 952/2000

Amendment to Bill 16 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 953/2000

Amendment to Bill 23 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 954/2000

Second Reading

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

Bill 19 Alberta Income Tax Amendment Act, 2000 — Hon. Mr. Day

A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:03 p.m. until Tuesday, May 16, 2000, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 16, 2000

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

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Gibbons, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, presented a petition from 44 Edmonton residents requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 72 Albertans requesting the introduction of a bill banning the establishment of private for-profit hospitals in Alberta to maintain the integrity of the public, universal health care system.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 69 Albertans requesting that the Government not institute a flat tax.

Reading and Receiving Petitions

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to introduce legislation requiring a minimum of two people on shifts from dark to daylight.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

On request by Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of the Province of Alberta, hereby petition the Legislative Assembly to pass a bill banning private for-profit hospitals in Alberta so that the integrity of the public, universal health care system may be maintained.

Notices of Motions

Pursuant to Standing Order 34(2)(a), Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following Written Questions and Motions for Returns to be dealt with Wednesday, May 17, 2000:

Written Questions: WQ21, WQ23, WQ24, WQ25.

Motions for Returns: MR39, MR47, MR50.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Havelock, Minister of Economic Development:

Response to Written Question WQ8 asked for by Dr. Nicol on April 5, 2000:

What are the *actual* costs of operating Alberta's trade offices and engaging trade consultants under contract abroad for the fiscal year 1998-99, broken down by *posted staffing costs, locally engaged administrative and clerical staffing costs, accommodation and operating costs, and what was the salary range for posted staff?*

Sessional Paper 955/2000

Return to Order of the Assembly MR24 asked for by Dr. Nicol on April 5, 2000:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of *monthly report summaries* prepared by the Department of Economic Development on Alberta trade offices abroad for the fiscal years 1997-98 and 1998-99.

Sessional Paper 956/2000

Hon. Dr. West, Acting Provincial Treasurer:

Public Finance article dated 1996, entitled "On the Classification and Interpretation of Global Progressivity Measures," prepared by K. Cassady, G.C. Ruggeri, and D. Van Wart, all of Alberta Treasury

Sessional Paper 957/2000

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

Letter dated April 9, 2000, from Claire Goertzen, Lacombe, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding, and opposition to, Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act, and opposition to private surgical facilities

Sessional Paper 958/2000

E-mail message dated May 15, 2000, from Harry B. Chase, Calgary, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opinions regarding Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act, and Bill 18, Alberta Personal Income Tax Act

Sessional Paper 959/2000

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

Report, undated, entitled "JPGF C.A.N.!", prepared by the Jasper Place Gateway Foundation Community Access Network, describing the services they provide to help the community learn about computers and Internet access

Sessional Paper 960/2000

Letter dated May 10, 2000, from Harry B. Chase, unaddressed, expressing opinions regarding Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act, and Bill 18, Alberta Personal Income Tax Act

Sessional Paper 961/2000

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

Letter, undated, from Allan P. Jobson to Mr. Doerksen, Hon. Member for Red Deer-South, Chair, Review Panel of the WCB, (Workers' Compensation Board) regarding WCB concerns expressed by workers and employers, and offering solutions

Sessional Paper 962/2000

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

Letter, undated, from Brenda McClelland, McDonald's Restaurants of Canada Limited, unaddressed, outlining the events of McHappy Day XII, May 16, 2000, with attached volunteer application form

Sessional Paper 963/2000

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

Letter dated May 8, 2000, from Bruce Uditsky, Alberta Association for Community Living, Odette Dantzer Skoglund, Developmental Disabilities Resource Centre of Calgary, and Bev McKay, Families Allied to Influence Responsible Eldercare, to Mr. Ganske, Director, Customer and Information Service, Senior Services Division, Community Development, attaching a summary of findings from the Protection for Persons in Care Act community consultation held March 15, 2000

Sessional Paper 964/2000

News release dated May 15, 2000, entitled "For Patients, Not For Profits, Alberta Physicians Speak Out on Health Care in Our Province," prepared by 150 Calgary physicians

Sessional Paper 965/2000

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

Letter dated April 3, 2000, from Janice Waddell, Social Housing Advisory Committee (SHAC), to Hon. Mr. Woloshyn, Minister of Community Development, requesting a meeting to discuss the 30% of gross income paid for rent in social housing

Sessional Paper 966/2000

Letter dated May 3, 2000, from Hon. Mr. Woloshyn, Minister of Community Development, to Janice Waddell, Social Housing Advisory Committee (SHAC), in response to Ms Waddell's letter of April 3, 2000, advising he is unable to meet with her committee, and advising that he has asked Mr. Clarence Bereska, Housing Advisor, Family and Special Purposes Housing, to meet with her committee

Sessional Paper 967/2000

Oral Question Period

During Oral Question Period, Hon. Dr. West, Acting Provincial Treasurer, tabled the following:

Report, undated, entitled "Alberta Families Win With New Provincial Tax System," prepared by the National Foundation for Family Research and Education, outlining initiatives and benefits of Bill 18, Alberta Personal Income Tax Act

Sessional Paper 968/2000

Members' Statements

Mr. Lougheed, Hon. Member for Clover Bar-Fort Saskatchewan, made a statement regarding Crime Prevention Week, May 13-19, 2000, coordinated by Alberta Justice with the Alberta Community Crime Prevention Association, and the 13 recipients of the Alberta Justice Crime Prevention Awards on May 13, 2000.

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry, made a statement regarding Rendez-vous Canada 2000, held in Calgary, May 6-10, 2000, organized by the Tourism Industry Association of Canada.

Mr. Friedel, Hon. Member for Peace River, made a statement regarding the death of Dr. Mary Percy Jackson of Manning on May 6, 2000, and paid tribute to her 50-year dedication to the practice of medicine in the Peace Country, her receipt of several awards, and her authorship talent.

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 209 Employment Standards (Parental Leave) Amendment Act, 2000 — Mr. Cao

A debate followed.

During debate, Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort, tabled the following:

13 letters dated November 12-16, 1998, from Albertans, and a variety of community agencies dealing with children and child development, to Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort, expressing support for his proposed amendment to the Employment Standards Act regarding maternity and adoption leave
Sessional Paper 969/2000

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

Motions Other Than Government Motions

510. Moved by Ms Olsen:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to establish a special task force in conjunction with federal and municipal authorities to examine ways to preserve neighbourhoods affected by school closures and business relocations.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was defeated.

511. Moved by Ms Kryczka (amended):

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to *broaden the mandate of the Interdepartmental Committee on Family Violence to include elder abuse so that its functions are to educate and further raise the awareness of Albertans about this serious problem for seniors; support current government and community initiatives and support improvements on them, if needed; identify gaps in legislation and services to seniors in areas where they might be at risk; and to ensure the Committee has adequate resources to handle its expanded role as advocate for seniors in Alberta.*

A debate followed.

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

Private Bills

Second Reading

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

Bill Pr3 Westcastle Development Authority Repeal Act — Mr. Coutts

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 Pr1 Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the Province of Alberta Repeal Act — Mr. Coutts
- Bill Pr2 William Roper Hull Child and Family Services Amendment Act, 2000 — Mr. Stevens
- Bill Pr3 Westcastle Development Authority Repeal Act — Mr. Coutts
- Bill Pr4 Calgary Municipal Heritage Properties Authority Amendment Act, 2000 — Mrs. Laing
- Bill Pr5 Calgary Foundation Act — Mrs. Burgener

Third Reading

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

- Bill Pr1 Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the Province of Alberta Repeal Act — Mr. Coutts
- Bill Pr2 William Roper Hull Child and Family Services Amendment Act, 2000 — Mr. Stevens

Ms Graham, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed, requested and received unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 73(1) allowing for Third Reading consideration of the following Bill:

- Bill Pr3 Westcastle Development Authority Repeal Act — Mr. Coutts

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

- Bill Pr3 Westcastle Development Authority Repeal Act — Mr. Coutts
- Bill Pr4 Calgary Municipal Heritage Properties Authority Amendment Act, 2000 — Mrs. Laing
- Bill Pr5 Calgary Foundation Act — Mrs. Burgener

Government Motions

18. Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly concur in the recommendation of the Select Standing Committee on Legislative Offices agreed to on April 19, 2000, to recommend to Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor that Mr. Peter Valentine be reappointed as Auditor General for the Province of Alberta.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed

Bill 5 Land Titles Amendment Act, 2000 — Mr. Jacques

Adjournment

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

TUESDAY, MAY 16, 2000 — 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 24 Wilderness Areas, Ecological Reserves and Natural Areas Amendment Act, 2000 — Hon. Mr. Mar

Third Reading

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 7 Alberta Science, Research and Technology Authority Amendment Act, 2000 (\$) — Hon. Dr. Taylor

Bill 10 Securities Amendment Act, 2000 — Mr. Hlady

Bill 13 Energy Statutes Amendment Act, 2000 — Mr. Hlady

Bill 15 Business Corporations Amendment Act, 2000 — Mr. Melchin

Bill 16 Condominium Property Amendment Act, 2000 — Mrs. Laing

Bill 17 Fair Trading Amendment Act, 2000 — Mr. Ducharme

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

Bill 23 Apprenticeship and Industry Training Amendment Act, 2000 — Hon. Dr. Oberg

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

For the motion: 30

Boutilier	Gibbons	Paszkowski
Broda	Graham	Renner
Cao	Hancock	Severtson
Clegg	Hlady	Shariff
Doerksen	Johnson	Stelmach
Dunford	Kryczka	Stevens
Evans	Langevin	Tarchuk
Forsyth	Marz	Taylor
Friedel	McFarland	Woloshyn
Fritz	Oberg	Zwozdesky

Against the motion: 8

Blakeman	Massey	Sapers
Leibovici	Nicol	Soetaert
MacDonald	Olsen	

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 23 Apprenticeship and Industry Training Amendment Act, 2000 — Hon. Dr. Oberg

Second Reading

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

Bill 19 Alberta Income Tax Amendment Act, 2000 — Hon. Mr. Day

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, moved that the question be now put, pursuant to Standing Order 47(1).

A debate followed on the motion for the previous question.

Hon. Dr. Taylor moved adjournment of the debate on the motion for the previous question, which was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:30 p.m. until Wednesday, May 17, 2000, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 17, 2000

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

Presenting Petitions

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from 100 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, presented a petition from 94 Calgary and Edmonton residents requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 120 Calgary residents requesting that the Government use its legislative powers to help resolve the labour dispute at the Calgary Herald.

Reading and Receiving Petitions

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

On request by Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of the Province of Alberta, hereby petition the Legislative Assembly to pass a bill banning private for-profit hospitals in Alberta so that the integrity of the public, universal health care system may be maintained.

On request by Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of the Province of Alberta, hereby petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta not to institute a flat tax because:

- it will unfairly shift the tax load from high-income earners onto middle-income Albertans;
- it will deepen the divisions between rich and poor in Alberta society; and
- it will do nothing to simplify the tax system.

Notices of Motions

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

Be it resolved that debate on Second Reading of Bill 18, Alberta Personal Income Tax Act, shall not be further adjourned.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier:

Report dated February 2000, entitled "Premier's Mission to Japan and China 1999," prepared by the Government of Alberta, regarding the Team Canada Mission to Japan, September 11-17, 1999, and the Premier's Mission to China, September 18-23, 1999

Sessional Paper 970/2000

Hon. Dr. West, Acting Provincial Treasurer:

Report dated April 1996, entitled "Taxes and the New Economy - Why Fairness Matters - Progressive Versus Flat Taxes," prepared by Robert J. Shapiro, Director of Economic Studies, Progressive Foundation

Sessional Paper 971/2000

News release dated May 6, 2000, entitled "Klein's tax cuts a boon to middle-class - Bill 18 critics out to lunch," prepared by the Canadian Taxpayers Federation

Sessional Paper 972/2000

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

Letter dated May 16, 2000, from Kim Cassidy, Constituency Manager for Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, to Mr. Herard, Hon. Member for Calgary-Egmont, regarding Mr. Herard referencing individuals not in the Legislature during the May 10, 2000, evening session debate on Bill 18, Alberta Personal Income Tax Act

Sessional Paper 973/2000

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

Privacy Commissioner of Canada, Annual Report, 1999-2000

Sessional Paper 974/2000

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Letter dated February 14, 2000, from Robin White, MCIP (Member of the Canadian Institute of Planners), to Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, attaching his letter dated February 14, 2000, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to the development of the Spray Lakes area of Kananaskis Country, and document entitled "Kananaskis Country - Spray Lakes - A Review of the Genesis Development Application," prepared by Robin White, MCIP

Sessional Paper 975/2000

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

Program for the Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadian) Statue Unveiling Ceremony at the Alberta Legislature on May 17, 2000 - Office of the Speaker

Sessional Paper 976/2000

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

Excerpt from Ontario Legislature Hansard dated February 1, 2000, of comments made by Hon. Mr. Eves, Minister of Finance, during the Finance Committee's pre-budget hearings

Sessional Paper 977/2000

Letter dated April 18, 2000, from Alison Longson, Calgary, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding the Genesis Land Development Corporation's proposal to develop the Spray Lakes area in Kananaskis Country

Sessional Paper 978/2000

E-mail message dated May 17, 2000, from Trevor Nickel, Sherwood Park, to Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Children's Services, regarding the Government's health care policy and questioning the details regarding the staffing of a position in the Department of Health

Sessional Paper 979/2000

Oral Question Period

During Oral Question Period, Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, tabled the following:

Letter dated May 16, 2000, from Jane A. Schulz, M.D., F.R.C.S.(C), Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Royal Alexandra Hospital, to Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, regarding private service for CT (computed tomography) scanning, with attached letter dated May 12, 2000, from Carl W. Torbiak, M.D., Meadowlark MRI (magnetic resonance imaging) and CT, to colleagues in the medical field, announcing the addition of CT services at their Meadowlark facility

Sessional Paper 980/2000

Recognitions

Mrs. Burgener, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie: The Government of Japan for sponsoring the 2000 Ship for World Youth program, where 266 youth from 16 nations will sail across the Pacific Ocean on the Nippon Maru

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar: Al and Edna Sempovich, long-time residents of the Edmonton-Gold Bar constituency, for their efforts in supporting the public health care system

Ms Kryczka, Hon. Member for Calgary-West: Calgary and District Heritage Fair held in Calgary on May 13, 2000, organized to help students in grades 4 to 9 learn more about their Canadian heritage

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood: Linda Lovewalsh, Principal, Eastwood Elementary School, for composing the song, One Child, Our Future, written to commemorate the millennium, Johan Brinkmann, music teacher, Kirkness School, for arranging the music to the song, and the choir of Eastwood Elementary School and the band comprised of public school teachers, Men in Black and One Lady, who will record a CD (compact disc) of the song

Mr. Boutilier, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray: Fort McMurray Oil Barons Junior A hockey team on winning the Royal Bank Cup in Fort McMurray on May 14, 2000

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona: Riaz Choudry, former City of Edmonton employee, for his personal integrity, commitment to public service, professionalism, and primacy of public interest, evidenced when he advised the City of Edmonton of an unnecessary sewer project in 1991

Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert: 2001 World Championships in Athletics, the concurrent Festival of the Worlds, and an arts and cultural celebration which will be held in Edmonton August 3-12, 2001, and noting that Edmonton is the first North American city to host this event

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Question was accepted:

WQ25. Moved by Mr. Dickson on behalf of Mrs. Sloan:

What negotiations has the Government been involved in regarding the status of Aboriginal adoptions and what reasons have been identified as a result of these negotiations for the lack of placements approved by Aboriginal bands in the fiscal year 1999-2000?

The following Written Questions were rejected:

WQ21. Moved by Ms Leibovici:

How many hospital beds have been closed in the Province from January 1, 1993 to January 1, 2000; how many nurses have lost their jobs due to those closures; and how many doctors have lost their jobs due to those closures?

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

For the motion: 6

Bonner	Leibovici	Soetaert
Dickson	Nicol	White

Against the motion: 42

Amery	Havelock	O'Neill
Boutilier	Herard	Paszkowski
Broda	Hierath	Pham
Burgener	Hlady	Renner
Coutts	Klapstein	Shariff
Day	Kryczka	Smith
Doerksen	Laing	Stelmach
Ducharme	Lund	Stevens
Forsyth	Magnus	Strang
Friedel	Marz	Tarchuk
Gordon	McClellan	Taylor
Graham	McFarland	Thurber
Haley	Melchin	Trynchy
Hancock	Nelson	Yankowsky

WQ23. Moved by Mr. Dickson on behalf of Mrs. Sloan:

What is the number of aboriginal children who moved from permanent guardianship status to adoption in the fiscal year of 1998-99?

The question being put, the motion was defeated. With Mrs. Gordon in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 12

Bonner	Leibovici	Nicol
Dickson	Lund	Soetaert
Havelock	Marz	Trynchy
Hancock	McClellan	White

Against the motion: 29

Amery	Hierath	Renner
Broda	Hlady	Shariff
Burgener	Klapstein	Smith
Coutts	Kryczka	Stevens
Doerksen	Magnus	Strang
Ducharme	Melchin	Tarchuk
Forsyth	Nelson	Taylor
Friedel	O'Neill	Thurber
Graham	Paszkowski	Yankowsky
Haley	Pham	

WQ24. Moved by Mrs. Soetaert on behalf of Mrs. Sloan:

What is the breakdown of student loan default rates for each calendar year from January 1, 1993 to December 31, 1999 broken down according to learning institution?

The question being put, the motion was defeated. With Mrs. Gordon in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 13

Bonner	Havelock	Nicol
Dickson	Leibovici	O'Neill
Doerksen	Lund	Soetaert
Ducharme	Marz	White
Hancock		

Against the motion: 26

Amery	Klapstein	Shariff
Burgener	Kryczka	Smith
Coutts	Magnus	Stevens
Forsyth	McClellan	Strang
Friedel	Melchin	Taylor
Graham	Nelson	Thurber
Haley	Paszkowski	Trynchy
Herard	Pham	Yankowsky
Hlady	Renner	

The following Written Question was ordered to stand:

WQ22.

Motions for Returns

The following Motion for Returns was accepted as amended:

MR50. Moved by Mrs. Soetaert on behalf of Ms Blakeman:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copy of any document for the redevelopment of mainframe technology for the Maintenance Enforcement Program.

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

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copy of *the Request for Quotation for preparation of a business plan* for the redevelopment of mainframe technology for the Maintenance Enforcement Program.

The following Motions for Returns were rejected:

MR39. Moved by Mr. Dickson on behalf of Mr. Sapers:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copy of the October 31, 1997 document prepared by, or for, Alberta Treasury entitled "Alberta Treasury Branches: Process, Environmental Scan, Possible Government Objectives, and Alternative Business Outcomes."

The question being put, the motion was defeated. With Mrs. Gordon in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 5

Bonner	Nicol	White
Dickson	Soetaert	

Against the motion: 33

Amery	Haley	O'Neill
Boutilier	Hancock	Paszkowski
Burgener	Havelock	Pham
Cao	Herard	Renner
Coutts	Hlady	Shariff
Doerksen	Klapstein	Smith
Ducharme	Lund	Stevens
Fischer	Marz	Strang
Forsyth	McClellan	Taylor
Friedel	Melchin	Thurber
Graham	Nelson	Yankowsky

MR47. Moved by Dickson on behalf of Mr. Sapers:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all reports, studies and background documents prepared by, or for,
Alberta Treasury, for the period March 1, 1999 to April 13, 2000, concerning
corporate capital plans developed by Government departments.

The question being put, the motion was defeated. With Mrs. Gordon in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 5

Bonner	Nicol	White
Dickson	Soetaert	

Against the motion: 34

Amery	Hancock	O'Neill
Boutilier	Havelock	Paszkowski
Burgener	Herard	Pham
Cao	Hlady	Renner
Coutts	Klapstein	Shariff
Doerksen	Kryczka	Smith
Ducharme	Lund	Stevens
Fischer	Magnus	Strang
Forsyth	Marz	Taylor
Friedel	McClellan	Thurber
Graham	Nelson	Yankowsky
Haley		

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., it was agreed at 5:15 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, MAY 17, 2000— 8:00 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 24 Wilderness Areas, Ecological Reserves and Natural Areas Amendment Act,
2000 — Hon. Mr. Mar

Second Reading

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

Bill 19 Alberta Income Tax Amendment Act, 2000 — Hon. Mr. Day

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 12:05 a.m. until Thursday, May 18, 2000, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 18, 2000

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

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Wickman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, presented a petition from 105 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Reading and Receiving Petitions

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

Notices of Motions

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

Be it resolved that further consideration of any or all of the resolutions, clauses, sections or titles of Bill 19, Alberta Income Tax Amendment Act, 2000, shall, when called, be the first business of the Committee and shall not be further postponed.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Dr. West, Acting Provincial Treasurer:

News release dated May 18, 2000, entitled "Alberta Chartered Accountants support tax Bill amendments," prepared by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Alberta

Sessional Paper 981/2000

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of International and Intergovernmental Relations:

Letter dated May 17, 2000, from Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of International and Intergovernmental Relations, to Hon. Tim Sale, Manitoba Minister of Family Services and Housing, and Hon. Jane Stewart, Federal Minister of Human Resources Development, providing an attached report, undated, entitled "'A Framework to Improve the Social Union for Canadians' Mobility Provisions - Meeting our Commitments," prepared by the Government of Alberta

Sessional Paper 982/2000

Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Children's Services:

Response to Written Question WQ23 asked for by Mr. Dickson on behalf of Mrs. Sloan on May 17, 2000:

What is the number of aboriginal children who moved from permanent guardianship status to adoption in the fiscal year of 1998-99?

Sessional Paper 983/2000

Response to Written Question WQ25 asked for by Mr. Dickson on behalf of Mrs. Sloan on May 17, 2000:

What negotiations has the Government been involved in regarding the status of Aboriginal adoptions and what reasons have been identified as a result of these negotiations for the lack of placements approved by Aboriginal bands in the fiscal year 1999-2000?

Sessional Paper 984/2000

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

Graph, undated, entitled "Bill 11 Debate Times," showing debate time in hours at the various stages of debate on Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act

Sessional Paper 985/2000

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

Report dated April 13, 2000, entitled "Policy Framework: Homelessness 'Draft' Implementation Strategy"

Sessional Paper 986/2000

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

Report dated May 2000, entitled "Alberta's Single Rate Tax: Implications and Alternatives," prepared by Melville L. McMillan, Department of Economics, University of Alberta

Sessional Paper 987/2000

Statement made by Hon. Dr. West, Acting Provincial Treasurer, on May 17, 2000, regarding the Budget 2000 surplus

Sessional Paper 988/2000

Letter dated May 18, 2000, from I.H. Jadusingh, M.B., B.S. FRCPC, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding comments made by the Premier in the Legislature concerning Dr. Jadusingh relating to private, for-profit health care

Sessional Paper 989/2000

Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

News release dated May 18, 2000, entitled "Official Opposition calls for fair tax cuts," prepared by the Alberta Liberal Caucus

Sessional Paper 990/2000

Letter dated May 4, 2000, from Corey Anderson, Barrhead, to Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, expressing support for Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act, and concern regarding the Government passing Bill 11 without first holding a referendum despite considerable opposition to the Bill

Sessional Paper 991/2000

Letter dated May 12, 2000, with associated attachment, from Charlene Hooper, St. Albert, to Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert, requesting reimbursement for a prescribed MRI (magnetic resonance imaging) test

Sessional Paper 992/2000

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

Report dated May 18, 2000, entitled "Report on Schools in Edmonton-Meadowlark," prepared by Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark

Sessional Paper 993/2000

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

Letter dated May 18, 2000, from Bryan A. Quinn, St. Albert, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert, expressing opposition to Bill 18, Alberta Personal Income Tax Act

Sessional Paper 994/2000

Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Environment:

Responses to questions raised on March 20, 2000, Department of Environment, Designated Supply Subcommittee 2000-2001 Budget estimates consideration by Committee of Supply

Sessional Paper 995/2000

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood:

Report dated April 2000, entitled "Joint Recommendations on Issues of Curriculum Change," prepared by the Capital Region School Boards

Sessional Paper 996/2000

Oral Question Period

During Oral Question Period, Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, tabled the following:

Response to Written Question 149 (tabled by Hon. Mrs. McClellan, March 2, 1995) asked for by Mr. Sapers on March 1, 1995

Sessional Paper 997/2000

During Oral Question Period, Hon. Dr. West, Acting Provincial Treasurer, tabled the following:

Report dated October 1998, entitled "Alberta Tax Review Committee - Final Report and Recommendations - Future Direction for Personal Income Taxes in Alberta," prepared by the 1998 Tax Review Committee

Sessional Paper 998/2000

Report, undated, entitled "Budget 99 - A New Tax Plan for Albertans - Government of Alberta Fiscal Plan," prepared by Alberta Treasury

Sessional Paper 999/2000

Report, undated, entitled "Budget 2000 - New Century. Bold Plans. - Alberta Tax Advantage," prepared by Alberta Treasury

Sessional Paper 1000/2000

Report, undated, entitled "Budget 99 - Appendix-Economic Impacts of Alberta Tax Review Committee Proposal - Government of Alberta Fiscal Plan," prepared by Alberta Treasury

Sessional Paper 1001/2000

Members' Statements

Ms Kryczka, Hon. Member for Calgary-West, made a statement regarding the 100th anniversary of the First Lutheran Church in Calgary, and congratulating Pastor Remo Madsen and the Church's congregation for being such a strength to the spiritual community.

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, made a statement regarding the Canada Privacy Commissioner Annual Report, 1999-2000 and its contents relating to the misuse of social insurance numbers, personal health insurance numbers, and problems with surveillance in public places and work sites.

Mr. Pham, Hon. Member for Calgary-Montrose, made a statement regarding the placement of aboriginal and ethnic children in foster homes where the language and culture are totally different, and his concerns surrounding this issue.

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 23 to May 26, 2000:

Tuesday, May 23

(4:30)

- **Government Bills and Orders**

Third Reading

Bill 24

Second Reading

Bill 20, 22

Committee of the Whole

Bill 3, 19

And as per Order Paper

THURSDAY, MAY 18, 2000

	Eve.	- Government Bills and Orders Second Reading Bill 20, 22 Committee of the Whole Bill 3, 20, 22, 18, 19 And as per Order Paper
Wednesday, May 24	Eve.	- Government Bills and Orders Committee of the Whole Bill 3, 20, 22, 18 Third Reading Bill 18, 19 And as per Order Paper
Thursday, May 25	Aft.	- Government Bills and Orders Third Reading Bill 3, 20, 22, 18, 19 And as per Order Paper

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 19 Alberta Income Tax Amendment Act, 2000 — Hon. Mr. Day

Mr. Severtson, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of an amendment considered by the Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 19 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora) — Debate adjourned

Sessional Paper 1002/2000

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 24 Wilderness Areas, Ecological Reserves and Natural Areas Amendment Act, 2000 — Hon. Mr. Mar

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 18 Alberta Personal Income Tax Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Day

19. Oral notice having been given on Wednesday, May 17, 2000, Hon. Mrs Nelson moved the following motion:

Be it resolved that debate on Second Reading of Bill 18, Alberta Personal Income Tax Act, shall not be further adjourned.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, on May 15, 2000, that the motion be amended by deleting all the words after “That” and substituting the following:

Bill 18, Alberta Personal Income Tax Act, be not now read a Second time but that the Order for Second Reading be discharged, the Bill withdrawn and the subject-matter be referred to the Standing Committee on Law and Regulations.

Pursuant to Government Motion 19 and Standing Order 21(2), at 5:33 p.m., the question was immediately put on the amendment to the motion for Second Reading of Bill 18, Alberta Personal Income Tax Act, which was defeated. With Hon. Mr. Kowalski in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 10

Blakeman
Carlson
Gibbons
Leibovici

MacBeth
Massey
Pannu

Sapers
Sloan
Wickman

Against the motion: 35

Amery	Graham	Melchin
Boutilier	Haley	Nelson
Broda	Hlady	O'Neill
Burgener	Jacques	Pham
Cardinal	Johnson	Renner
Coutts	Klapstein	Severtson
Doerksen	Kryczka	Smith
Ducharme	Laing	Stelmach
Evans	Langevin	Stevens
Fischer	Lund	Thurber
Forsyth	Mar	West
Fritz	Marz	

Pursuant to Government Motion 19 and Standing Order 21(2), at 5:45 p.m., the question was immediately put on the motion for Second Reading of Bill 18, Alberta Personal Income Tax Act, which was agreed to. With Hon. Mr. Kowalski in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 36

Amery	Graham	Marz
Boutilier	Haley	Melchin
Broda	Hlady	Nelson
Burgener	Jacques	O'Neill
Cardinal	Johnson	Pham
Coutts	Jonson	Renner
Doerksen	Klapstein	Severtson
Ducharme	Kryczka	Smith
Evans	Laing	Stelmach
Fischer	Langevin	Stevens
Forsyth	Lund	Thurber
Fritz	Mar	West

Against the motion: 10

Blakeman	MacBeth	Sapers
Carlson	Massey	Sloan
Gibbons	Pannu	Wickman
Leibovici		

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 3(4)a regarding Victoria Day, the Assembly adjourned at 5:58 p.m. until Tuesday, May 23, 2000, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 23, 2000

The Speaker took the Chair at 1:30 p.m.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Wickman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, presented a petition from 66 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Dr. Nicol, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, presented a petition from 1,242 Albertans requesting the introduction of a bill requiring a minimum of two people on shifts from dark to daylight.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from 182 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 253 Albertans urging the Government to maintain Kananaskis in a natural state, deny development approval to any intensive recreational developments, and create a wildland provincial park.

Reading and Receiving Petitions

On request by Mr. Wickman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

On request by Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned, petition the Assembly to urge the Government to use its legislative powers to help resolve the labour dispute at the Calgary Herald.

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. Havelock, Deputy Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following motion:

Be it resolved that further consideration of any or all of the resolutions, clauses, sections or titles of Bill 18 Alberta Personal Income Tax Act, shall, when called, be the first business of the Committee and shall not be further postponed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 34(2)(a), Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following Written Question to be dealt with Wednesday, May 24, 2000:

Written Questions: WQ22.

Motions for Returns: None to be dealt with on the Order Paper.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 25 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2000 — Hon. Mr. Mar on behalf of Hon. Mr. Hancock

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Dr. West, Acting Provincial Treasurer:

News release dated May 23, 2000, entitled "Amended Bill 18 increases the Alberta Advantage over other provinces," and document dated May 2000, entitled "Interprovincial Tax and Health Care Insurance Premium Comparison (dollars), 2001 (Preliminary)," both prepared by Alberta Treasury

Sessional Paper 1003/2000

Letter dated May 17, 2000, from Dan Kelly, Vice-President, Prairie Region, Canadian Federation of Independent Business (CFIB), expressing the views of the CFIB regarding Bill 18, Alberta Personal Income Tax Act, and urging the Government to annually review the Alberta income tax rate and personal exemption rates

Sessional Paper 1004/2000

Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning:

Response to Written Question WQ24 asked for by Mrs. Soetaert on behalf of Mrs. Sloan on May 17, 2000:

What is the breakdown of student loan default rates for each calendar year from January 1, 1993 to December 31, 1999 broken down according to learning institution?

Sessional Paper 1005/2000

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Government Services:

Return to Order of the Assembly MR10 asked for by Mr. Gibbons on March 15, 2000:

Copies of all fees and charges, and copies of expense and revenue analyses prepared by the Department of Government Services and Alberta Registries between May 1, 1999 and February 17, 2000, for Alberta Treasury and the Fees and Charges Committee.

Sessional Paper 1006/2000

Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

Report, undated, entitled "You Bet I Care! - A Canada-Wide Study on: Wages, Working Conditions, and Practices in Child Care Centres," prepared by Gillian Doherty and Donna S. Lero, both of Guelph University, Hillel Goelman, University of British Columbia, Annette LaGrange, University of Calgary, and Jocelyne Tougas, Child Care Consultant, Quebec

Sessional Paper 1007/2000

Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora:

Proposed Notice of Amendment by the Official Opposition to Bill 18, Alberta Personal Income Tax Act, dated April 26, 2000, adding section 5.1

Sessional Paper 1008/2000

Proposed Notice of Amendment by the Official Opposition to Bill 18, Alberta Personal Income Tax Act, dated April 3, 2000, adding sections 82.1(1), (2), (3), and (4)

Sessional Paper 1009/2000

Proposed Notice of Amendment by the Official Opposition to Bill 18, Alberta Personal Income Tax Act, dated April 3, 2000, amending section 89(3)

Sessional Paper 1010/2000

Letter dated March 22, 2000, from Jeanette V. Blond to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing her views on the way Mr. Klein dealt with Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act, and stating that she feels the current Government will not be re-elected

Sessional Paper 1011/2000

Dr. Nicol, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East:

Letter, undated, to Dr. Nicol, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, from Deb Dore, Calgary, regarding the petition presented in the Legislature on her behalf urging the Government to introduce legislation requiring a minimum of two people on shifts from dark to daylight

Sessional Paper 1012/2000

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

Letter dated May 12, 2000, from Jackie Petruk, KIDSAFE Connection, Edmonton, Carol Beringer, KIDSAFE Connection, Calgary, and Dianne Kirwin, Alberta Trauma Registry, to child safety advocates, enclosing an Executive Summary for the Pediatric Major Trauma in Alberta, 1995/96 - 1998/99, asking for continued support for childhood injury and the implementation of bike helmet legislation

Sessional Paper 1013/2000

Results from a survey of Edmonton-Meadowlark constituents from May 10 to 18, 2000, regarding private for-profit hospitals and the health care system

Sessional Paper 1014/2000

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Letter from Helen Connolly, Lethbridge, to Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment, expressing opposition to Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act, and offering solutions to protect public health care

Sessional Paper 1015/2000

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Letter dated February 8, 2000, from George Dlask, Canmore, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to the Genesis Land Corporation proposed development of the Spray Lakes area of Kananaskis Country

Sessional Paper 1016/2000

Letter dated March 12, 2000, from Richard M. Collier, Calgary, to Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Environment, expressing concerns regarding the Genesis Land Corporation proposed development of the Spray Lakes area of Kananaskis Country

Sessional Paper 1017/2000

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry:

Program from the Canadian Hockey Association's (CHA) 83rd Annual General Meeting and Awards Banquet held in Edmonton on May 22, 2000

Sessional Paper 1018/2000

Members' Statements

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort, made a statement regarding the Trans Canada Trail Foundation, the national relay team which travelled through Calgary on May 13, 2000 carrying water from the Arctic and Pacific Oceans on the way to join the water from the Atlantic Ocean, and all the volunteers, sponsors, and participants in the relay.

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, made a statement regarding the production of organic eggs by the Poplar Bluff Farm, and the existing regulations under the Marketing of Agricultural Products Act regarding quotas.

Ms Graham, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed, made a statement regarding Hull Child and Family Services, a treatment centre in her constituency, providing therapy, counselling, and education to needy children and their families in southern Alberta, and paid tribute to the important service this organization provides.

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 209 Employment Standards (Parental Leave) Amendment Act, 2000 — Mr. Cao

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(2)(b), debate adjourned, Ms Blakeman speaking.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

512. Moved by Mrs. Laing:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to encourage municipal governments to investigate ways of adding low-cost housing units through changes in zoning bylaws to allow alternate housing units such as secondary suites and room-and-board housing in residential neighbourhoods.

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(2)(c), the question being put, the motion was agreed to. With Mrs. Gordon in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 41

Amery	Haley	Severtson
Blakeman	Herard	Shariff
Broda	Hlady	Stelmach
Calahasen	Jacques	Stevens
Cao	Klapstein	Strang
Cardinal	Kryczka	Tannas
Coutts	Laing	Taylor
Dickson	Lougheed	Thurber
Ducharme	Magnus	Trynchy
Fischer	Massey	West
Forsyth	McFarland	Woloshyn
Friedel	Melchin	Yankowsky
Fritz	O'Neill	Zwozdesky
Graham	Renner	

Against the motion: 3

Sapers	Sloan	White
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Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, 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 25 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2000 — Hon. Mr. Hancock

The following Bill was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 25 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2000 — Hon. Mr. Hancock

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, and the Acting Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(3), the Committee adjourned at 5:30 until 8:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, MAY 23, 2000 — 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.

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 18 Alberta Personal Income Tax Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Day

Mr. Shariff, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of an amendment considered by the Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 18 (Hon. Acting Provincial Treasurer) — Debate adjourned

Sessional Paper 1019/2000

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 Alberta Income Tax Amendment Act, 2000 — Hon. Mr. Day

20. Oral notice having been given on Thursday, May 18, 2000, Hon Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, moved the following motion:

Be it resolved that further consideration of any or all of the resolutions, clauses, sections or titles of Bill 19, Alberta Income Tax Amendment Act, 2000, shall, when called, be the first business of the Committee and shall not be further postponed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to. With Mr. Tannas in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 27

Amery	Fischer	Paszkowski
Boutilier	Fritz	Shariff
Broda	Graham	Smith
Calahasen	Hancock	Stevens
Clegg	Hlady	Strang
Coutts	Klapstein	Taylor
Ducharme	Magnus	Woloshyn
Dunford	McFarland	Yankowsky
Evans	Melchin	Zwozdesky

Against the motion: 8

Bonner	Leibovici	Sapers
Carlson	Nicol	Soetaert
Dickson	Olsen	

During Committee of the Whole consideration of Bill 19, Alberta Income Tax Amendment Act, 2000, Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government 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, following the vote on the proposed amendment to the Bill introduced by the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora.

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, on May 18, 2000 that Bill 19, Alberta Income Tax Amendment Act, 2000 be amended as follows:

Section 5 is struck out and the following is substituted:

- (3) This section applies to the 1987 and subsequent taxation years, up to and including the final taxation year to which section 3.04 applies prior to its repeal.

Pursuant to Government Motion 20 and Standing Order 21(2), at 12:03 a.m., the question was immediately put on the amendment to Bill 19, Alberta Income Tax Amendment Act, 2000, which was defeated. With Mr. Tannas in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 10

Bonner	Massey	Sapers
Carlson	Nicol	Soetaert
Dickson	Olsen	White
Leibovici		

Against the motion: 27

Amery	Fritz	Shariff
Broda	Graham	Smith
Calahasen	Hancock	Stelmach
Clegg	Hlady	Stevens
Coutts	Klapstein	Strang
Ducharme	Magnus	Taylor
Dunford	McFarland	Woloshyn
Evans	Melchin	Yankowsky
Fischer	Paszkowski	Zwozdesky

And after some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 19 Alberta Income Tax Amendment Act, 2000 — Hon. Mr. Day

Mr. Shariff, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of an amendment considered by the Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 19 (introduced by Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora on May 18, 2000) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 1020/2000

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 12:16 a.m., Wednesday, May 24, 2000, until 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 24, 2000

The Speaker took the Chair at 1:30 p.m.

Presenting Petitions

Dr. Nicol, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, presented a petition from 1,173 Albertans requesting the introduction of a bill requiring a minimum of two people on shifts from dark to daylight.

Dr. Nicol, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, presented a petition from 377 Albertans requesting the introduction of a bill requiring a minimum of two people on shifts from dark to daylight.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from 50 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 24 Albertans requesting the introduction of a bill banning the establishment of private for-profit hospitals in Alberta to maintain the integrity of the public, universal health care system.

Reading and Receiving Petitions

On request by Mr. Wickman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

On request by Dr. Nicol, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to introduce legislation requiring a minimum of two people on shifts from dark to daylight.

On request by Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

On request by Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned, call upon the Legislative Assembly of Alberta to urge the Government of Alberta:

1. to immediately disallow any further development of the Spray Valley of Kananaskis Country, including those proposals currently under consideration;
2. to maintain Kananaskis Country in a natural state that provides high quality wildlife habitat and nature-based recreational activities;
3. to create a wildland provincial park which protects the whole of the undeveloped parts of the Kananaskis and Spray Valleys.

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following motion:

Be it resolved that debate on Third Reading of Bill 18, Alberta Personal Income Tax Act, shall not be further adjourned.

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 the ordinary business of the Assembly to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, namely what steps must be taken to prevent harm to the public health care system resulting from the strike of 10,000 health care providers.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Dr. West, Acting Provincial Treasurer:

Edmonton Journal article dated May 24, 2000, entitled "Nobel economist supports flat tax," documenting support by 1999 Nobel Prize winner Dr. Robert A. Mundell, Professor, Columbia University, regarding Bill 18, Alberta Personal Income Tax Act, with attached biography of Dr. Mundell

Sessional Paper 1021/2000

Hon. Dr. West, Acting Provincial Treasurer, pursuant to the Provincial Judges and Masters in Chambers Pension Plan Regulation (Regulation 265/88), s5(1):

Provincial Judges and Masters in Chambers Pension Plan Annual Report, 1999

Sessional Paper 1022/2000

Hon. Mr. Havelock, Minister of Economic Development:

Responses to questions raised on March 15, 2000, Department of Economic Development 2000-2001 Budget estimates consideration by Committee of Supply

Sessional Paper 1023/2000

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General:

Criminal Intelligence Service Alberta Annual Report, 1999-2000

Sessional Paper 1024/2000

Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Environment:

Responses to questions raised on May 23, 2000, during Oral Question Period regarding the Land and Forest Service, Department of Environment and timber auctions

Sessional Paper 1025/2000

Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Children's Services:

Letter dated May 24, 2000, from Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Children's Services, to Ronald V. Joyce, Chair, Tim Horton Children's Foundation, expressing support and congratulations regarding Camp Day, a fund-raising event held by the Tim Horton Children's Foundation to assist economically disadvantaged children
Sessional Paper 1026/2000

Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora:

Article, undated, entitled "Alberta's Flat Tax for Year 2001," prepared by Bill Daly, B.Com., MBA, analyzing and expressing opposition to the Alberta Government's flat tax proposal

Sessional Paper 1027/2000

2 letters dated May 5, 2000, from Mr. E. Faszer, Edmonton, and May 8, 2000, from Gordon Inglis, Edmonton, both to The Right Honourable Jean Chrétien, Prime Minister, requesting that the Prime Minister prevent implementation of Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act

Sessional Paper 1028/2000

Edmonton Community Foundation Annual Report, 1999

Sessional Paper 1029/2000

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo:

Letter dated May 18, 2000, from Patti LaPorte, President, Alberta Historical Preservation and Re-Building Society, to all Members of the Legislative Assembly representing Calgary constituencies, urging them to express support regarding the designation of the Lougheed Building/Grand Theatre as an historic site

Sessional Paper 1030/2000

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Letter dated February 8, 2000, from Donna Brunsdale, Calgary, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and April 18, 2000, from Aileen Pelzer, Calgary, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Environment, both expressing opposition to the Genesis Land Corporation proposed development of the Spray Lakes area of Kananaskis Country

Sessional Paper 1031/2000

Recognitions

Mrs. Gordon, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Stettler: Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Month, the annual Multiple Sclerosis Carnation Campaign, and the Multiple Sclerosis Society for their work in service programs, fund-raising events, and public awareness

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre: 20th anniversary of the Oliver School Center for Children, serving children aged 13 months to 6 years, their Head Start program, early intervention services for at-risk children, and the Classroom on Wheels (COW)

Ms Fritz, Hon. Member for Calgary-Cross: International Year for the Culture of Peace, commemorated by northeast Calgary communities who will be presenting awards and prizes on May 27, 2000, during a festival at the Sunridge Mall in Calgary to students from northeast Calgary schools and youth groups

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark: Teachers, administrators, and parents of schools in the Edmonton-Meadowlark constituency for their dedication and tenacity in working with a lack of resources and dealing with issues such as class size, funding, special-needs children, professional development, and facilities

Ms Kryczka, Hon. Member for Calgary-West: Calgary philanthropist Mary Selby who passed away on March 24, 2000, noted as a member of the University of Calgary Senate, a representative to the Board of Governors, Vice-Chair of the Senate's Executive Committee, and a volunteer for many Calgary organizations

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona: Shane and Evan Chrapko for their development of the computer software known as DocSpace which permits the secure movement of large electronic files, and their parents, Elizabeth and Victor Chrapko, for raising their sons with the strengths needed to make this achievement possible

Mrs. Laing, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow: Leonard Blumenthal, former CEO (Chief Executive Officer) of AADAC (Alberta Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission) and current member of the Capital Health Authority, who will receive an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from the University of Lethbridge on May 27, 2000

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 the ordinary business of the Assembly to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, namely what steps must be taken to prevent harm to the public health care system resulting from the strike of 10,000 health care providers.

A debate followed on urgency. The Speaker heard from: Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition; Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment; Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar; Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health and Wellness; Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark; and Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader.

The Speaker ruled that the request for leave was in order. Leave being granted, the question was put to the Assembly. When more than 15 Members rose in their places, the Speaker called upon Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, to speak to the motion.

A debate on the motion followed pursuant to Standing Order 30(5).

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(1), the Deputy Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 5:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24, 2000— 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 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 25 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2000 — Hon. Mr. Hancock

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 19 Alberta Income Tax Amendment Act, 2000 — Hon. Mr. Day

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 18 Alberta Personal Income Tax Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Day

21. Oral notice having been given on Tuesday, May 23, 2000, 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 18, Alberta Personal Income Tax Act, shall, when called, be the first business of the Committee and shall not be further postponed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to. With Mrs. Gordon in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 28

Boutilier	Hancock	Marz
Broda	Herard	McFarland
Cardinal	Johnson	Nelson
Clegg	Jonson	Pham
Coutts	Klapstein	Renner
Dunford	Laing	Severtson
Evans	Langevin	Smith
Fischer	Lougheed	Stelmach
Fritz	Mar	Tarchuk
Graham		

Against the motion: 6

Blakeman	Massey	Sloan
Dickson	Nicol	Wickman

Debate continued on the amendment to Bill 18, Alberta Personal Income Tax Act, introduced by Hon. Acting Provincial Treasurer, on May 23, 2000.

The question being put, the amendment was agreed to.

During Committee of the Whole consideration of Bill 18, Alberta Personal Income Tax Act, Mr. Sapers 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 on the amendment to the Bill introduced by the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora:

Section 89(3) is amended by striking out “to 2000 taxation years” and substituting “to 1999 taxation years”.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated. With Mrs. Gordon in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 8

Blakeman	Leibovici	Sloan
Dickson	Massey	White
Gibbons	Sapers	

Against the motion: 28

Boutilier	Hancock	Marz
Broda	Herard	McFarland
Cardinal	Hlady	Nelson
Clegg	Johnson	Pham
Coutts	Jonson	Renner
Dunford	Klapstein	Severtson
Evans	Langevin	Smith
Fischer	Lougheed	Stelmach
Fritz	Mar	Tarchuk
Graham		

Pursuant to Government Motion 21 and Standing Order 21(2), at 12:02 a.m., the question was immediately put on the remaining clauses of Bill 18, Alberta Personal Income Tax Act, which was agreed to.

Pursuant to Government Motion 21 and Standing Order 21(2), at 12:02 a.m., the question was immediately put on the title and preamble to Bill 18, Alberta Personal Income Tax Act, which was agreed to.

Pursuant to Government Motion 21 and Standing Order 21(2), at 12:02 a.m., the question was immediately put that Bill 18, Alberta Personal Income Tax Act, be reported, which was agreed to. With Mrs. Gordon in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 28

Boutilier	Hancock	Marz
Broda	Herard	McFarland
Cardinal	Hlady	Nelson
Clegg	Johnson	Pham
Coutts	Jonson	Renner
Dunford	Klapstein	Severtson
Evans	Langevin	Smith
Fischer	Lougheed	Stelmach
Fritz	Mar	Tarchuk
Graham		

Against the motion: 8

Blakeman	Leibovici	Sloan
Dickson	Massey	White
Gibbons	Sapers	

And after some time spent therein, the Acting Speaker resumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 18 Alberta Personal Income Tax Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Day

Mr. Herard, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of amendments considered by the Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 18 (introduced by the Hon. Acting Provincial Treasurer on May 23, 2000) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 1032/2000

Amendment to Bill 18 (introduced by Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora on May 24, 2000) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 1033/2000

Third Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Third time:

Bill 18 Alberta Personal Income Tax Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Day

A debate followed.

Hon. Mr. Hancock moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Acting Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 12:22 a.m. until Thursday, May 25, 2000, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 25, 2000

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 154 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, presented a petition from 330 Albertans urging the Government to maintain Kananaskis in a natural state, deny development approval to any intensive recreational developments, and create a wildland provincial park.

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, presented a petition from 162 Albertans urging the Government to provide funding allocated specifically to speech-language pathology and occupational therapies based on children's needs.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 394 Albertans requesting that the Government use its legislative powers to help resolve the labour dispute at the Calgary Herald.

Reading and Receiving Petitions

On request by Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of the Province of Alberta, hereby petition the Legislative Assembly to pass a bill banning private for-profit hospitals in Alberta so that the integrity of the public, universal health care system may be maintained.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General:

Return to Order of the Assembly MR50 asked for by Mrs. Soetaert on behalf of Ms Blakeman on May 17, 2000:

Copy of the Request for Quotation for preparation of a business plan for the redevelopment of mainframe technology for the Maintenance Enforcement Program

Sessional Paper 1034/2000

Mr. Lougheed, Hon. Member for Clover Bar-Fort Saskatchewan:

Newsletter dated May 2000, entitled "Status Report - The Quarterly Newsletter on Disability Issues in Alberta," prepared by the Premier's Council on the Status of Persons with Disabilities

Sessional Paper 1035/2000

Newsletter dated April 2000, entitled "Status Alert - A Progress Report on the Alberta Disability Strategy," prepared by the Premier's Council on the Status of Persons with Disabilities

Sessional Paper 1036/2000

Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Environment:

Information sheet regarding the Department of Environment's Compliance Inspection Program used to ensure facilities meet the requirements of the Department's approvals or registrations

Sessional Paper 1037/2000

Mrs. Laing, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow, on behalf of Ms Kryczka, Hon. Member for Calgary-West:

12 letters and 1 e-mail message from child care workers and day care facilities in the constituency of Calgary-West, to Ms Kryczka, Hon. Member for Calgary-West, and Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Children's Services, expressing concern regarding the low wages of child care workers in day care centres in Calgary

Sessional Paper 1038/2000

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort:

Letter dated May 25, 2000, from Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort, to The Right Honourable Jean Chrétien, Prime Minister, expressing concern regarding the recent execution of a Canadian citizen sentenced and held in a Vietnamese prison

Sessional Paper 1039/2000

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Spreadsheet dated May 25, 2000, entitled "Tory Flat Tax vs. Liberal 'Almost Flat Tax' vs. Truly Progressive Tax - Dollar provincial income tax reductions 2001 versus 1999," prepared by the New Democrat Caucus

Sessional Paper 1040/2000

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Letter dated March 1, 2000, from Evelyn Otte, and e-mail message from Robbin Yager, both of Calgary, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to the development of the Spray Lakes area of Kananaskis Country by Genesis Land Development Corporation

Sessional Paper 1041/2000

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods:

Letter, undated, unaddressed, from Jeannie Charrios, Project Designer, Syzygy Research and Technology Ltd., regarding their Exam Bank web site, which provides access to practice tests for Alberta Government achievement tests and diploma exams, and providing a fee schedule for access to the practice tests

Sessional Paper 1042/2000

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood:

Document dated May 25, 2000, entitled "Statement on Judicial Independence," prepared by Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood
Sessional Paper 1043/2000

Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora:

Letter dated May 16, 2000, from Paul J. Cetinski, Edmonton, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding comments made by Mr. Yankowsky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, on May 10, 2000, during Third Reading debate on Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act
Sessional Paper 1044/2000

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo:

Web page from www.garydickson.ab.ca showing a summary of results of a constituency opinion poll from May 18 to 23, 2000, regarding support for a progressive versus a flat tax system
Sessional Paper 1045/2000

Mr. Wickman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford:

Sunday Times article, dated May 7, 2000, entitled "Private health 'bungles' take up NHS (National Health Service) beds," prepared by Lois Rogers and Tom Robbins, regarding private health care facilities in Great Britain
Sessional Paper 1046/2000

Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

Information sheet, dated May 25, 2000, entitled "Health Matters - Negotiations Update Highlights," prepared by the Alberta Union of Provincial Employees
Sessional Paper 1047/2000

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

British Medical Journal report, dated May 1, 1999, entitled "Decentralised health care in Canada," prepared by Pat Armstrong and Hugh Armstrong
Sessional Paper 1048/2000

JAMA (Journals of the American Medical Association) article, dated July 14, 1999, entitled "Quality of Care in Investor-Owned vs. Not-for-Profit HMOs (Health Maintenance Organizations)," prepared by David U. Himmelstein, M.D., Steffie Woolhandler, M.D., M.P.H., Ida Hellander, M.D., and Sidney M. Worlfe, M.D.
Sessional Paper 1049/2000

Information sheet, dated May 25, 2000, entitled "On the Line - Day Two," prepared by the Alberta Union of Provincial Employees
Sessional Paper 1050/2000

Members' Statements

Mr. Shariff, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, made a statement regarding responsible citizenship, the diversity of his Calgary-McCall constituency, and his concerns about interference in the nomination process in the constituency resulting in his loss of the nomination.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, made a statement regarding the debates that have occurred regarding health care and personal income tax during the current sitting of the Legislative Assembly, taking over the leadership of the New Democratic Caucus, and alternatives offered by the New Democratic Party to Albertans.

Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement regarding the trust that has been placed in her as a Member of the Legislative Assembly by her constituents, and her belief that her constituents know that she represents their best interests.

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 that when the Assembly adjourned today it would do so pursuant to Government Motion No. 5 agreed to on March 7, 2000.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 25 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2000 — Hon. Mr. Hancock

On the motion that the following Bill be read a Third time:

Bill 18 Alberta Personal Income Tax Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Day

22. Oral notice having been given on Wednesday, May 24, 2000, Hon. Mrs. Nelson, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, moved the following motion:

Be it resolved that debate on Third Reading of Bill 18, Alberta Personal Income Tax Act, shall not be further adjourned.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to. With Mr. Tannas in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 37

Amery	Hierath	O'Neill
Boutilier	Hlady	Oberg
Broda	Jacques	Shariff
Cardinal	Johnson	Smith
Coutts	Laing	Stevens
Day	Lougheed	Tarchuk
Ducharme	Lund	Taylor
Dunford	Magnus	Thurber
Friedel	Mar	Trynchy
Graham	Marz	West
Haley	McFarland	Yankowsky
Hancock	Nelson	Zwozdesky
Herard		

Against the motion: 14

Bonner	MacBeth	Sapers
Carlson	MacDonald	Sloan
Dickson	Massey	Soetaert
Gibbons	Olsen	White
Leibovici	Pannu	

Pursuant to Government Motion No. 22 and Standing Order 21(2), at 5:33 p.m., the question was immediately put on the motion for Third Reading of Bill 18, Alberta Personal Income Tax Act, which was agreed to. With Hon. Mr. Kowalski in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 38

Amery	Johnson	Smith
Broda	Jonson	Stelmach
Cao	Laing	Stevens
Cardinal	Lougheed	Tannas
Coutts	Lund	Tarchuk
Ducharme	Mar	Taylor
Dunford	Marz	Thurber
Friedel	McFarland	Trynchy
Graham	Nelson	West
Haley	O'Neill	Woloshyn
Hancock	Oberg	Yankowsky
Herard	Pham	Zwozdesky
Jacques	Shariff	

Against the motion: 12

Blakeman	Leibovici	Pannu
Bonner	MacBeth	Sapers
Carlson	Massey	Sloan
Gibbons	Olsen	White

Adjournment

Pursuant to Government Motion No. 5 agreed to by the Assembly on March 7, 2000, and on motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:46 p.m.

FALL SITTING

NOVEMBER 14, 2000 TO NOVEMBER 28, 2000

Tuesday, November 14, 2000

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 three former Members: Hon. Dr. John Walter Grant MacEwan, Leader of the Liberal Party from 1958 to 1960, Member of the Legislative Assembly representing Calgary from 1955 to 1959, and Lieutenant Governor of Alberta from 1966 to 1974, who passed away on June 15, 2000; Mr. Eric W. Musgreave, Hon. Member for Calgary McKnight from 1975 to 1989, who passed away on June 16, 2000; and Mr. Bryce Stringam, Hon. Member for Bow Valley Empress from 1955 to 1959, who passed away on June 2, 2000.

Introduction of New Members

The Speaker announced that he had received from the Chief Electoral Officer of Alberta the report of the Returning Officer for the constituency of Edmonton-Highlands containing the results of the by-election conducted on June 12, 2000 in the constituency and the said report further showed that Brian Mason was duly elected as the Member for Edmonton-Highlands.

Mr. Mason joined Dr. Pannu, Leader of the New Democrats, at the Bar and was then escorted to the Mace. Dr. Pannu presented Mr. Mason to the Speaker and the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands took his seat in the Assembly.

The Speaker also announced that he had received from the Chief Electoral Officer of Alberta the report of the Returning Officer for the constituency of Red Deer-North containing the results of the by-election conducted on September 25, 2000 in the constituency and the said report further showed that Mary Anne Jablonski was duly elected as the Member for Red Deer-North.

Mrs. Jablonski joined Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, at the Bar and was then escorted to the Mace. Hon. Mr. Klein presented Mrs. Jablonski to the Speaker and the Hon. Member for Red Deer-North took her seat in the Assembly.

Presenting Petitions

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from 31 Edmonton and area residents requesting the addition of newer and more effective medications and therapies to the Alberta drug list.

Dr. Nicol, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, presented a petition from 1,060 Calgary and Lethbridge residents requesting the introduction of a Bill requiring a minimum of two people on shifts from dark to daylight.

Dr. Nicol, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, presented a petition from 9,390 Albertans requesting the introduction of a Bill requiring a minimum of two people on shifts from dark to daylight.

Notices of Motions

Pursuant to Standing Order 34(2)(a), Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following Written Questions and Motions for Returns to be dealt with Wednesday, November 15, 2000:

Written Question: WQ22.

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 the Government's mismanagement of the deregulation of electricity markets in Alberta, resulting in inadequate supply to meet rising demand and skyrocketing prices for consumers.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, 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 sky-rocketing electricity costs which are punishing consumers and disrupting the Alberta economy, urges the Government to call an independent public inquiry into why the deregulation process has failed so badly, and put all electricity deregulation on hold until the inquiry reports.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment:

Report dated September 2000, entitled "Working Alone Safely: A Guide for Employers and Employees," prepared by the Minister's Committee to Promote Health and Safety - Working Alone Best Practices

Sessional Paper 1051/2000

Hon. Mr. Cardinal, Minister of Resource Development:

"Market Surveillance Administrator Report on Power Pool of Alberta Prices - Summer 2000," dated October 13, 2000

Sessional Paper 1052/2000

Alberta Connects advertisement appearing in Alberta newspapers during the week of November 12, 2000, regarding the energy tax refund and electricity auction rebate

Sessional Paper 1053/2000

News release dated November 3, 2000, setting out a 10-point action plan focussing on provincial efforts to enhance the electricity supply, prepared by the Department of Resource Development

Sessional Paper 1054/2000

Report dated November 1, 2000, entitled "Market Order Proposing Remedies for California Wholesale Electrics," prepared by the United States Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Sessional Paper 1055/2000

10 documents and brochures relating to electricity entitled "Helping You Plug into Alberta's New Electric Industry: An overview of changes for home and farm consumers," "How to Shop for Electricity," "Alberta's New Electric Industry: Opportunities for Small Industrial and Commercial Consumers," "Alberta's New Electric Industry: Opportunities for Rural Electrification Associations," "New Power Generation in Alberta: A Guide to Bringing New Electric Generation on Stream," "Power of Competition: A Guide to Alberta's New Competitive Electric Industry Structure," "Power of Choice: A Guide to Help Consumers Better Understand Customer Choice in Alberta's new restructured and competitive electric industry," "A Vision for Alberta's Electric Industry: Looking Ahead to 2005," "Generation of Electric Power from Solution Gas Otherwise Flared" and "Electricity Supply," all regarding Alberta's electricity marketplace, prepared by the Department of Resource Development

Sessional Paper 1056/2000

2 letters dated October 15, 2000 and November 9, 2000, from John R. Davies, Vice-President, Engineering and Operations, Lethbridge Iron Works Company Limited, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, the first regarding the state of electricity deregulation in Alberta, and the second expressing disappointment regarding the Premier's response to Mr. Davies' letter of October 15, 2000

Sessional Paper 1057/2000

Letter dated November 4, 2000, from Chris Spearman, Chairman, Industrial Association of Alberta, to Hon. Mr. Cardinal, Minister of Resource Development, commending the Government for taking positive steps toward resolving the problem of high electrical prices in Alberta and offering suggestions to further resolve this problem

Sessional Paper 1058/2000

Hon. Dr. West, Provincial Treasurer, pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s8(1):

Second Quarter Fiscal Update: 2000-2001 Quarterly Budget Report, release date November 14, 2000

Sessional Paper 1059/2000

Hon. Dr. West, Provincial Treasurer:

Second Quarter Activity Report: 2000-2001, release date November 14, 2000
Sessional Paper 1060/2000

Hon. Dr. West, Provincial Treasurer, pursuant to the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund Act, cA-27.01, s15(2) and 16(2):

Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund Second Quarter Update: 2000-2001, Quarterly Report, release date November 14, 2000
Sessional Paper 1061/2000

Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Document entitled "Proposed First Bill of an Alberta Liberal Government: Private Hospitals (Bill 11) Repeal Act," prepared by Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition
Sessional Paper 1062/2000

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo:

News release dated November 10, 2000, entitled "Flat and Dual Tax Plans Not Likely to Have the Desired Effect on the Tax System or the Economy," prepared by the Institute for Research on Public Policy
Sessional Paper 1063/2000

Web page containing a constituency opinion poll summary regarding a question asked by Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, relating to the deregulation of the electrical utility system in Alberta
Sessional Paper 1064/2000

Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

Letter dated November 6, 2000, from Ruth E. Westenberger of Calgary to Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, expressing concerns regarding the high cost of rent and utilities and her inability to cover necessary costs with her current AISH (Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped) allowance
Sessional Paper 1065/2000

Brochure entitled "Painting Peace" providing information regarding a project to create a culture of peace and non-violence involving the Change for Children Association in Canada and the Talleres de Muralismo in Nicaragua, in association with UNESCO (United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization)
Sessional Paper 1066/2000

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

Letter dated September 27, 2000, from the Honourable Mr. Rock, Federal Minister of Health, to Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness, regarding a report received by the Federal Minister on July 25, 2000, from the Friends of Medicare organization containing information concerning the purchase of magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) and computed tomography services from private clinics by Alberta residents

Sessional Paper 1067/2000

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Letter dated October 1, 2000, from Dr. Joseph P. Leong-Sit, M.D., F.R.C.S.C. Ophthalmology, Edmonton, to Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness, expressing concern regarding the renewal of private contracts for cataract surgery in Capital Health Region 10

Sessional Paper 1068/2000

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods:

Document entitled "Sharing knowledge, Shaping the future," expressing concerns regarding post-secondary education tuition increases in Alberta, prepared by the Alberta Graduate Council, University of Alberta

Sessional Paper 1069/2000

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar:

Letter dated October 25, 2000, from Bruce Smashnuk, General Manager, Alberta, VersaCold Group, to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, expressing concerns regarding the rising costs of electricity in Alberta and requesting the Government's assistance in helping to regain control over the cost of electricity

Sessional Paper 1070/2000

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act, s35(1.1):

List of registered candidates for the Edmonton-Highlands by-election, June 12, 2000, together with their chief financial officers who failed to file a financial statement with the Office of the Chief Electoral Office on or before October 12, 2000

Sessional Paper 1071/2000

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Conflicts of Interest Act, cC-22.1, s44(1):

Office of the Ethics Commissioner, Annual Report 1999-2000

Sessional Paper 1072/2000

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly:

Office of the Ethics Commissioner, Financial Statements as at March 31, 1999
Sessional Paper 1073/2000

Oral Question Period

During Oral Question Period, Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, tabled the following:

Written Question 149 dated March 2, 1995, and the response to Written Question 149 regarding the use of magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) in private clinics
Sessional Paper 1074/2000

Members' Statements

Mr. Stevens, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore, made a statement regarding the Alberta Dress Tartan officially introduced to Albertans at the ScotDance Canada Championship Series in Edmonton in July 2000, worn this past summer during competition at the Braemar Highland Games in Scotland in the presence of the Royal family, and registered in the registry of all publicly known tartans.

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, made a statement regarding private MRI (magnetic resonance imaging) clinics, the Federal Health Minister's view that medically-necessary MRI scans are insured health services, and the practice of insured persons purchasing medically-necessary MRI services is a Canada Health Act concern.

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, made a statement regarding the Camrose continuing care project announced November 3, 2000, by the Ministers of Health and Wellness, and Infrastructure, in which 5 new care centre facilities will be constructed.

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 Government's mismanagement of the deregulation of electricity markets in Alberta, resulting in inadequate supply to meet rising demand and skyrocketing prices for consumers.

A debate followed on urgency.

The Speaker heard from Hon. Mr. Cardinal, Minister of Resource Development, Mr. White, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, and Dr. Nicol, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East.

The Speaker ruled that the request for leave was not in order.

Motion Under Standing Order 40

Mr. Mason, 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, in light of sky-rocketing electricity costs which are punishing consumers and disrupting the Alberta economy, urges the Government to call an independent public inquiry into why the deregulation process has failed so badly, and put all electricity deregulation on hold until the inquiry reports.

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

Speaker's Statement - Order Paper Modifications

The Speaker noted modifications to the early Order Paper circulated on November 9, 2000.

Motion Other Than Government Motion 548 was withdrawn due to the resignation of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood.

Bill 14, Alberta Treasury Branches Amendment Act, 2000, and Bill 22, Alberta Corporate Tax Amendment Act, 2000, both introduced under the sponsorship of the Provincial Treasurer, have been regularized to show the name of the current Provincial Treasurer.

The Speaker also noted that Government Motion 15 would remain as shown on the Order Paper which reflected the actual mover of the Motion on February 24, 2000.

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Motions Other Than Government Motions

513. Moved by Mr. Fischer:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to re-examine Alberta's existing Labour Relations Code and Public Service Employee Relations Act and propose recommendations for their improvement, particularly with respect to collective bargaining agreements.

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(2)(c), debate adjourned, Mr. Severtson speaking.

Message From Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor

The Provincial Treasurer tabled a copy of the Supplementary Supply Estimates, pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s8(1):

2000-01 Supplementary Supply Estimates: General Revenue Fund
Sessional Paper 1075/2000

Hon. Dr. West, Provincial Treasurer, delivered a Message from Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor.

The Speaker read the Message to the Assembly (the Members standing).

Government Motions

23. Moved by Hon. Dr. West:

Be it resolved that the Message of Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, the 2000-01 Supplementary Supply Estimates for the General Revenue Fund, and all matters connected therewith, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Ms Blakeman speaking.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(1), the Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 5:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2000 — 8:00 P.M.

Government Motions

23. Moved by Hon. Dr. West:

Be it resolved that the Message of Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, the 2000-01 Supplementary Supply Estimates for the General Revenue Fund, and all matters connected therewith, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

24. Moved by Hon Mr. Hancock on behalf of Hon. Dr. West:

Be it resolved that pursuant to Standing Order 58(6), the number of days that Committee of Supply will be called to consider the 2000-01 Supplementary Supply Estimates for the General Revenue Fund shall be two days.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

25. Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that, when the Assembly adjourns to recess the current sitting of the Fourth 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.

Hon. Mr. Hancock requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 38(1)(a) in order to move Government Motion 26.

26. Moved by the Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that the following changes to the following Committees be approved by the Assembly:

on the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts, that Mr. Mason replace Dr. Pannu and that Dr. Massey be appointed;

and

on the Select Standing Committee on Legislative Offices, that Mr. Sapers be appointed;

and

on the Select Standing Committee on Law and Regulations, that Mrs. Soetaert be appointed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:00 p.m. until Wednesday, November 15, 2000, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, November 15, 2000

The Speaker took the Chair at 1:30 p.m.

Presenting Petitions

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from 9 Edmonton and area residents requesting the addition of newer and more effective medications and therapies to the Alberta drug list.

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, presented a petition from 370 Calgary residents urging the Government to maintain Kananaskis in a natural state, deny development approval to any intensive recreational developments, and create a wildland provincial park.

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, presented a petition from 311 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

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 Alberta Government to take an enlightened preventative approach and add the newer and more effective medications and therapies to the Alberta drug list to ensure the health of an aging society.

On request by Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

On request by Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned, call upon the Legislative Assembly of Alberta to urge the Government of Alberta:

1. to immediately disallow any further development of the Spray Valley of Kananaskis Country, including those proposals currently under consideration;
2. to maintain Kananaskis Country in a natural state that provides high quality wildlife habitat and nature-based recreational activities;
3. to create a wildland provincial park which protects the whole of the undeveloped parts of the Kananaskis and Spray Valleys.

On request by Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Havelock, Minister of Economic Development:

Alberta Economic Development Authority Activity Report 1999/2000 entitled "Positioning Alberta for Continued Success"

Sessional Paper 1076/2000

Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment, pursuant to the Chartered Accountants Act, cC-5.1, s9(2):

Institute of Chartered Accountants of Alberta, Annual Report 2000 entitled "Proud Past, Promising Future"

Sessional Paper 1077/2000

Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment, pursuant to the Workers' Compensation Act, cW-16, s87(3)(4):

Workers' Compensation Board, Alberta 1999 Annual Report, entitled "Albertans working - a safe, healthy and strong Alberta"

Sessional Paper 1078/2000

Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment:

Appeals Commission for Alberta Workers' Compensation, Annual Report 1999
Sessional Paper 1079/2000

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, pursuant to the
Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52 and Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5,
s14:

Alberta Justice, Annual Report 1999-2000
Sessional Paper 1080/2000

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General:

Alberta Law Enforcement Review Board, 1999 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 1081/2000

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, pursuant to the Legal
Profession Act, cL-9.1, s120(2):

Alberta Law Foundation, Twenty Seventh Annual Report 2000, Fiscal Year Ended
March 31st
Sessional Paper 1082/2000

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, pursuant to the Legal
Profession Act, cL-9.1, s5(4):

The Law Society of Alberta, Annual Report 1999
Sessional Paper 1083/2000

Mr. Lougheed, Hon. Member for Clover Bar-Fort Saskatchewan, pursuant to the
Premier's Council on the Status of Persons with Disabilities Act, cP-14.5, s7(2):

The Premier's Council on the Status of Persons with Disabilities, Annual Report
2000
Sessional Paper 1084/2000

Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Letter dated November 15, 2000, from Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official
Opposition, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding a remark made by Mr. Klein
in the Legislative Assembly on November 14, 2000, while discussing MRIs
(magnetic resonance imaging), and demanding that he retract his statements
Sessional Paper 1085/2000

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

8 letters dated May 29, 2000, 6 from Members of the Board of Directors, Youth Dance Unlimited, 1 from the Artistic Director, Youth Dance Unlimited, and 1 from a contracted personnel, all expressing concern regarding the funding of the Arts in Alberta, and urging the Government to increase funding to the Alberta Foundation for the Arts

Sessional Paper 1086/2000

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

47 questionnaires addressed to Mr. Wickman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, asking questions relating to victims of brain injury

Sessional Paper 1087/2000

Mr. Wickman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford:

9 letters and 1 questionnaire to Mr. Wickman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, regarding concerns of victims of brain injury

Sessional Paper 1088/2000

Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

Graduate Students' Association of the University of Alberta, External Advisory Board Second Annual Meeting agenda for meeting held on November 6, 2000, with 2 attached sample post-cards addressed to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, requesting a 2% cap on tuition increases

Sessional Paper 1089/2000

Discussion Paper on the Attributes of a National Framework for Injury Prevention and Control, dated October 13, 2000, prepared by the Health Canada Secretariat for Injury Prevention and Control

Sessional Paper 1090/2000

Alberta Centre for Injury Control and Research, Annual Report 1999-2000

Sessional Paper 1091/2000

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo:

Report dated October 2000, entitled "HungerCount 2000, A Surplus of Hunger, Canada's Annual Survey of Emergency Food Programs," prepared by Beth Wilson with Carly Steinman for the Canadian Association of Food Banks

Sessional Paper 1092/2000

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Letter dated December 23, 1999, from Eric Lloyd, President, and Dieter Gade, Vice-President, Bragg Creek Environmental Coalition, to Menno Homan, Chair, Bow Basin Water Council, Calgary, requesting a moratorium on all resource developments in Kananaskis Country until a watershed assessment is conducted and its recommendations are implemented

Sessional Paper 1093/2000

Letter dated February 11, 2000, from Paul and Jean Greig, Canmore, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to the proposed Genesis project for the Spray Valley in Kananaskis Country

Sessional Paper 1094/2000

Press release dated November 14, 2000, entitled "Bovar Reports Third Quarter 2000 Results"

Sessional Paper 1095/2000

Mr. White, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder:

Letter dated May 19, 2000, from Roy Kramar, Edmonton, to Mr. White, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, requesting reimbursement for MRIs (magnetic resonance imaging) performed at a private clinic

Sessional Paper 1096/2000

Market Surveillance Administrator Report on Power Pool of Alberta Prices - Summer 2000, dated October 13, 2000

Sessional Paper 1097/2000

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods:

Summary of responses from post-cards addressed to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, requesting a 2% cap on tuition increases

Sessional Paper 1098/2000

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert:

Letter dated September 28, 2000, from Dr. Morag Pansegrau, Chair, St. Albert Protestant Schools, to Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, regarding their meeting on October 18, 2000, to discuss the proposal to establish Catholic separate schools throughout the province

Sessional Paper 1099/2000

Letter dated October 12, 2000, from Dr. Morag Pansegrau, Chair, St. Albert Protestant Schools, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, seeking Government support for the DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program

Sessional Paper 1100/2000

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar:

Document dated November 18, 1998 regarding the shake treat protocols used by the Bell Pole Company provided in response to a request made by Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act

Sessional Paper 1101/2000

Treated Pine Shake Inspection Report provided in response to a request made by Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act

Sessional Paper 1102/2000

Recognitions

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre: Osteoporosis Month, the importance of becoming educated about this disease and the mature women's health network at the Grey Nuns Hospital, particularly Dr. Patricia Bayne and Shelly Haugen, for continuing to raise awareness regarding osteoporosis

Ms Kryczka, Hon. Member for Calgary-West: Vanderwell Heritage Place seniors' lodge, Slave Lake, on winning the most creative senior citizens week event contest for 2000, held by the Seniors Advisory Council for Alberta

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar: Capilano Elementary School on achieving Earth School status this year for the second time since 1996 and on being one of only three schools in Canada to twice earn Earth School status

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona: Council of Canadians Day of Action, November 15, 2000, over the threat of privatization and commercialization of the Canadian health care system, and associated rallies in several Canadian cities as well as a forum held in Edmonton on November 14, 2000

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert: Spruce Grove Saints soccer team on winning gold medals in the Edmonton Minor Soccer Association 1999-2000 indoor season and 1999 outdoor season, and at the Belvedere and Vermilion tournaments, their coaches, Rob Dean and Dave Howard and their manager, Boris Ywoshku

Speaker's Statement

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, made a statement regarding Recognitions being part of the routine of the Legislative Assembly and set out all of the organizations and subject areas that are recognized during the month of November.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Question was accepted:

WQ22. Moved by Ms. Blakeman:

What was the application process and the criteria used for determining successful applicants for the Community Mental Health Grants for the 1997-1998 fiscal year?

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

WQ26, WQ27, WQ28, WQ29.

Motions for Returns

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

MR51, MR52, MR53, MR54, MR55, MR56, MR57, MR58.

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 Employment Standards (Parental Leave) Amendment Act, 2000 —
Mr Cao

The question being put, the motion was agreed to. With Mrs. Gordon in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 34

Amery	Gibbons	Marz
Blakeman	Haley	Mason
Bonner	Hancock	McClellan
Broda	Hlady	Pannu
Cao	Jablonski	Smith
Cardinal	Jacques	Soetaert
Coutts	Johnson	Strang
Dickson	Jonson	Tarchuk
Doerksen	Kryczka	Thurber
Evans	Laing	Trynchy
Forsyth	Leibovici	Wickman
Fritz		

Against the motion: 4

Friedel	McFarland	Renner
Magnus		

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 210 Traffic Safety Amendment Act, 2000 — Ms Forsyth

A debate followed.

Mrs. Gordon 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 5:14 p.m. that when the Assembly reconvened at 8:00 p.m. it would be in Committee of Supply, and the Speaker left the Chair.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2000 — 8:00 P.M.

Committee of Supply (Day 1 — Supplementary Estimates)

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker assumed the Chair and Mr. Langevin reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the 2000-01 Supplementary Supply Estimates for the 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, 2001, for the Departments and purposes indicated:

Department of Children's Services

\$46,372,000 Operating Expense

Department of Infrastructure

\$419,000,000 Operating Expense and Capital Investment

Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development

\$98,000,000 Operating Expense and Capital Investment

Department of Community Development

\$63,588,000 Operating Expense and Capital Investment

Department of Environment

\$33,000,000 Operating Expense and Capital Investment

Office of the Auditor General

\$1,045,000 Operating Expense and Capital Investment

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 10:37 p.m. until Thursday, November 16, 2000, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 16, 2000

The Speaker took the Chair at 1:30 p.m.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 26 Holocaust Memorial Day and Genocide Remembrance Act — Mr. Stevens

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the following Bill was placed on the Order Paper under Government Bills and Orders:

Bill 26 Holocaust Memorial Day and Genocide Remembrance Act — Mr. Stevens

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Children's Services:

Response to question raised by Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, during Oral Question Period on November 15, 2000, asking how many statements of claim have been filed citing that the Department of Child Welfare and the Government have failed to act on allegations of child abuse

Sessional Paper 1103/2000

Hon. Mr. Cardinal, Minister of Resource Development:

Report dated October 2000, entitled "Albertans' Views on Provincial Energy Deregulation," stating results of, and comments on, a recent poll conducted by Ipsos Reid

Sessional Paper 1104/2000

Report, undated, entitled "Canadian Natural Gas Prices," comparing natural gas prices throughout 7 Canadian cities for the months of October and November 2000, prepared by Canadian Gas Price Reporter

Sessional Paper 1105/2000

Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Environment:

Response to Written Question WQ7 asked for by Ms Carlson on April 5, 2000:

What was the *approximate* total number of contaminated sites recorded by Alberta Environment on December 31, 1999; how many of these were underground petroleum storage sites; and how many had been visited and reviewed between January 1, 1998 and December 31, 1999?

Sessional Paper 1106/2000

Return to Order of the Assembly MR14 asked for by Ms Carlson on April 5, 2000:

A monthly summary of all monitoring results, and any individual values that exceed permitted limits, from April 1, 1997 to February 28, 2000, collected by Chem-Security (Alberta) Ltd. and Bovar Inc., as required by the approval to operate the Alberta Special Waste Treatment Centre at Swan Hills.

Sessional Paper 1107/2000

Return to Order of the Assembly MR15 asked for by Mr. White on April 5, 2000:

A list of all contracts issued by the Alberta Forest Service in the calendar year 1999 indicating the purpose of each contract, the name of the company to which it was awarded and whether the contract was awarded as a result of a public tendering process.

Sessional Paper 1108/2000

Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Environment, pursuant to the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act, cE-13.3, s32(2):

Alberta Environment, Environmental Protection Security Fund Annual Report, April 1, 1999 to March 31, 2000

Sessional Paper 1109/2000

Mr. Langevin, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul, pursuant to the Auditor General Act, cA-49, s19(4):

Auditor General of Alberta, Annual Report 1999-2000

Sessional Paper 1110/2000

Mr. Langevin, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul, pursuant to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, cF-18.5, s61(2):

Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner, Alberta, 1999-2000 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 1111/2000

Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment:

3 audit documents entitled "Human Resources and Employment - Labour Development Agreement, Statement of Operations for the year ended March 31, 2000," dated June 16, 2000, "Advanced Education and Career Development - Labour Market Development Agreement, Statement of Operations for the year ended March 31, 2000," dated May 20, 1999, both prepared by the Auditor General of Alberta, and "Contract Review Report," dated March 10, 2000, prepared by Accounting and Advisory Services, Alberta Learning

Sessional Paper 1112/2000

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar:

Letter dated June 24, 1998, to Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Labour, in response to a request made by Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, expressing concerns regarding a Calgary home with an untreated pine shake roof

Sessional Paper 1113/2000

Letter dated June 10, 1998, to Mr. Lougheed, Hon. Member for Clover Bar-Fort Saskatchewan, in response to a request made by Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, expressing concerns regarding rotting pine shakes on their Fort Saskatchewan home

Sessional Paper 1114/2000

E-mail message dated June 15, 1998, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, in response to a request made by Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, expressing concerns regarding rotting, untreated pine shakes on their Sherwood Park home

Sessional Paper 1115/2000

E-mail message dated June 14, 1998, from the Terwillegar Hill Estates Homeowners' Association to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, in response to a request made by Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, expressing concerns regarding the replacement of roofs on approximately 150 households in south-west Edmonton

Sessional Paper 1116/2000

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods:

Report dated October 1999, entitled "Caught in the Middle: Graduate Students and Rising Tuition Levels In Alberta," prepared by Arthur Arruda, Department of Educational Policy Studies, University of Alberta

Sessional Paper 1117/2000

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

E-mail message dated November 15, 2000, from Brian Callinan, Edmonton, to the New Democrats' Office, stating he feels the Government's electricity rebate is unfair to, and discriminates against, renters

Sessional Paper 1118/2000

E-mail message dated November 14, 2000, from Carol Rauf, Edmonton, to Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness, lodging a complaint regarding a 25-minute wait for telephone assistance at Alberta Health Care

Sessional Paper 1119/2000

Letter dated November 9, 2000, from Darlene Zloklikovits, Vice President, Alberta Injured Workers' Society, to Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment, expressing concerns regarding a statement made by Mr. Dunford in an "Alberta Venture" November 2000 article

Sessional Paper 1120/2000

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands:

Document entitled "Bill 201, Bill 11 Repeal Act, 2000," prepared by the New Democrats

Sessional Paper 1121/2000

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

Letter dated May 24, 2000, from Karen Rodway, Edmonton, to Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health and Wellness, requesting payment for an MRI (magnetic resonance imaging) obtained at a private clinic

Sessional Paper 1122/2000

Letter dated November 15, 2000, from Carole D. Parent, Sherwood Park, to Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness, expressing concerns regarding MRIs (magnetic resonance imaging) and requesting an apology, and reimbursement for the service obtained at a private clinic

Sessional Paper 1123/2000

Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

Report dated November 2000, entitled "Edmonton Community Plan on Homelessness 2000-2003, Executive Summary," prepared by the Edmonton Joint Planning Committee on Housing

Sessional Paper 1124/2000

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, pursuant to the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Act, cA-38, s12:

AADAC (Alberta Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission), Annual Report for 1999-2000

Sessional Paper 1125/2000

Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness:

Globe and Mail article dated November 16, 2000, entitled "Critics slam Chrétien's special treatment"

Sessional Paper 1126/2000

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly:

Memorandum dated November 15, 2000, from Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort, to Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, requesting that Bill 209, Employment Standards (Parental Leave) Amendment Act, 2000 be brought to Committee of the Whole for consideration on Tuesday, November 21, 2000

Sessional Paper 1127/2000

Revert to Tablings

Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Environment:

Newspaper article, undated, entitled "Notice of Decision of the Director, Environmental Assessment & Compliance Division. A Proposal by Inland Cement," proposing to allow Inland Cement to use any combination of coal, petroleum coke or natural gas fuel

Sessional Paper 1128/2000

Members' Statements

Mr. Ducharme, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake, made a statement acknowledging the commemoration of Métis week in Alberta, noting several events held this week, and the Government's commitment to a partnership with the Métis people.

Mr. White, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, made a statement regarding the Provincial Treasurer.

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 20 to November 23, 2000:

Monday, November 20	Aft.	-	Government Bills and Orders
			Second Reading
			Bill 20, 22

- Committee of the Whole**
Bill 20, 22
And as per Order Paper
- Eve. - **Government Bills and Orders**
- Committee of Supply**
Supplementary Supply Estimates -
Day 2 of 2
- Revert to Introduction of Bills**
Bill 28
And as per Order Paper
- Tuesday, November 21 (4:30) - **Government Bills and Orders**
- Second Reading**
Bill 22
- Committee of the Whole**
Bill 3
And as per Order Paper
- Eve. - **Government Bills and Orders**
- Committee of the Whole**
Bill 3, 20, 22
- Second Reading**
Bill 28
And as per Order Paper
- Wednesday, November 22 Eve. - **Government Bills and Orders**
- Second Reading**
Bill 29
- Committee of the Whole**
Bill 3, 20, 22, 28
- Third Reading**
based on progress Tuesday in
consultation with Opposition
And as per Order Paper

Thursday, November 23 Aft. - **Government Bills and Orders**
 Government Motions
 Motion 15
 Second Reading
 Bill 29
 Third Reading
 Bill 3, 20, 22, 28
 And as per Order Paper

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

Hon. Mr. Hancock, 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 Bill 26, Holocaust Memorial Day and Genocide Remembrance Act.

The following Bill was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 26 Holocaust Memorial Day and Genocide Remembrance Act — Hon. Mr. Klein on behalf of Mr. Stevens

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, and the Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 26 Holocaust Memorial Day and Genocide Remembrance Act — Mr. Stevens

Third Reading

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 73(1) allowing for the Third Reading consideration of Bill 26, Holocaust Memorial Day and Genocide Remembrance Act.

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 26 Holocaust Memorial Day and Genocide Remembrance Act — Mr. Stevens

Speaker's Statement

The Speaker read the text of Bill 26, Holocaust Memorial Day and Genocide Remembrance Act into the record.

**Bill 26
Holocaust Memorial Day and Genocide Remembrance Act**

WHEREAS the Holocaust was the state-sponsored, systematic persecution and annihilation of European Jewish men, women and children by the Nazis and their collaborators between 1933 and 1945, and this horrific event is part of our common history as citizens on this earth;

WHEREAS the Nazis and their collaborators murdered 6 million Jewish people, including more than a million children, during that time of persecution and death;

WHEREAS the Nazis and their collaborators also persecuted and murdered millions of other people because of their race, religion, level of physical or mental ability or sexual orientation;

WHEREAS, during World War II, Albertans bravely served as members of the Canadian Armed Forces, and many Albertans paid the ultimate price, their lives, to protect and preserve freedom and democracy;

WHEREAS "Shoah" is the Hebrew term for "Holocaust";

WHEREAS it is fitting and right to observe Yom ha-Shoah, the Day of the Holocaust, as a day to remember the victims and survivors of the Holocaust and to honour those who fought to defeat tyranny and genocide;

WHEREAS this day provides Albertans with the opportunity:

- to look within themselves, reflect on the enduring lessons of the Holocaust and educate their children, their colleagues and their fellow citizens on the perils of hatred,
- to consider other times and incidents of systematic violence, genocide, persecution, racism and hatred that call out to us from the past or continue today, and
- to reaffirm their commitment to uphold the human rights of all and to value diversity and the multicultural richness of Alberta society;

WHEREAS on Yom ha-Shoah we will remember, for we must never forget;

THEREFORE HER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta, enacts as follows:

1 Yom ha-Shoah, the Day of the Holocaust as determined in each year by the Jewish lunar calendar, is proclaimed as Holocaust Memorial Day - Yom ha-Shoah.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 4:03 p.m., until Monday, November 20, 2000, at 1:30 p.m.

Monday, November 20, 2000

The Speaker took the Chair at 1:30 p.m.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Yankowsky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, presented a petition from 1,007 Albertans requesting that the Government introduce amendments to the Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Act to allow health professionals to opt out of certain medical procedures.

Mr. Tannas, Hon. Member for Highwood, presented a petition from 125 Albertans supporting the building of a Catholic kindergarten to grade 5 school in the Black Diamond or Turner Valley area.

Mr. Tannas, Hon. Member for Highwood, presented a petition from 63 Albertans requesting that the Government introduce amendments to the Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Act to allow health professionals to opt out of certain medical procedures.

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, presented a petition from 445 Albertans requesting that the Government introduce amendments to the Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Act to allow health professionals to opt out of certain medical procedures.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 60 Albertans requesting the introduction of a bill banning the establishment of private for-profit hospitals in Alberta to maintain the integrity of the public, universal health care system.

Reading and Receiving Petitions

On request by Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned, petition the Assembly to urge the Government to use its legislative powers to help resolve the labour dispute at the Calgary Herald.

Notices of Motions

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, gave oral notice of her intention to move the following motion under Standing Order 40:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly address the crisis in access to emergency care in Calgary hospitals.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment:

Final Report dated October 2000, from the Member of the Legislative Assembly Workers' Compensation Board Service Review Input Committee
Sessional Paper 1129/2000

Final Report dated November 2000, entitled "The WCB (Workers' Compensation Board) Appeal Systems: Are they Working Well?", prepared by the Review Committee of the Workers' Compensation Board Appeal Systems
Sessional Paper 1130/2000

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort:

Letter, undated, from Tracey Roasting and Cindy Lou Wallace, both of Calgary, to the Legislative Assembly of Alberta, petitioning the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government to look into safeguarding the canal (irrigation ditch) behind the Ogden community

Sessional Paper 1131/2000

Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

Report dated October 2000, entitled "Lost Promise and Potential - Alberta's Statistics on Youth Suicides Programs and Challenges," with attached Ministerial Briefing, dated November 8, 2000, prepared by Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, with the assistance of Edmonton-Riverview constituency office employees Jan Baker and Ken Lister

Sessional Paper 1132/2000

Agenda from meeting held on November 8, 2000, regarding "Lost Promise and Potential," attended by Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Children's Services, Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, and Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness, prepared by Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview

Sessional Paper 1133/2000

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar:

Statement of Professional Services (invoice) dated March 20, 2000, from the Magnetic Resonance Centre of Edmonton, to Rose Senio in the amount of \$499.00, for an MRI (magnetic resonance imaging) exam

Sessional Paper 1134/2000

Letter dated July 27, 1998, to Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, in response to a request made by Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, requesting assistance in resolving the problem of rotting pine shakes on their condominium in south-west Edmonton

Sessional Paper 1135/2000

Letter dated July 13, 1998, from Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Labour, to the Cobblestone Court Condominium Association, Fort Saskatchewan, in response to a request made by Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, responding to questions raised with Mr. Lougheed, Hon. Member for Clover Bar-Fort Saskatchewan, regarding pine shakes

Sessional Paper 1136/2000

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

2 documents dated November 9, 2000 and October 3, 2000, entitled "Memo to Owners/Residents," outlining how increased electrical rates are affecting condominium fees, and an Edmonton Journal article dated November 20, 2000, entitled "Low-income families face long, cruel winter" regarding escalating heat and power costs

Sessional Paper 1137/2000

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods:

Document dated March 1999, entitled "The Education Dividend, Why Education Spending is a Good Investment for BC (British Columbia)," prepared by Robert Allen for the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives - BC (British Columbia) Office

Sessional Paper 1138/2000

Mr. White, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder:

Information pamphlet and registration form for "Alberta Unplugged, Deregulation in the Utility Industries," the ASET (Alberta Society of Engineering Technologists) 2001 Annual Convention to be held on May 4 and 5, 2001, in Canmore

Sessional Paper 1139/2000

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo:

Press release dated November 20, 2000, entitled "Alberta Government to pass law this week to drastically reduce families' rights in fatality claims including drunk driving and murder of children," prepared by Rick J. Mallett, James H. Brown and Associates

Sessional Paper 1140/2000

Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Letter dated November 10, 2000, from Loyola G. Keough, Bennett Jones Barristers and Solicitors, to Brian Ploof, Application Officer, Alberta Energy and Utilities Board, regarding anticipated amendments to an ATCO Electric Ltd. Regulated Rate Option Tariff Application

Sessional Paper 1141/2000

Mr. Wickman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford:

2 questionnaires addressed to Mr. Wickman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, regarding concerns relating to victims of brain injuries

Sessional Paper 1142/2000

Letter dated November 16, 2000, from Mr. Wickman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, and Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, to Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness, asking if the Department of Health will follow-up on concerns outlined in questionnaires tabled on November 15, 2000, regarding severe hardships faced by Albertans suffering from a brain injury

Sessional Paper 1143/2000

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly:

Information package entitled "School at the Legislature, Putting Life into Learning," regarding the School at the Legislature program launched today in cooperation with Shaw Communications Inc., Capital City Savings and Credit Union Ltd., and Quality Color Press Inc.

Sessional Paper 1144/2000

Speaker's Statement - Content of Members' Statements

The Chair would like to follow-up on an intervention made last Thursday, November 16, 2000, after the Member's Statement by the Member for Edmonton-Calder.

The Chair intervened at that time because, in the Chair's view, the statement by the Honourable Member for Edmonton-Calder could be construed as an unparliamentary attack upon another Member. Therefore, this seems like an appropriate time to review the rules as they apply to Members' Statements so that all Members are clear.

The Chair indicated at page 1928 of last Thursday's Hansard, that when the Standing Orders were amended in 1993 to provide for Members' Statements, it was intended that they would proceed without interruption. In fact, the Chair ruled on June 5, 1997 at page 1056 of Hansard for that day, that a point of order would not be entertained during a Member's Statement.

To be clear, the Chair has never meant to imply that all the rules about parliamentary language and order and decorum in the Assembly could be abandoned during Members' Statements. Standing Orders 23 (h)(i) and (j) still apply to Members' Statements as they do to all proceedings in the Assembly.

It is a tribute to Members of this Assembly that we have gone for over 7 years without the Chair having to address the content of Members' Statements.

All Members should be aware of the rules for the Canadian House of Commons on Statements by Members. When those rules were established in 1983, Speaker Sauvé noted that “personal attacks are not permitted.” This rule has continued according to the book *House of Commons: Procedure and Practice* at pages 363 to 364. Certainly, as one of the authors of the 1993 amendments to our Standing Orders, the Chair wants to stress that it was intended this and similar rules about decorum would apply to Members’ Statements.

This Chair wants to ensure that the greatest leeway possible is given to Members during Members’ Statements. Those statements must conform to the general rules of decorum that we follow in the Assembly. Last Thursday, the Chair believes this line was crossed in the remarks by the Honourable Member for Edmonton-Calder, especially his concluding remark about the “spending habits of this particular member” in speaking of the Provincial Treasurer. The Chair believes this clarifies the matter and sincerely hopes that we will not have to revisit the subject of the content of a Member’s Statement again.

Recognitions

Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert: Rick Hansen Centre being renamed the Steadward Centre for Personal and Physical Achievement, after Bob Steadward who founded the centre in 1978

Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview: National Child Day, November 20, 2000, and the challenges and problems faced by Alberta youth, such as suicide

Mr. Tannas, Hon. Member for Highwood: Alberta Rotary Club Polio Plus Project, a fund-raising program to end the scourge of polio among children in partnership with UNICEF (United Nations Children’s Fund), the World Health Organization, and national health departments of 125 countries

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo: Tribute held in Calgary on October 19, 2000, recognizing the accomplishments of Hon. Chief Justice Moore, upon his retirement

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre: Snack in the Shack Program providing lunches for children during the summer months when they no longer have access to school lunch programs

Mr. Wickman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford: Numerous concerns faced by victims of brain injuries and the hope that these concerns will soon be addressed by the Government

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert: The Villeneuve Historical Society headed by Monique Altman, and its efforts over the last 3 years in compiling a history book entitled "A View to the Past"

Speaker's Statement - Special Hansard

The Speaker advised the Members that a special Hansard issue was being prepared to cover the debates of November 16, 2000, on Bill 26, Holocaust Memorial Day and Genocide Remembrance Act.

Motions Under Standing Order 40

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly for consideration of the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly address the crisis in access to emergency care in Calgary hospitals.

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 20 Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 2000 — Hon. Mr. Hancock

A debate followed.

Mr. Bonner 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 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 3 Statute Revision Act — Hon. Mr. Hancock

Mr. Shariff, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of an amendment considered by the Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 3 (Hon. Minister of Justice and Attorney General) —
Agreed to

Sessional Paper 1145/2000

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:20 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2000 — 8:00 P.M.

Committee of Supply (Day 2 — Supplementary Estimates)

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply, and the Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

Pursuant to Government Motion 24 agreed to by the Assembly on November 14, 2000, 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. Shariff reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the 2000-01 Supplementary Supply Estimates for the 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, 2001, for the Departments and purposes indicated:

Health and Wellness

\$293,593,000 Operating Expense and Capital Investment

Municipal Affairs

\$21,773,000 Operating Expense and Capital Investment

Justice

\$1,450,000 Operating Expense and Capital Investment

Government Services

\$1,500,000 Operating Expense and Capital Investment

Mr. Speaker, I wish to table a list of those resolutions pertaining to the 2000-2001 Supplementary Supply Estimates, General Revenue Fund voted upon by the Committee of Supply pursuant to Standing Orders

Sessional Paper 1146/2000

The question being put, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to revert to the Introduction of Bills.

Upon recommendation of Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, and notice having been given:

Bill 28 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2000 (No. 2) (\$) — Hon. Dr. West

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:50 p.m. until Tuesday, November 21, 2000, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, November 21, 2000

The Speaker took the Chair at 1:30 p.m.

Presenting Petitions

Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert, presented a petition from 210 Albertans residents requesting that the Government introduce amendments to the Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Act to allow health professionals to opt out of certain medical procedures.

Mrs. Laing, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow, presented a petition from 38 Calgary and area residents requesting that the Government introduce amendments to the Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Act to allow health professionals to opt out of certain medical procedures.

Mr. Yankowsky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, presented a petition from 1,453 Albertans requesting that the Government introduce amendments to the Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Act to allow health professionals to opt out of certain medical procedures.

Mr. McFarland, Hon. Member for Little Bow, presented a petition from 406 Albertans requesting that the Government introduce amendments to the Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Act to allow health professionals to opt out of certain medical procedures.

Mr. Stevens, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore, presented a petition from 89 Calgary and area residents requesting that the Government introduce amendments to the Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Act to allow health professionals to opt out of certain medical procedures.

Dr. Nicol, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, presented a petition from 52 Lethbridge residents requesting that the Government introduce amendments to the Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Act to allow health professionals to opt out of certain medical procedures.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 9 Edmonton residents requesting the introduction of a bill banning the establishment of private for-profit hospitals in Alberta to maintain the integrity of the public, universal health care system.

Reading and Receiving Petitions

On request by Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of the Province of Alberta, hereby petition the Legislative Assembly to pass a bill banning private for-profit hospitals in Alberta so that the integrity of the public, universal health care system may be maintained.

On request by Mr. Yankowsky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly of Alberta to urge the Government of Alberta to introduce amendments to the Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Act to allow Alberta health professionals to opt out of those medical procedures that offend a tenet of their religion, or their belief that human life is sacred.

Notices of Motions

Pursuant to Standing Order 34(2)(a), Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following Written Questions and Motions for Returns to be dealt with Wednesday, November 22, 2000:

Written Questions: Stand and retain their places.

Motions for Returns: Stand and retain their places.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 29 Protection of Children Involved in Prostitution Amendment Act, 2000 —
Mrs. Forsyth

Bill 221 Public Health Care Protection Statutes Amendment Act, 2000 —
Ms Leibovici

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the following Bill was placed on the Order Paper under Government Bills and Orders:

Bill 29 Protection of Children Involved in Prostitution Amendment Act, 2000 —
Mrs. Forsyth

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Renner, Hon. Member for Medicine Hat:

Letter dated October 20, 2000, from Heather McCaig, SADD (Students Against Drunk Driving) Advisor, Crescent Heights High School, Medicine Hat, to Mr. Renner, Hon. Member for Medicine Hat, thanking the Provincial Government for its efforts in helping to stop impaired driving and asking for continued support in this area

Sessional Paper 1147/2000

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo:

Reasons for Judgement, dated July 28, 2000, of the Hon. Judge Karen J. Jordan in the matter of the Protection of Children Involved in Prostitution Act, the Provincial Court Act, the Constitution Notice Regulation, and the Judicature Act, between Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Alberta and a Director of Child Welfare, and K.B. and M.J., children within the meaning of the Protection of Children Involved in Prostitution Act

Sessional Paper 1148/2000

News release dated June 21, 2000, entitled "Secure Care", prepared by the British Columbia Ministry for Children and Families, setting out the details of how secure care will operate, with attached Bill 25, Secure Care Act, passed in the British Columbia Legislative Assembly July 6, 2000

Sessional Paper 1149/2000

Community Resources Handbook on Prostitution Issues, prepared by Communities for Awareness and Action on Prostitution Issues in conjunction with the Calgary Police Service Vice Unit

Sessional Paper 1150/2000

Document, undated, prepared by CAAPI (Communities for Awareness and Action on Prostitution Issues) of Calgary, setting out what CAAPI has accomplished since its inception in September 1997

Sessional Paper 1151/2000

Document dated March 2000 prepared by CAAPI (Communities for Awareness and Action on Prostitution Issues) of Calgary, setting out the number and dollar value of community volunteer hours donated to CAAPI, and providing information and questions to candidates of Calgary constituencies running in the current federal election campaign

Sessional Paper 1152/2000

Report dated July 19, 2000, prepared by the City of Calgary responding to CAAPI (Communities for Awareness and Action on Prostitution Issues) initiatives regarding prostitution, setting out the nature of the CAAPI initiatives and recommending courses of action to Calgary City Council

Sessional Paper 1153/2000

Document dated September 6, 1994, entitled "Overview of Prostitution Activity in Calgary," prepared by the Calgary Police Commission, setting out uniform policing strategies and enforcement action taken by the Calgary Police Commission regarding prostitution

Sessional Paper 1154/2000

Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora:

Day/Klein Alberta Flat Tax graph, prepared by Brad Severin, Senior Tax Manager, BDO Dunwoody, Chartered Accountants, published in the Edmonton Journal, October 20, 2000, and report, undated, entitled "Day's Alberta Flat Tax", prepared by Bill Daly, B.Comm., MBA

Sessional Paper 1155/2000

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

Letter dated November 13, 2000, from Bev Matthiessen, Executive Director, Alberta Committee of Citizens with Disabilities (ACCD), to Members of the Legislative Assembly, opposing the video and publication associated with the Anno Domini - Jesus Throughout the Centuries exhibit, portraying Robert Latimer, a convicted murderer, in the Beatitude of Mercy, and asking that the reference to Mr. Latimer be removed from the exhibit and that an apology be made by the Provincial Museum to ACCD, with associated attachments

Sessional Paper 1156/2000

Letter dated October 24, 2000, from Robin Acton, President, AACL (Alberta Association for Community Living) and Cheryl Gulliver, President, CACL (Canadian Association for Community Living), to Hon. Mr. Woloshyn, Minister of Community Development, opposing the video and publication associated with the Anno Domini - Jesus Throughout the Centuries exhibit, identifying Robert Latimer, a convicted murderer, as an example of the blessed merciful, and requesting assistance in remedying the exhibit, with associated attachments

Sessional Paper 1157/2000

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Child Poverty in Canada Report Card 2000, prepared by Canada 2000, a non-partisan, cross-Canada coalition of over 85 national, provincial and community partner organizations, providing information and recommendations to the Federal Government regarding child poverty in Canada

Sessional Paper 1158/2000

Letter dated November 16, 2000, from Jake Kuiken, MSW, RSW, President, Alberta College of Social Workers (ACSW), to Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, requesting the Members of the Legislative Assembly to deal with two important matters, namely increasing Alberta's welfare rates and preparing a child development initiative for children aged 0 to 12

Sessional Paper 1159/2000

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Alberta Views article, November/December 2000 issue, entitled "Born in Alberta: Midwives struggle to bring a healthy new attitude into the birthing world," prepared by Gunhild Hoogensen

Sessional Paper 1160/2000

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods:

Executive summary dated October 1998, entitled "Paid in Full: Who pays for university education in BC?", prepared by Robert Allen

Sessional Paper 1161/2000

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry:

Letter dated October 9, 1998, from Allan P. Jobson, Calgary-Elbow constituent, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concerns and asking questions regarding the Workers' Compensation Board

Sessional Paper 1162/2000

Letter dated October 13, 1998, from Allan P. Jobson, Calgary-Elbow constituent, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, recommending that two injured workers should be part of the board of directors of the Workers' Compensation Board, and setting out proposed duties and functions of these board members

Sessional Paper 1163/2000

Letter dated November 25, 1998, from Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, to Allan Jobson, Calgary, responding to Mr. Jobson's October 13, 1998 letter regarding a recommendation that there be two injured workers on the board of directors of the Workers' Compensation Board

Sessional Paper 1164/2000

Letter dated June 20, 2000, from Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment, to Allan Jobson, Calgary, regarding the Workers' Compensation Board and the formation of the Government MLA (Member of the Legislative Assembly) Service Review Input Committee and the Appeals System Review Committee, both of which will deal with Albertans' concerns regarding Workers' Compensation Board issues

Sessional Paper 1165/2000

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar:

E-mail message dated September 28, 1998, unaddressed, in response to a request made by Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, expressing concerns regarding a Sherwood Park home with a pine shake roof

Sessional Paper 1166/2000

E-mail message dated September 26, 1998, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, in response to a request made by Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, expressing concerns regarding a home with a pine shake roof

Sessional Paper 1167/2000

Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment, pursuant to the Forestry Profession Act, cF-15.5, s6(4):

Alberta Registered Professional Foresters Association (ARPFA) Annual Report, 1999-2000

Sessional Paper 1168/2000

Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment, pursuant to the Dental Disciplines Act, cD-8.5, s8(4):

Alberta Dental Association 1999 Radiation Health and Safety Program Annual Report, 1999

Sessional Paper 1169/2000

Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment, pursuant to the Veterinary Profession Act, cV-3.1, s7(4):

Alberta Veterinary Medical Association 1999 Radiation Protection Program Annual Report

Sessional Paper 1170/2000

Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment, pursuant to the Chiropractic Profession Act, cC-9.1, s7(4):

College of Chiropractors of Alberta Radiation Health Administrative Organization Annual Report for the year ending March 31, 2000

Sessional Paper 1171/2000

Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment:

College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta Radiation Health Administrative Organization Annual Report, 1999-2000

Sessional Paper 1172/2000

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo:

United Nations Agency Report, undated, regarding the sexual commercialization of children

Sessional Paper 1173/2000

Oral Question Period

During Oral Question Period, Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, tabled the following:

Response prepared by ATCO Electric to requests for schedules comparing typical total customer bills under approved existing bundled 2000 rates and under proposed "bundled" RRO rates

Sessional Paper 1174/2000

Response prepared by EPCOR Energy Services (Alberta) Inc. to a request for schedules comparing typical total customer bills under approved existing TransAlta bundled 2000 rates and under proposed "bundled" RRO rates

Sessional Paper 1175/2000

Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning:

Appendix IV of an untitled study regarding the effects of smaller class sizes in primary school grades

Sessional Paper 1176/2000

Members' Statements

Mr. Renner, Hon. Member for Medicine Hat, made a statement regarding Students Against Drinking and Driving (SADD) and a banner he received from the Medicine Hat chapter signed by hundreds of students in southeastern Alberta, along with a letter congratulating the Government on recent legislative changes related to impaired driving and encouraging continued support of programs aimed at reducing impaired driving.

Mr. Wickman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, made a statement regarding persons with disabilities and concerns regarding parking, access ramps, home care, employment for persons with disabilities, and the need for an ongoing review of programs.

Mrs. Laing, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow, made a statement regarding National Housing Strategy Day, November 22, 2000, the declaration by mayors of large cities and the caucus of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities that homelessness is a national disaster, and the ongoing problem of homelessness, particularly in Calgary, despite efforts by the Calgary Homeless Foundation and a variety of other organizations.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 210 Traffic Safety Amendment Act, 2000 — Ms Forsyth

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(2)(b), adjourned debate, Mr. Doerksen speaking.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

513. Moved by Mr. Fischer:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to re-examine Alberta's existing Labour Relations Code and Public Service Employee Relations Act and propose recommendations for their improvement, particularly with respect to collective bargaining agreements.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to. With Mr. Tannas in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 29

Amery	Dunford	Marz
Boutilier	Evans	McFarland
Broda	Friedel	Melchin
Burgener	Haley	Nelson
Calahasen	Herard	Renner
Cao	Hierath	Severtson
Cardinal	Hlady	Strang
Coutts	Jablonski	Taylor
Doerksen	Langevin	West
Ducharme	Magnus	

Against the motion: 13

Blakeman	Mar	Pannu
Bonner	Mason	Soetaert
Carlson	Nicol	Woloshyn
Dickson	O'Neill	Yankowsky
MacDonald		

514. Moved by Mr. Hlady (amended):

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to *examine its future in the Canada Pension Plan or explore other options, including an Alberta Pension Plan or a mandatory, personal Retirement Savings Plan.*

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(2)(c), debate adjourned, Ms Carlson speaking.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 20 Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 2000 — Hon. Mr. Hancock

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Dr. Nicol speaking.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(1), the Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 5:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2000 — 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 20 Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 2000 — Hon. Mr. Hancock

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, and the Acting Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Acting Speaker resumed the Chair.

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 20 Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 2000 — Hon. Mr. Hancock

Mr. Langevin, Acting Chair of Committees, tabled copies of an amendment considered by the Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendments to Bill 20 (Hon. Minister of Justice and Attorney General) —
Debate adjourned

Sessional Paper 1177/2000

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 28 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2000 (No. 2) (\$) — Hon.
Dr. West

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 61(3), at 11:45 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 28 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2000 (No. 2) (\$) — Hon.
Dr. West

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:46 p.m. until Wednesday, November 22, 2000, at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, November 22, 2000

The Speaker took the Chair at 1:30 p.m.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Marz, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills, presented a petition from 150 Albertans requesting that the Government introduce amendments to the Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Act to allow health professionals to opt out of certain medical procedures.

Mr. Marz, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills, presented a petition from 4,700 Albertans requesting that the Government establish a hemodialysis satellite unit in the Olds/Didsbury area.

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, presented a petition from 15 Albertans requesting that the Government introduce amendments to the Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Act to allow health professionals to opt out of certain medical procedures.

Mrs. Burgener, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, presented a petition from 33 Calgary residents requesting that the Government introduce amendments to the Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Act to allow health professionals to opt out of certain medical procedures.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from 20 Edmonton residents requesting bathtubs in each wing at the Ottewell Place Seniors Lodge.

Mr. Yankowsky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, presented a petition from 483 Albertans requesting that the Government introduce amendments to the Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Act to allow health professionals to opt out of certain medical procedures.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from 58 Edmonton and area residents requesting the addition of newer and more effective medications and therapies to the Alberta drug list.

Mr. Broda, Hon. Member for Redwater, presented a petition from 215 Albertans requesting that the Government introduce amendments to the Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Act to allow health professionals to opt out of certain medical procedures.

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, presented a petition from 246 Calgary residents requesting that the Calgary Regional Health Authority reconsider the relocation of Unit 47 of the Foothills Hospital.

Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, presented a petition from 19 Edmonton residents requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Ms Kryczka, Hon. Member for Calgary-West, presented a petition from 18 Albertans requesting that the Government introduce amendments to the Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Act to allow health professionals to opt out of certain medical procedures.

Reading and Receiving Petitions

On request by Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly of Alberta to urge the Government of Alberta to introduce amendments to the Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Act to allow Alberta health professionals to opt out of those medical procedures that offend a tenet of their religion, or their belief that human life is sacred.

On request by Dr. Nicol, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Alberta Government to introduce legislation requiring a minimum of two people on shifts from dark to daylight.

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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 Alberta Government to take an enlightened preventative approach and add the newer and more effective medications and therapies to the Alberta drug list to ensure the health of an aging society.

On request by Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of the Province of Alberta, hereby petition the Legislative Assembly to pass a bill banning private for-profit hospitals in Alberta so that the integrity of the public, universal health care system may be maintained.

On request by Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned, call upon the Legislative Assembly of Alberta to urge the Government of Alberta:

1. to immediately disallow any further development of the Spray Valley of Kananaskis Country, including those proposals currently under consideration;
2. to maintain Kananaskis Country in a natural state that provides high quality wildlife habitat and nature-based recreational activities;
3. to create a wildland provincial park which protects the whole of the undeveloped parts of the Kananaskis and Spray Valleys.

On request by Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 27 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2000 (No. 2) — Hon. Mr. Hancock

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning:

Report dated November 22, 2000, entitled "Energy Agreement Brings Benefits to Health and Education," with attached background document dated November 22, 2000, entitled "Public Institutional Consumers Association of Alberta Electricity Aggregation Project," both prepared by EPCOR

Sessional Paper 1178/2000

Hon. Dr. Taylor, Minister of Innovation and Science:

Booklet entitled "ASTech (Alberta Science and Technology) Awards 2000, Alberta Science and Technology Leadership Awards, Celebrating Innovation"

Sessional Paper 1179/2000

List of recipients of the ASTech (Alberta Science and Technology) 2000 Awards and Prizes, recognized on October 20, 2000 in Edmonton

Sessional Paper 1180/2000

Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment:

Brochure entitled "Meet the challenge, Alberta Youth Employment Strategy, Youth getting ready for the future," prepared by Alberta Human Resources and Employment and Alberta Learning

Sessional Paper 1181/2000

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands:

Letter dated April 25, 2000, from Arlene A. Chapman, Provincial Coordinator, Alberta Council of Women's Shelters, to Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, expressing concerns regarding Bill 211, Alberta Taxpayer Bill of Rights

Sessional Paper 1182/2000

Letter dated May 10, 2000, from Shelley Williams, Executive Director, Bissell Centre, to Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, expressing concerns regarding Bill 211, Alberta Taxpayer Bill of Rights, and suggesting that it not be approved

Sessional Paper 1183/2000

Letter dated April 25, 2000, from Yvonne Schmitz, MSW, RSW, Executive Board Member, Calgary and District Labour Council, to Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, expressing concerns regarding Bill 211, Alberta Taxpayer Bill of Rights, and requesting that Dr. Pannu oppose this Bill

Sessional Paper 1184/2000

Letter dated April 27, 2000, from Brian Bechtel, Executive Director, ESPC (Edmonton Social Planning Council), to Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, expressing opposition to Bill 211, Alberta Taxpayer Bill of Rights
Sessional Paper 1185/2000

Edmonton Journal article dated April 5, 2000, entitled "Liberal bill is a stupid tax stunt," referring to Bill 211, Alberta Taxpayer Bill of Rights
Sessional Paper 1186/2000

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Document, undated, entitled "The Crisis for Alberta Graduate Students," regarding concerns faced by graduate students due to the cost of tuition
Sessional Paper 1187/2000

Document, undated, entitled "Why Tuition is the Problem," regarding the under-funding of universities
Sessional Paper 1188/2000

Document, undated, entitled "How Much Would it Cost," outlining what it would cost the Government to impose a 2% cap on tuition for post-secondary education in Alberta
Sessional Paper 1189/2000

Document, undated, entitled "The Failure to Address Graduate Student Debt," expressing concerns and suggestions regarding debt incurred by graduate students
Sessional Paper 1190/2000

Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Report dated October 2000, entitled "HungerCount 2000, A Surplus of Hunger, Canada's Annual Survey of Emergency Food Programs," prepared by Beth Wilson with Carly Steinman for the Canadian Association of Food Banks
Sessional Paper 1191/2000

131 letters from Fort McMurray residents to Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, expressing concern over the lack of affordable housing in the Wood Buffalo Region
Sessional Paper 1192/2000

Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora:

Letter dated November 13, 2000, from Manfred Lohka, Calgary, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concerns regarding the inability of Alberta universities to participate in research due to restricted funding
Sessional Paper 1193/2000

Document, undated, entitled "ACT (Advanced Coronary Treatment) High School CPR Program - Edmonton," listing questions and answers regarding the program, with an attached brochure entitled "ACT Now to Save a Life, The ACT Foundation's High School CPR Initiative," prepared by the ACT (Advanced Coronary Treatment) Foundation

Sessional Paper 1194/2000

Document, undated, entitled "Analysis of Sessional Paper 1155: The Day/Klein Alberta Flat Tax"

Sessional Paper 1195/2000

Document, undated, entitled "Tabling Commentary," outlining a comparison of commentaries made during Tablings which were or were not interrupted by the Speaker

Sessional Paper 1196/2000

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo:

Report dated May 2000, entitled "Youth Justice Report, Views of Youth on the Justice System," prepared by Market Response Inc.

Sessional Paper 1197/2000

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Letter dated November 6, 2000, from Margaret Coutts, President, Red Deer River Naturalists, to the Chairperson, Subdivision and Development Appeal Board, Kneehill County, expressing opposition to a proposal for a hog farm operation near the Red Deer River by Sunterra Farms Ltd.

Sessional Paper 1198/2000

2 letters dated July 27, 2000, from Anne R. Watson and Dale L. Watson, both of Red Deer, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to plans by the Alberta Forest Service to permit logging west of Nordegg

Sessional Paper 1199/2000

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry:

Letter dated November 1, 2000, from Shirley Tajcnar, Kananaskis Coalition, to Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Environment, congratulating the Government on the designation of the Spray Valley Provincial Park, and expressing concerns regarding development in adjacent areas, with an attached petition signed by 180 Canadians requesting protection for Kananaskis Country

Sessional Paper 1200/2000

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert:

Report dated October 11, 2000, entitled "The Impact of Increasing Fuel Costs," prepared by the Sturgeon School Division No. 24

Sessional Paper 1201/2000

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods:

15 postcards, 6 addressed to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and 9 addressed to Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, requesting a 2% cap on tuition increases

Sessional Paper 1202/2000

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Alberta Council of Women's Shelters research report dated April 2000, untitled, regarding women and children receiving Supports for Independence (SFI) allowances from the Government, prepared by Patricia Lawrence, South Peace Social Planning Council

Sessional Paper 1203/2000

Letter dated November 22, 2000, from Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, to Mr. White, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, Chair, Public Accounts Committee, requesting that the Public Accounts Committee summon witnesses pursuant to Standing Order 66

Sessional Paper 1204/2000

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar:

Letter dated June 2, 1999, from the President, Alberta Home Builders' Association, to Hon. Mr. Paszkowski, Minister of Municipal Affairs, in response to a request made by Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, requesting a meeting to discuss untreated pine shakes and other issues affecting the residential construction industry in Alberta

Sessional Paper 1205/2000

Letter dated January 25, 1999, from Sheryl Burns, Director, Scheduling and Appointments, Premier's Office, in response to a request made by Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, acknowledging receipt of a letter regarding pine shakes, and advising that the letter has been forwarded to Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Labour

Sessional Paper 1206/2000

Letter dated January 8, 1999, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, in response to a request made by Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, expressing concerns regarding rotting, untreated pine shakes

Sessional Paper 1207/2000

Letter dated October 13, 1998, from Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Labour, to Karen Bernard, Strathcona County Councillor, in response to a request made by Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, responding to Ms Bernard's letter of September 8, 1998, expressing concerns regarding pine shake roofing

Sessional Paper 1208/2000

Mr. Gibbons, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning:

10th Annual Art Calendar (2001) themed "Our Rural and Urban Alberta," featuring artwork by elementary students from Edmonton public, separate, and neighbouring school boards

Sessional Paper 1209/2000

Mr. White, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder:

Letter dated February 14, 2000, from Robin White, MCIP, Calgary, to Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, opposing major development in the Spray Lakes area of Kananaskis Country, with an attached letter from Mr. White to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and an attached review of the Genesis development application

Sessional Paper 1210/2000

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Ombudsman Act, cO-7, s27(1):

Office of the Ombudsman, 33rd Annual Report for the period January 1, 1999 to March 31, 2000, and the Financial Statements as at March 31, 2000

Sessional Paper 1211/2000

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness, made a statement recognizing November as National Diabetes Awareness Month, commenting on the seriousness of the disease, particularly that diabetes is the leading cause of death by disease in Canada, announcing that two new diabetes therapy drugs, Actos and Avandia, have been added to Alberta's drug benefit list, and commending the University of Alberta and the University of Calgary for their ground-breaking research into treating and curing diabetes.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, commented on the statement.

Recognitions

Ms Kryczka, Hon. Member for Calgary-West: Calgary's Ernest Manning High School annual awards ceremony on November 20, 2000, and 27 recent graduates who received a total of \$36,500 in Government of Alberta Alexander Rutherford scholarships

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona: White Ribbon Week beginning November 25, 2000, the organizers and the millions of participants who wear white ribbons as a show of support to end violence against women, culminating with Canada's National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence against Women on December 6, 2000

Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert: passing away of Frank Spinelli of Edmonton, well known owner of the Italian Centre Shop and generous supporter of Italian immigrants

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert: St. Albert White Sox, an age 55-plus men's slow pitch team, on winning the 2000 Canadian slow pitch championships held in Whitehorse, Yukon, as well as the 1994, 1995 and 1998 championships

Mr. Broda, Hon. Member for Redwater: newly formed Advisory Council on Alberta-Ukraine Relations and its members

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie: Sierra Youth Coalition of Calgary, which initiates and participates in environmental issues and actions, and its October conference entitled "Bridging the gaps, understanding and acting towards sustainability," offering youth an opportunity to explore many perspectives of sustainability through an open forum environment

Mr. Ducharme, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake: Canadian Telework Day, November 22, 2000, which is an Internet-based conference showcasing Canadian telework initiatives and supporters, used to develop technology enabling many employees to work away from the usual office setting, usually from their homes

ORDERS OF THE DAY**Written Questions**

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

WQ26, WQ27, WQ28, WQ29, WQ30, WQ31, WQ32, WQ33, WQ34, WQ35, WQ36, WQ37.

Motions for Returns

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

MR51, MR52, MR53, MR54, MR55, MR56, MR57, MR58.

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 Traffic Safety Amendment Act, 2000 — Mr. Doerksen

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 209 Employment Standards (Parental Leave) Amendment Act, 2000 — Mr Cao

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:07 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2000 — 8:00 P.M.

Speaker's Statement

Honourable Members, before starting Second Reading debate on Bill 29, Protection of Children Involved in Prostitution Amendment Act, 2000, the Chair would like to make a statement about the scope of debate for this particular bill and the *sub judice* rule. As Members are aware, there was a challenge to the constitutionality of the *Protection of Children Involved in Prostitution Act* last summer. The decision by the Provincial

Court of Alberta was the subject of a judicial review application in the Court of Queen's Bench which has been argued but has not been decided upon yet. The Minister of Justice and Attorney General may wish to comment on the status of the case if the Chair's understanding is not correct or accurate.

The rule about matters that are *sub judice* is found in our Standing Order 23(g) which states:

23 A member will be called to order by the Speaker if, in the Speaker's opinion, that member

(g) refers to any matter pending in a court or before a judge for judicial determination

(i) of a criminal nature from the time charges have been laid until passing of sentence and from the date of the filing of a notice of appeal until the date of a decision by an appellate court, or

(ii) of a civil nature that has been set down for a trial or notice of motion filed, as in an injunction proceeding until judgment or from the date of filing a notice of appeal until judgment by an appellate court,

where there is probability of prejudice to any party but where there is any doubt as to prejudice, the rule should be in favour of the debate;

This Standing Order was amended effective February 14, 1995, based on the 1993 Report of the Select Special Committee on Parliamentary Reform which was concurred in by the Assembly on November 8, 1993. Appendix A of that report states, "It is widely held that the rule does not apply to bills, as the right of Parliament to legislate must not be limited."

There is broad support for this view. As *Beauchesne's* (6th edition) states at paragraph 508(3), "The convention applies to motions, references in debate, questions and supplementary questions, but does not apply to bills." Furthermore paragraph 510 states: "The Speaker has pointed out 'that the House has never allowed the *sub judice* convention to stand in the way of its consideration of a matter vital to the public interest or to the effective operation of the House.'"

In the book edited by Marleau and Montpetit, *House of Commons: Procedure and Practice*, the position of the Canadian House is put forward quite clearly at page 535:

“The convention has been applied to motions, references in debates, questions and supplementary questions. It has also been applied consistently in criminal cases. However, the convention does not apply to bills, as the right of Parliament to legislate must not be limited. If the *sub judice* convention were to apply to bills, the whole legislative process could be stopped simply by the initiation of a writ of legal proceedings in one or other of the courts of Canada.”

A point of order was raised on the subject of *sub judice* and a bill then before the Assembly on May 11, 1995. Speaker Schumacher ruled at pages 1740 and 41 of Hansard for that day in favour of the bill proceeding. He relied on the principle that the *sub judice* rule cannot prevent consideration of a bill.

As the Chair indicated, the matter involving the constitutionality of the *Protection of Children Involved in Prostitution Act* has been argued before the Court of Queen’s Bench but there is no decision. In considering the question of prejudice, the Chair notes that the 1977 Special Committee of the Canadian House of Commons on the Rights and Immunities of Members found at page 727 of the Journals for April 29, 1977 that “It is very unlikely that a judge would be influenced by what is said in the House. Presumably the convention is concerned with the protection of juries and witnesses from undue influence.”

To summarize, the *sub judice* rule is a self-imposed limit on the freedom of speech which Assemblies have adopted out of respect for the judicial branch of our system of government and for the rights of litigants. However, the authorities reviewed by the Chair make it very, very clear that the rule is not meant to restrict the ability of Assemblies to proceed with their vital duty of considering legislation and making law. In this case, and after reviewing numerous authorities, the Chair must rule in favour of freedom of speech and against the application of the *sub judice* rule not out of any disrespect for the judicial branch but in support of the fundamental principle that the Assembly must be able to legislate. Application of the *sub judice* rule would, in the Chair’s view, unduly restrict Members in considering Bill 29.

The Chair would like to remind Members that the other rules of debate, such as relevance, the restrictions on unparliamentary language and the other rules of decorum and order apply. The Chair would specifically remind Members that it is inappropriate to criticize or impute motives to a specific judge. The Chair would refer Members to paragraph 493 (3) of *Beauchesne’s* on this point.

Government Bills and Orders**Second Reading**

The following Bill was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 29 Protection of Children Involved in Prostitution Amendment Act, 2000 —
Mrs. Forsyth

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 28 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2000 (No. 2) (\$) — Hon.
Dr. West

Pursuant to Standing Order 61(4), at 11:45 p.m., the Chair 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 Bill was reported:

Bill 28 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2000 (No. 2) (\$) — Hon.
Dr. West

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:48 p.m. until Thursday, November 23, 2000, at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 23, 2000

The Speaker took the Chair at 1:30 p.m.

Speaker's Statement - Member Recognition

The Speaker made a statement in recognition of the thirteen-year anniversary of Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of International and Intergovernmental Relations, being elected to the Legislative Assembly on November 23, 1987.

Reading and Receiving Petitions

On request by Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, the following petition was read and received:

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Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Upon recommendation of Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, and notice having been given:

Bill 30 Alberta Income Tax Amendment Act, 2000 (No. 2) (\$) — Hon. Dr. West

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Children's Services:

Document, undated, entitled "Responses to the Recommendations of the Auditor General," outlining several recommendations and responses regarding the Department of Children's Services

Sessional Paper 1212/2000

Document dated November 20, 2000, entitled "Child Welfare Caseload Growth in Alberta (Connecting the Dots)"

Sessional Paper 1213/2000

Document, undated, entitled "Contracted Agency Wage Enhancement - Implementation," advising that the Government will provide increases to contracted agencies that provide programs and services to individuals with special needs

Sessional Paper 1214/2000

Mrs. Burgener, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie:

Report, dated September 2000, entitled "CFB (Canadian Forces Base) West Master Plan Supporting Information (Proposed)," prepared by the City of Calgary, the Government of Alberta, and Canada Lands Company

Sessional Paper 1215/2000

"CFB (Canadian Forces Base) West" Citizens' Advisory Roundtable minutes of a meeting held on July 18, 2000

Sessional Paper 1216/2000

Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

3 documents, undated, entitled "ATCO Electric 2001/02 RRO Application, Monthly Bill Comparisons - 2001 DTA plus RRO Rates vs. Current Rates," comparing sample bill calculations for residential, company farm, and oilfield pumping customers

Sessional Paper 1217/2000

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Boyle McCauley Health Centre Annual Review for the year ending March 31, 2000

Sessional Paper 1218/2000

Letter dated November 17, 2000, from Sylvia Campbell, President, Southern Alberta Environmental Group, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, requesting a review of livestock operations issues in Alberta

Sessional Paper 1219/2000

E-mail message dated November 17, 2000, from Wayne Magnuson, Calgary, to Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, regarding assistance for hungry children

Sessional Paper 1220/2000

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo:

Document, undated, entitled "Official Opposition of Alberta, Proposed Amendments to Bill 29, Protection of Children Involved in Prostitution Amendment Act, 2000"

Sessional Paper 1221/2000

Report, undated, entitled "Duty Counsel Manual," taken from the Legal Aid Society of Alberta web site

Sessional Paper 1222/2000

Calgary Herald article dated May 29, 1999, entitled "The Lougheed Building: a cultural icon deserves a better fate"

Sessional Paper 1223/2000

Legacy article dated November 1999-January 2000, entitled "Time for a Change? The Alberta Historical Resources Act"

Sessional Paper 1224/2000

Calgary Herald article dated February 2, 1999, entitled "Historic deal, Saving the Lougheed would set a valuable precedent"

Sessional Paper 1225/2000

Alberta Views article dated July/August 2000, entitled "Plea, Save the Grand/Lougheed"

Sessional Paper 1226/2000

Legacy Letter to the Editor article dated February-April 2000, from Murray G. Miller, Principal Heritage Planner, City of Edmonton, regarding the Legacy article dated November 1999-January 2000, entitled "Time for a Change?"

Sessional Paper 1227/2000

Avenue article dated November 1999, entitled "Spare the Lougheed"

Sessional Paper 1228/2000

Calgary Herald article dated November 5, 1999, entitled "Growing pains, razing the Lougheed building demolishes a part of us all"

Sessional Paper 1229/2000

Report dated August 16, 2000, entitled "Calgary's Century: Calgary in the Twentieth Century - From the Vantage Point of one of Alberta's Most Historic Buildings," prepared by Donald Smith, Department of History, University of Calgary, regarding the Lougheed Building/Grand Theatre

Sessional Paper 1230/2000

Results of Edmonton-Meadowlark Constituency Questionnaire conducted in October 2000, dated Fall 2000, prepared by Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark

Sessional Paper 1231/2000

Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora:

Document, undated, entitled "The Glenora Exchange - Special Edition Questionnaire Response Tabulation," listing results of questions asked regarding Alberta's budget surplus

Sessional Paper 1232/2000

Letter, undated, from Chantelle McNichol, to Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, expressing support, on behalf of the International Adoption Families Association and its members, for Bill 209, Employment Standards (Parental Leave) Amendment Act, 2000

Sessional Paper 1233/2000

Document dated March 9, 1997, entitled "There is an Alternative," discussing alternatives for implementing fairer corporate taxes in Alberta

Sessional Paper 1234/2000

Edmonton Sun article dated January 27, 1996, entitled "Canada needs flat tax system," written by Pam Barrett

Sessional Paper 1235/2000

Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

Report dated April 2000, entitled "Suicide Surveillance - 1999, Chinook Health Region," prepared by Population Health Information

Sessional Paper 1236/2000

Summary of the Alberta Suicide Data Report, Suicide and Self Inflicted Injury among Albertans, dated March 2000, prepared by the Alberta Centre for Injury Control and Research, the Suicide Information and Education Centre, Alberta Health and Wellness, and Health Canada

Sessional Paper 1237/2000

Information pamphlet entitled "Yellow Ribbon Suicide Prevention Program, Helping Youth Worldwide," an outreach program of the Light for Life Foundation
Sessional Paper 1238/2000

Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness:

Letter dated November 23, 2000, from Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness, to Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, responding to questions raised by Dr. Pannu during Oral Question Period on November 22, 2000, regarding a contract for podiatry services the Calgary Regional Health Authority has with Health Resources Group Ltd.

Sessional Paper 1239/2000

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Letter dated October 27, 2000, from Jack Fife, School Council Chairperson, J. Percy Page High School, Edmonton, to Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, expressing concerns regarding over-crowding conditions at J. Percy Page High School

Sessional Paper 1240/2000

Letter dated March 14, 2000, from Rhonda Brazeau, Edmonton, to Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, expressing concerns regarding funding for education in Alberta

Sessional Paper 1241/2000

Letter dated October 30, 2000, from Fiona Boulet, Volunteer Coordinator, Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society, to Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Environment, supporting the Government's commitment to create the Spray Valley Provincial Park

Sessional Paper 1242/2000

Letter dated October 21, 1999, from Doug Beaton, Principal, Crawford Plains School, Edmonton, to Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, thanking Ms Carlson for attending Celebrity Read Day at Crawford Plains Schools, with attached letters from three students

Sessional Paper 1243/2000

Letter dated April 11, 2000, from Coleen Taylor and Craig Harris, Edmonton, to Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, expressing concerns faced by families of children with diabetes

Sessional Paper 1244/2000

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry:

Letter dated November 23, 2000, from Allan P. Jobson, Calgary, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment, listing several quotes regarding the Workers' Compensation Board, and requesting a written response, or an announcement during the Fall Session of the Legislature regarding certain recommendations

Sessional Paper 1245/2000

Alberta Venture article dated November 2000, entitled "A Battle of Wills," regarding the Workers' Compensation Board

Sessional Paper 1246/2000

The Report article dated November 20, 2000, entitled "Workers are guaranteed to lose. One man's experience with Alberta's WCB (Workers' Compensation Board) reveals a system in need of overhaul"

Sessional Paper 1247/2000

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert:

Minutes from a Warner County Council meeting held on November 7, 2000, noting the discussion on realignment of Highway 4 east of Milk River

Sessional Paper 1248/2000

CAUS (Council of Alberta University Students) report of meetings with Members of the Legislative Assembly held on November 21, 22, 23, 2000, discussing tuition, fees, student loans, and learner assistance

Sessional Paper 1249/2000

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre,:

Letter dated July 15, 2000, from George Fenwick, Calgary, to Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, expressing concerns regarding arts funding in Alberta

Sessional Paper 1250/2000

Letter dated November 5, 2000, from Dianne Johnstone, President, The Alberta Music Festival Association, to Hon. Mr. Woloshyn, Minister of Community Development, expressing concerns regarding reduced arts funding

Sessional Paper 1251/2000

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar:

Fax memo sheet dated September 11, 1998, from The Alberta New Home Warranty Program, to Dennis Gartner, Alberta Labour, in response to a request made by Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, regarding treated pine shakes

Sessional Paper 1252/2000

Summary of a September 29, 1998 meeting of Edmonton area roofers, in response to a request made by Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, noting that roofers are not in favour of using treated pine shakes

Sessional Paper 1253/2000

Letter, undated, unaddressed, in response to a request made by Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, regarding pine shakes

Sessional Paper 1254/2000

Revert to Tablings

The Deputy Speaker requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to revert to Tablings.

Mr. White, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder:

Letter dated November 22, 2000, from Chris Spearman, Chairman, Industrial Association of Southern Alberta, to Tom Cumming, Market Surveillance Chairman, Calgary, requesting a formal investigation into non-competitive electricity pricing practices

Sessional Paper 1255/2000

Oral Question Period

During Oral Question Period, Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, tabled the following:

Letter dated November 21, 2000, from Drury Mason, Freedom of Information Coordinator, Alberta Executive Council, to Lennie Kaplan, Liberal Opposition Office, denying Mr. Kaplan's request for information relating to the Swan Hills Waste Treatment Centre under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act

Sessional Paper 1256/2000

Members' Statements

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, made a statement regarding protection of the environment in Alberta.

Mrs. Burgener, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, made a statement regarding the Alberta Film Commission appointing Mr. Paul Rayman as CEO (Chief Executive Officer) and President, and thanking Murray Ord, former CEO and President, for his years of leadership.

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 November 27 to November 30, 2000:

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| Monday, November 27 | Aft. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Government Bills and Orders Third Reading Bill 3, 27 Committee of the Whole Bill 29, 20 Second Reading Bill 22, 30 And as per Order Paper |
| | Eve. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Government Bills and Orders Committee of the Whole Bill 29, 20 Second Reading Bill 22, 30 And as per Order Paper |
| Tuesday, November 28 | (4:30) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Government Bills and Orders Third Reading Bill 29, 20 And as per Order Paper |
| | Eve. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Government Bills and Orders Third Reading Bill 29, 20 Committee of the Whole Bill 22, 30 And as per Order Paper |

Monday, November 27, 2000

The Speaker took the Chair at 1:30 p.m.

Presenting Petitions

Mrs. Fritz, Hon. Member for Calgary-Cross, presented a petition from 46 Albertans requesting that the Government introduce amendments to the Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Act to allow health professionals to opt out of certain medical procedures.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, presented a petition from 19 Edmonton residents requesting that Bill 211, Alberta Taxpayer Bill of Rights, not be passed.

Mr. Yankowsky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, presented a petition from 1,677 Albertans requesting that the Government introduce amendments to the Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Act to allow health professionals to opt out of certain medical procedures.

Reading and Receiving Petitions

On request by Mr. Stevens, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly of Alberta to urge the Government of Alberta to introduce amendments to the Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Act to allow Alberta health professionals to opt out of those medical procedures that offend a tenet of their religion, or their belief that human life is sacred.

On request by Mr. Yankowsky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly of Alberta to urge the Government of Alberta to introduce amendments to the Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Act to allow Alberta health professionals to opt out of those medical procedures that offend a tenet of their religion, or their belief that human life is sacred.

On request by Mr. Yankowsky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly of Alberta to urge the Government of Alberta to introduce amendments to the Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Act to allow Alberta health professionals to opt out of those medical procedures that offend a tenet of their religion, or their belief that human life is sacred.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Dr. West, Provincial Treasurer, pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s10:

Government of Alberta Annual Report, 1999-2000: Report to Albertans on Budget '99, the Right Balance, Includes: Consolidated Financial Statements, Measuring Up - Performance Results

Sessional Paper 1257/2000

Hon. Dr. West, Provincial Treasurer, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s14:

Treasury Annual Report 99/00, for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2000

Sessional Paper 1258/2000

Hon. Dr. West, Provincial Treasurer, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s14:

Executive Council, Annual Report 1999-2000

Sessional Paper 1259/2000

Hon. Dr. West, Provincial Treasurer, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, pursuant to the Agriculture Financial Service Act, cA-12.5, s14(2):

Agriculture Financial Services Corporation, Annual Report 1999-2000

Sessional Paper 1260/2000

Hon. Dr. West, Provincial Treasurer, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s14:

Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, Annual Report 1999-2000

Sessional Paper 1261/2000

Hon. Dr. West, Provincial Treasurer, on behalf of Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Children's Services, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s14:

Alberta Children's Services, Annual Report 1999-2000

Sessional Paper 1262/2000

Hon. Dr. West, Provincial Treasurer, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Woloshyn, Minister of Community Development, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s14:

Community Development, Annual Report for the Fiscal Year Ended March 31, 2000

Sessional Paper 1263/2000

Hon. Dr. West, Provincial Treasurer, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Havelock, Minister of Economic Development, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s14:

Ministry of Alberta Economic Development, Annual Report 2000

Sessional Paper 1264/2000

Hon. Dr. West, Provincial Treasurer, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Environment, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s14:

Ministry of Environment, 1999-2000 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 1265/2000

Hon. Dr. West, Provincial Treasurer, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Gaming, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s14:

Alberta Gaming, Annual Report 1999-2000

Sessional Paper 1266/2000

Hon. Dr. West, Provincial Treasurer, on behalf of Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Government Services, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s14:

Alberta Government Services, Annual Report 1999-2000

Sessional Paper 1267/2000

Hon. Dr. West, Provincial Treasurer, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s14:

Alberta Ministry of Health and Wellness, Annual Report 1999/2000, Section I
Sessional Paper 1268/2000

Alberta Ministry of Health and Wellness, Annual Report 1999/2000, Section II
Sessional Paper 1269/2000

Hon. Dr. West, Provincial Treasurer, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s14:

Alberta Human Resources and Employment, Annual Report 1999/2000
Sessional Paper 1270/2000

Hon. Dr. West, Provincial Treasurer, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Minister of Infrastructure, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s14:

Alberta Infrastructure, Annual Report 1999/2000
Sessional Paper 1271/2000

Hon. Dr. West, Provincial Treasurer, on behalf of Hon. Dr. Taylor, Minister of Innovation and Science, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52; the Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s14; the Oil Sands Technology and Research Authority Act, cO-6, s18(2); the Alberta Agricultural Research Institute Act, cA-13.7, s16(2); and the Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research Act, cA-26, s22:

Ministry of Innovation and Science, Annual Report 1999/2000, including the Alberta Science, Research and Technology Authority, Alberta Informatics Circle of Research Excellence Inc., Alberta Research Council Inc., Alberta Oil Sands Technology and Research Authority, Alberta Agricultural Research Institute, and the Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research
Sessional Paper 1272/2000

Hon. Dr. West, Provincial Treasurer, on behalf of Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of International and Intergovernmental Relations, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s14:

International and Intergovernmental Relations (also responsible for Aboriginal Affairs), 27th Annual Report to March 31, 2000
Sessional Paper 1273/2000

Hon. Dr. West, Provincial Treasurer, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s14:

Alberta Justice, Annual Report 1999-2000

Sessional Paper 1274/2000

Hon. Dr. West, Provincial Treasurer, on behalf of Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s14:

Alberta Learning, Annual Report 1999/2000

Sessional Paper 1275/2000

Hon. Dr. West, Provincial Treasurer, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Paszkowski, Minister of Municipal Affairs, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52; the Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s14; and the Alberta Housing Act, cA-30.1, s31:

Alberta Municipal Affairs, Annual Report 1999-2000

Sessional Paper 1276/2000

Hon. Dr. West, Provincial Treasurer, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Cardinal, Minister of Resource Development, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s14:

Alberta Ministry of Resource Development, Annual Report 1999-2000

Sessional Paper 1277/2000

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 1999/2000

Sessional Paper 1278/2000

Hon. Mr. Paszkowski, Minister of Municipal Affairs:

Alberta Boilers Safety Association, Annual Report 1999

Sessional Paper 1279/2000

Alberta Elevating Devices and Amusement Rides Safety Association, Annual Report, April 1, 1999 to March 31, 2000

Sessional Paper 1280/2000

Petroleum Tank Management Association of Alberta, Annual Report 1999

Sessional Paper 1281/2000

Alberta Propane Vehicle Administration Organization, Annual Report 1999

Sessional Paper 1282/2000

Document, undated, entitled "Authorized Accredited Agency, Annual Report Summary Statistics, April 1, 1998 to March 31, 1999"

Sessional Paper 1283/2000

Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Gaming, pursuant to the Racing Corporation Act, cR-1.5, s10(2):

Alberta Racing Corporation 1999 Annual Review

Sessional Paper 1284/2000

Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Gaming:

Alberta Gaming Industry Association 1999 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 1285/2000

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands:

Report, undated, entitled "Alberta Federation of REAs (Rural Electrification Associations) Ltd.," summarizing concerns discussed on November 23, 2000, with the Rural Caucus Committee, with an attached letter dated November 23, 2000, from Dan Astner, President, Alberta Federation of REAs (Rural Electrification Associations) Ltd., to the Members of the Legislative Assembly, regarding re-regulation of Alberta's electricity industry

Sessional Paper 1286/2000

Letter dated November 6, 2000, from Lance R. Lamond, Board Member, Poverty in Action, to Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, expressing concerns regarding rising utility costs

Sessional Paper 1287/2000

Letter dated November 16, 2000, from J. Faminoff, Calgary, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concerns regarding rising utility costs, MRIs (magnetic resonance imaging), and health care

Sessional Paper 1288/2000

E-mail message dated November 27, 2000, from Hazel Corcoran, Calgary, to the Alberta Liberal Office, expressing opposition to Bill 211, Alberta Taxpayer Bill of Rights

Sessional Paper 1289/2000

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Edmonton Public Schools newsletter dated April 7, 2000, entitled "The Compass," noting an article entitled "Building character: schools Microsociety prepared students for the future," a program hosted by Oliver school in Edmonton

Sessional Paper 1290/2000

Letter dated November 21, 2000, from Christopher P. Rivét, Edmonton, to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing concern regarding energy deregulation and the privatization of electrical companies

Sessional Paper 1291/2000

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods:

Press release dated November 27, 2000, entitled "Alberta students ask Province for a mere 1/280th of the \$5.6 billion surplus," prepared by the Graduate Students' Association of the University of Alberta

Sessional Paper 1292/2000

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar:

E-mail message dated February 10, 1999, from Chris Tye in response to a request made by Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, to Dennis Gartner, Assistant Deputy Minister, Municipal Affairs, regarding treated pine shake testing

Sessional Paper 1293/2000

Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

Document, undated and unsigned, to Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, expressing concerns regarding escalating costs of food, power, heat, and shelter

Sessional Paper 1294/2000

Letter dated November 8, 2000, from Elona Pettigrew, Edmonton, to Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, expressing concerns regarding major dental expenses for seniors

Sessional Paper 1295/2000

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly:

Memorandum dated November 23, 2000, from Mrs. Forsyth, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, to Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, requesting that Bill 210, Traffic Safety Amendment Act, 2000 be brought to Committee of the Whole for consideration on Wednesday, November 29, 2000

Sessional Paper 1296/2000

Oral Question Period

During Oral Question Period, Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, tabled the following:

Document, undated, entitled "EESAI 2001-2005 RRO Tariff Application, Monthly Bill Comparisons (Existing: UNC versus Proposed: EESAI), Residential Service Rate 1100," with 5 attached documents, undated, entitled "EESAI 2001-2005 RRO Tariff Application, Monthly Bill Comparisons (Existing: UNC versus Proposed: EESAI)," comparing sample bill calculations for residential, small general service, general service, farm service, and irrigation service customers
Sessional Paper 1297/2000

Recognitions

Mr. Doerksen, Hon. Member for Red Deer-South: Jan Fischer, Executive Director, Red Deer Chamber of Commerce, for her excellent work and on being named Canadian Chamber of Commerce Manager of the Year

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert: St. Albert Stop Abuse in Families Society (SAIF) and those people who are involved in operating this society

Mr. Yankowsky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview: Partners for Youth east end, represented by 41 organizations which regularly meet to discuss youth problems in northeast Edmonton

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark: Fire services exemplary service medal awarded to 199 Albertans who are members of Canada's fire service on November 27, 2000

Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert: Caring for Our Communities student youth justice conference, hosted by St. Thomas More Catholic Junior High School, and attended by over 400 students from 18 Edmonton catholic and public junior high schools

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo: Esther Honens Calgary International Piano Competition held November 25, 2000 in Calgary, involving 27 young concert pianists from 14 nations

Mr. Marz, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills: Royal Canadian Legion, Olds Branch, No. 105 on their 70th anniversary, and the members who were recognized with various merit awards

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 27 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2000 (No. 2) — Hon. Mr. Hancock

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, and the Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 29 Protection of Children Involved in Prostitution Amendment Act, 2000 —
Mrs. Forsyth

During Committee of the Whole consideration, Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, introduced the following amendment to Bill 29, Protection of Children Involved in Prostitution Amendment Act, 2000:

C. Section 6 is amended by adding the following before the proposed section 3.1:

3.01 When any decision or order is made under sections 2 or 3, a judge of the Court, a justice of the peace or a director, as the case may be, must be satisfied that the decision or order is in the best interests of the child after considering the following factors:

- (a) the child's safety,
- (b) the child's present and future well-being,
- (c) the child's physical and emotional needs,
- (d) the child's level of development,
- (e) the child's cultural, racial, linguistic and religious heritage,
- (f) the child's views,
- (g) the effect on the child if there is a delay in making a decision, and
- (h) the importance of continuity in providing the child with services.

The amendment was defeated. With Mr. Shariff in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 9

Bonner	MacDonald	Sapers
Dickson	Mason	Soetaert
Gibbons	Nicol	White

Against the motion: 33

Boutilier	Hancock	O'Neill
Calahasen	Havelock	Paszkowski
Cardinal	Herard	Pham
Coutts	Klapstein	Smith
Doerksen	Kryczka	Stelmach
Evans	Laing	Stevens
Fischer	Lund	Strang
Forsyth	Magnus	Thurber
Fritz	Mar	Trynchy
Graham	McClellan	Yankowsky
Haley	Melchin	Zwozdesky

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(3), at 5:30 p.m., the Committee recessed until 8:00 p.m.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2000 — 8:00 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Acting Speaker resumed the Chair.

The following Bills were reported:

Bill 27 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2000 (No. 2) — Hon. Mr. Hancock
 Bill 29 Protection of Children Involved in Prostitution Amendment Act, 2000 —
 Mrs. Forsyth

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 20 Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 2000 — Hon. Mr. Hancock

Mr. Shariff, Acting Chair 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 29 (Section A) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) —
Defeated

Sessional Paper 1298/2000

Amendment to Bill 29 (Section B) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) —
Defeated

Sessional Paper 1299/2000

Amendment to Bill 29 (Section C) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) —
Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 1300/2000

Amendment to Bill 29 (Section D) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) —
Defeated

Sessional Paper 1301/2000

Amendments to Bill 20 (Hon. Minister of Justice and Attorney General) —
Agreed to

Sessional Paper 1302/2000

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:10 p.m. until Tuesday, November 28, 2000, at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, November 28, 2000

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 former Member Michael Maccagno, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche from 1955 to 1968, who passed away on November 25, 2000

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Yankowsky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, presented a petition from 1,283 Albertans requesting that the Government introduce amendments to the Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Act to allow health professionals to opt out of certain medical procedures.

Mrs. Tarchuk, Hon. Member for Banff-Cochrane, presented a petition from 32 Banff residents requesting that the Government introduce amendments to the Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Act to allow health professionals to opt out of certain medical procedures.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, presented a petition from 110 Edmonton residents requesting that Bill 211, Alberta Taxpayer Bill of Rights, not be passed.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 754 Albertans requesting that the Government reduce post-secondary tuition fees by 30%.

Reading and Receiving Petitions

On request by Mr. Broda, Hon. Member for Redwater, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly of Alberta to urge the Government of Alberta to introduce amendments to the Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Act to allow Alberta health professionals to opt out of those medical procedures that offend a tenet of their religion, or their belief that human life is sacred.

On request by Mrs. Laing, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly of Alberta to urge the Government of Alberta to introduce amendments to the Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Act to allow Alberta health professionals to opt out of those medical procedures that offend a tenet of their religion, or their belief that human life is sacred.

On request by Mr. Marz, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly of Alberta to urge the Government of Alberta to introduce amendments to the Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Act to allow Alberta health professionals to opt out of those medical procedures that offend a tenet of their religion, or their belief that human life is sacred.

On request by Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, hereby petition the Legislative Assembly not to pass Bill 211 which would create social division and threaten long-term, stable funding for schools, hospitals and other important services.

On request by Mr. Yankowsky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly of Alberta to urge the Government of Alberta to introduce amendments to the Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Act to allow Alberta health professionals to opt out of those medical procedures that offend a tenet of their religion, or their belief that human life is sacred.

Notices of Motions

Pursuant to Standing Order 34(2)(a), Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following Written Questions and Motions for Returns to be dealt with Wednesday, November 29, 2000:

Written Questions: WQ26, WQ27, WQ28, WQ29, WQ30, WQ31, WQ32, WQ33, WQ34, WQ35, WQ36, WQ37.

Motions for Returns: MR51, MR52, MR53, MR54, MR55, MR56, MR57, MR58.

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, gave oral notice of her intention to request the unanimous consent of the Assembly to move Bill 221, Public Health Care Protection Statutes Amendment Act, 2000, forward on the Order Paper.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Minister of Infrastructure:

Report dated November 2000, entitled "School Facility Evaluation Project Final Results," prepared by Alberta Infrastructure, with attached Interim Provincial Summary sorted by raw score

Sessional Paper 1303/2000

Hon. Mr. Paszkowski, Minister of Municipal Affairs:

Letter dated November 28, 2000, from Hon. Mr. Paszkowski, Minister of Municipal Affairs, to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, responding to questions raised by Mr. MacDonald during Oral Question Period on November 23, 2000, regarding the Safety Codes Council

Sessional Paper 1304/2000

Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Environment:

Return to Order of the Assembly MR18 asked for by Ms Carlson on April 12, 2000:

A copy of any studies or reports that the Government has authorized, conducted or examined since January 1, 1995, concerning the historic or current population and distribution of woodland caribou in Alberta and copies of any documents indicating what measures the Government has taken to ensure healthy populations of these endangered animals.

Sessional Paper 1305/2000

Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, pursuant to the Alberta Opportunity Fund Act, cA-34, s15(6):

Alberta Opportunity Company 1999-2000 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 1306/2000

Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, pursuant to the Agriculture Financial Services Act, cA-12.5, s14(2) :

Agriculture Financial Services Corporation Annual Report 1999-2000

Sessional Paper 1307/2000

Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, pursuant to the Brand Act, cB-11, s20.6(3), Livestock and Livestock Products Act, cL-24, s22.6(3), Livestock Identification and Brand Inspection Act, cL-22, s32.6(3), and Stray Animals Act, cS-23, s22.6(3):

Livestock Identification Services Ltd. Manager's Report, April 1, 1999 to March 31, 2000, and associated financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2000

Sessional Paper 1308/2000

Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development:

Alberta Grain Commission 1999-2000 Annual Report to the Minister

Sessional Paper 1309/2000

Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment, 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 1999-2000

Sessional Paper 1310/2000

Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment, on behalf of 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 1999-2000 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 1311/2000

Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

Investigation Report dated June 28, 2000, arising from the death of Wayne Oles at the Herb Jamieson Centre on August 7, 1998, obtained through a request by Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act

Sessional Paper 1312/2000

Notice of Motion filed on October 31, 2000, in the Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta between Ms R. and Ms J., and Wayne Aaserud, Barbara Aaserud, Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Alberta, and Golden Hills School Division No. 15

Sessional Paper 1313/2000

Mr. Wickman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford:

Questionnaire addressed to Mr. Wickman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, regarding concerns relating to victims of brain injuries

Sessional Paper 1314/2000

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

4 letters dated July 15, 1999, from Cheryl Cooney, Red Deer, to Mr. Doerksen, Hon. Member for Red Deer-South, from Laurie Leier, Calgary, to Mrs. Burgener, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, from John Pauls, Calgary, to Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Gaming, and from Robert Bardston, Medicine Hat, to Hon. Dr. Taylor, Minister of Innovation and Science, all expressing concern regarding the state of arts funding in Alberta and urging the Government of Alberta to increase funding to the Alberta Foundation for the Arts

Sessional Paper 1315/2000

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert:

Letter dated November 16, 2000, from Doug Clavette, Calahoo, to Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness, requesting a response regarding an earlier request to be reimbursed for the cost of an MRI (magnetic resonance imaging)

Sessional Paper 1316/2000

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry:

Letter dated August 24, 2000, from 14 tourism operators in the Solomon Valley area northwest of Hinton, to Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Environment, proposing that a land base for tourism activities in the Solomon Valley be provided

Sessional Paper 1317/2000

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Teachers' Resource Kit, undated, entitled "All Colours are Beautiful," prepared by the Northern Alberta Alliance on Race Relations, intended to be used as a resource for instructing students about racial discrimination

Sessional Paper 1318/2000

Letter dated November 12, 2000, from Paul E. Boisvert, St. Paul, to John Pilipchuk, Member, Board of Lakeland Regional Health Authority, expressing concerns regarding the disposal of computer equipment from the St. Thérèse Health Centre in St. Paul at the sanitary dump

Sessional Paper 1319/2000

Media release dated November 27, 2000, prepared by the Flagstaff County Family Farm Promotional Society regarding the approval of a hog factory by the Flagstaff County Development Appeal Board

Sessional Paper 1320/2000

Letter dated November 14, 2000, from Janet Brygger and Anthony Neilson, both of Exshaw, to Mrs. Tarchuk, Hon. Member for Banff-Cochrane, expressing concern regarding pollution levels in Exshaw and the Bow Valley, and Lafarge Canada's proposed coal conversion

Sessional Paper 1321/2000

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly:

Memorandum dated November 28, 2000, from Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort, to Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, requesting that Bill 209, Employment Standards (Parental Leave) Amendment Act, 2000 be brought to Third Reading for consideration on Wednesday, November 29, 2000

Sessional Paper 1322/2000

Members' Statements

Ms Kryczka, Hon. Member for Calgary-West, made a statement regarding the Friends of Seniors Foundation in Calgary led by Brenda Wood, which develops inter-generational programs to help create caring partnerships between youth and seniors.

Dr. Nicol, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, made a statement regarding the approval process for the planning and development of large-scale livestock operations and the appointment of a committee to address the issues of the development of an appropriate process for the approval of intensive livestock operations.

Ms Graham, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed, made a statement regarding Reidun Tatham, a synchronized swimmer from Calgary who represented Canada at the 2000 Sydney Olympics and brought home a bronze medal.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly to move Bill 221, Public Health Care Protection Statutes Amendment Act, 2000 forward on the Order Paper.

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, and the Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker assumed the Chair.

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 209 Employment Standards (Parental Leave) Amendment Act, 2000 — Mr Cao

Motions Other Than Government Motions

514. Moved by Mr. Hlady (amended):

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to *examine its future in the Canada Pension Plan or explore other options, including an Alberta Pension Plan or a mandatory, personal retirement savings plan.*

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(4), the question being put, the motion was agreed to.

515. Moved by Mr. Coutts:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to establish a pilot project, in partnership with the recreational snowmobile industry that would include such initiatives as a cost recovery fee system (i.e., registration and user fees) to support the development, maintenance and promotion of safe, multi-use trail systems for snowmobiling in the Province's *Green Zone*.

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(2)(c), debate adjourned, Ms Blakeman speaking.

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 3 Statute Revision Act — Hon. Mr. Hancock

Bill 27 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2000 (No. 2) — Hon. Mr. Hancock

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Third time:

Bill 29 Protection of Children Involved in Prostitution Amendment Act, 2000 —
Mrs. Forsyth

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Dr. Massey speaking.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(1), the Acting Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 5:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2000

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2000 — 8:00 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders**Third Reading**

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 29 Protection of Children Involved in Prostitution Amendment Act, 2000 —
Mrs. Forsyth

Bill 20 Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 2000 — Hon. Mr. Hancock

Adjournment

Pursuant to Motion 25 agreed to by the Assembly on November 14, 2000, and on motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:25 p.m.

PROROGATION

FEBRUARY 11, 2001

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 Fourth
Session of the Twenty-fourth Legislature of
Alberta:

Paul Bourque,
Deputy Minister of Justice
and Deputy Attorney General

WE DO hereby prorogue, effective
February 11, 2001, the said Legislature; and

WHEREAS it is deemed expedient for certain
causes and considerations to convene the
Legislative Assembly of Our Province of Alberta
for the Fifth Session of the Twenty-fourth
Legislature, WE DO WILL that you and each of
you, and all others in this behalf interested, on
MONDAY, the 12th day of February, 2001, 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 LOIS E. HOLE, Lieutenant Governor of
Our Province of Alberta, in Our City of Edmonton in Our Province of Alberta, this
Eighteenth day of January in the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand in the Forty-ninth
Year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND:

HON. DAVID HANCOCK
Provincial Secretary.