

Legislative Assembly Province of Alberta

No. 5

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Second Session

Twenty-Second Legislature

Wednesday, March 14, 1990

The Speaker took the Chair at 2:30 p.m.

ROUTINE

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 7 Change of Name Amendment Act, 1990 — Mrs. B. Laing

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

Bill 7 Change of Name Amendment Act, 1990 — Mrs. B. Laing

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Dinning, Minister of Education, pursuant to the Premier's Council on the Status of Persons and Disabilities, cP-14.5, s7(2), 1988 Statutes:

The Premier's Council on the Status of Persons With Disabilities, Annual Report 1988-89

Sessional Paper 89/90

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Hon. Mr. Weiss, Minister of Career Development and Employment, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52, 1983 Statutes:

Alberta Career Development and Employment, Annual Report 1988-89 Sessional Paper 22/90

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Associate Minister of Agriculture, pursuant to the Hail and Crop Insurance Act, cH-1, s9(2), RSA 1980:

Alberta Hail and Crop Insurance Corporation, 21st Annual Report 1989 Sessional Paper 19/90

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Associate Minister of Agriculture, pursuant to the Alberta Agriculture Research Institute Act, cA-13.7, s16(2), 1987 Statutes:

Alberta Agricultural Research Institute, Annual Report 1987-88

Sessional Paper 18/90

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Associate Minister of Agriculture:

Farming For The Future, Progress Report 1988

Sessional Paper 303/90

Speaker's Ruling

The Speaker ruled that no prima facie case of privilege existed with respect to the matter raised March 13, 1990, by Mr. Taylor, Hon. Member for Westlock-Sturgeon, concerning the press corps' access to Members.

Motion Under Standing Order 40

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

Be it resolved that the Assembly make clear its desire to make this Legislature as freely accessible to the public as possible and our willingness to facilitate public appreciation of our proceedings and work. To ensure such openness, the Assembly agrees to declare the third floor hallway around the Chamber open to the public through removal of all recently-erected impediments to access and by re-designating the Confederation Room a combined MLA and media room for the purpose of allowing reporters access to Members.

Unanimous consent was not granted.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Consideration of Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech

Moved by Ms Calahasen and seconded by Mr. Evans:

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

To Her Honour the Honourable W. Helen Hunley, 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. Hyland moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Gogo, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:30 p.m. until Thursday, March 15, 1990.

NOTICES

Leave to Introduce a Bill

- Bill 6 Alberta Health Care Insurance Amendment Act, 1990 Mr. Ady
- Bill 9 Electrical Statutes Amendment Act, 1990 Hon. Mr. Orman
- Bill 10 Small Power Research and Development Amendment Act, 1990 Mr. Bradley
- Bill 11 Petroleum Incentives Program Amendment Act, 1990 Hon. Mr. Orman
- Bill 218 Agricultural Resources Conservation Board Act Mr. Decore
- Bill 219 Arts Council Act Mrs. Gagnon
- Bill 222 An Act to Amend the Interprovincial Lottery Act Mr. Chumir
- Bill 223 Alberta Economic Diversification Board Act Mr. Bruseker
- Bill 224 Water Transfer Control Act Mr. Taylor
- Bill 225 An Act to Amend the Auditor General Act Mr. Chumir
- Bill 226 Open Taxation Act Mr. Chumir
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- Bill 227 Quality Child Day Care Training and Standards Act Ms Mjolsness
- Bill 229 An Act to Amend the Students Finance Act Ms Barrett
- Bill 231 Public Service Pay Equity Act Mr. Decore
- Bill 232 An Act to Amend Certain Statutes on Maintenance Ms M. Laing
- Bill 233 Quality Child Day Care Standards Act Mrs. Hewes
- Bill 234 Arts Board and Arts Council Act Ms Barrett
- Bill 235 An Act to Amend the School Act Mrs. Gagnon
- Bill 236 Instructional Materials Production Act Mr. Jonson
- Bill 237 An Act to Amend the Dairy Board Act Mr. Taylor
- Bill 238 Environmental Ombudsman Act Mr. Mitchell
- Bill 239 Environmental Impact Assessment Act Mr. McInnis
- Bill 240 An Act to Amend the Hail and Crop Insurance Act Mr. Taylor
- Bill 241 An Act to Amend the Limitation of Actions Act Mr. Wright
- Bill 242 School User Fees Elimination Act Mr. Woloshyn
- Bill 243 An Act to Amend the Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped Act Ms Mjolsness
- Bill 244 Residential Care Giver Training Act Ms Mjolsness
- Bill 245 An Act to Amend the Alberta Health Care Insurance Act Mr. Decore
- Bill 246 An Act to Include Midwifery as a Profession Under the Health Disciplines Act — Mrs. Hewes
- Bill 247 Justice Review Committee Act Mr. Day
- Bill 248 An Act to Amend the School Act Mrs. Gagnon
- Bill 249 Native Peoples Representation Act Ms Calahasen
- Bill 250 An Act to Amend the Hail and Crop Insurance Act Mr. Paszkowski
- Bill 251 Forest Industry Development Administration Act Mr. Mitchell
- Bill 252 An Act to Amend the Universities Act Mrs. Gagnon
- Bill 253 Alberta Farm Security Act Mr. Taylor
- Bill 254 An Act to Amend the Individual's Rights Protection Act Ms M. Laing
- Bill 255 Alberta Palliative Care Foundation Act Mrs. Black
- Bill 256 An Act to Amend the Widows' Pension Act Ms M. Laing
- Bill 257 Service Dogs Act Mr. Payne
- Bill 258 An Act to Amend Certain Statutes on Marital Status Ms M. Laing
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- Bill 259 Tobacco Control Act Mr. Schumacher
- Bill 260 An Act to Amend the Alberta Health Care Insurance Act Mr. Payne
- Bill 261 An Act to Phase Out the Use of Chlorofluorocarbons Mr. Mitchell
- Bill 262 Space Agencies Act Mr. Day
- Bill 263 An Act to Amend the Marketing of Agricultural Products Act Mr. Fox
- Bill 264 An Act to Amend the Historical Resources Act Ms Barrett
- Bill 265 Natural Gas Tax Rebate for Alfalfa Pelletizing Act Mr. Paszkowski
- Bill 266 An Act to Ensure the Right to a Day of Religious Observance Mr. Wickman
- Bill 267 An Act to Commit Government to a Five Year Funding Planning Framework — Mr. Wickman
- Bill 268 Children's Access Rights Enforcement Act Mr. Evans
- Bill 269 "Whistle Blower's" Protection Act Mr. McInnis
- Bill 270 An Act to Amend the Judicature Act Mr. Wright
- Bill 271 An Act to Amend the Expropriation Act Mr. Lund
- Bill 272 Environmental Assessment Act Mr. Mitchell
- Bill 273 Financial Reform Act Mr. Hawkesworth
- Bill 274 Freedom of Information and Personal Privacy Act Mr. Pashak
- Bill 275 Unfair Contract Terms Act Mr. Wright
- Bill 276 Institute of Health Care Ethics Act Rev. Mr. Roberts

Government Motions

1. Hon. Mr. Horsman to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the report of the special committee appointed Wednesday, August 16, 1989, for the purpose of recommending to the Assembly the person it considers most suitable for the position of Ombudsman for the Province of Alberta, be now received and concurred in, and that the Assembly confirm the appointment of Mr. Harley Johnson, made by Order of the Lieutenant Governor in Council, as Ombudsman for the Province of Alberta for a term of five years from the date of this resolution.

2. Hon. Mr. Horsman to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Assembly recommend to the Lieutenant Governor in Council that Mr. Patrick D. Ledgerwood be re-appointed Chief Electoral Officer for the Province of Alberta.

Written Questions

175. Mr. Chumir to ask the Government:

- (1) How much did the Government spend on public opinion polling during the 1988-89 fiscal year?
- (2) How much did each department spend on public opinion polling during the 1988-89 fiscal year?

176. Mr. Bruseker to ask the Government:

- (1) What was the total cost of producing the 1989-90 edition of Alberta Agriculture's "A Child's Guide to Farm Safety" and the related materials?
- (2) What was the total amount of the financial support received by the Government from TransAlta Utilities Corporation and Alberta Power Limited for the 1989 edition of Alberta Agriculture's "A Child's Guide to Farm Safety"?
- (3) How many copies of the safety guide were produced?
- (4) How many copies of the two puzzles included with the safety guide were produced?

177. Mr. Taylor to ask the Government:

In how many cases has the Government been called upon to meet third party loan guarantee obligations in each of the years 1988 and 1989? Who were the commercial lenders that called upon the Government guarantees and what was the total amount that each commercial lender called upon for each of the years 1988 and 1989?

178. Mr. Decore to ask the Government:

What is the projected per square foot cost on an annual basis of the Federal Building at 98 Avenue and 107 Street, Edmonton, compared to the cost of the space the Government now occupies in the Olympia & York development at 101 Avenue and 102 Street, Edmonton?

179. Mr. Decore to ask the Government:

- (1) On what date did the Government take possession of the old Federal Building at 98 Avenue and 107 Street, Edmonton?
- (2) When does the Government intend to begin to occupy the space in the Federal Building?
- (3) What is the cost of maintaining the Federal Building from the time of possession to date?
- (4) How much will it cost to make the Federal Building ready for occupation?
- (5) Has the Government undertaken a study to determine whether the Federal Building contains any asbestos? If so, what is the estimated cost of the removal of any asbestos found?
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180. Mr. Decore to ask the Government:

Is the Government renting any private sector space in downtown Edmonton which costs more than the projected cost of the renovated Federal Building on a per square foot basis?

Motions for Returns

181. Mr. Wickman to propose the following motion:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing: A copy of the lease agreement between the Province of Alberta and Olympia & York Developments Ltd. for 40,000 square feet of office space in Olympia & York's new office/retail complex between 101 and 102 Streets, Jasper Avenue and Manulife Place in Edmonton.

182. Mr. Decore to propose the following motion:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing: A complete inventory of all land held in the Province of Alberta by Her Majesty the Queen in right of Alberta or any Government department, agency, or agent.

David J. Carter, Speaker

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