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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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Thursday, April 5, 1990

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

ROUTINE

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Mitchell, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, presented a petition from over 630 Albertans requesting an environmental assessment on the proposed Brazeau Timber Management Area.

Notices of Motions

Mr. Decore, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry, gave oral notice of his intention to move, pursuant to Standing Order 30, that the Assembly adjourn to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, namely the Government's interests in Gainers Inc. and the Government's claim to assets owned by Peter Pocklington.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 244 Residential Care Giver Training Act — Ms Mjolsness

Bill 266 An Act to Ensure the Right to a Day of Religious Observance —
Mr. Wickman

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Fjordbotten, Minister of Forestry, Lands and Wildlife:

Alberta's Threatened Wildlife, Burrowing Owl
Alberta's Threatened Wildlife, Ferruginous Hawk
Alberta's Threatened Wildlife, Peregrine Falcon

Sessional Paper 316/90

Hon. Mr. Main, Minister of Culture and Multiculturalism, pursuant to the Glenbow-Alberta Institute Act, cG-5, s21(2), RSA 1980:

Glenbow Museum, Annual Report 1989

Sessional Paper 31/90

Hon. Mr. Main, Minister of Culture and Multiculturalism, pursuant to the Alberta Art Foundation Act, cA-15, s11(2), RSA 1980:

Alberta Art Foundation, Annual Report 1988-89

Sessional Paper 27/90

Hon. Mr. Main, Minister of Culture and Multiculturalism, pursuant to the Cultural Foundations Act, cC-40, s10(2), RSA 1980:

Alberta Foundation for the Literary Arts, Annual Report 1988-89

Sessional Paper 29/90

Oral Question Period

Mr. McInnis, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Jasper Place:

Draft of Natural Resources Conservation Board Act

Sessional Paper 520/90

Motion for Adjournment for an Emergency Debate

Mr. Decore, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry, 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 interests in Gainers Inc. and the Government's claim to assets owned by Peter Pocklington.

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

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

193. Mr. Mitchell to ask the Government:

- (1) What are the air emission standards for the Millar Western pulp mill at Whitecourt?
- (2) How many times have these standards been exceeded and by what amount, since the plant started operating?
- (3) What is the cause of the high levels of fly ash from the plant?
- (4) How many samples of fly ash have been examined for heavy metals, dioxins, and potentially harmful substances and what are the levels of each of the substances found?
- (5) What are the potential health effects of high levels of fly ash?
- (6) What measures are being taken to overcome the problems in the Millar Western pulp mill and teepee burner?
- (7) What measures are being taken to ensure that the same problems do not occur with other chemi-thermomechanical pulp mills being constructed in Alberta?

206. Mr. Mitchell to ask the Government:

- (1) How often does Procter & Gamble monitor its pulp mill at Grande Prairie and Weldwood monitor its pulp mill at Hinton for total organochlorines, dioxins, and furans in:
 - (a) final liquid effluent,
 - (b) sludge in ponds, and
 - (c) air emissions?
- (2) How often does Alberta Environment monitor those two plants for the same pollutants and on how many occasions and by what amount did their measurements differ from those taken by the plant.
- (3) If there is any discrepancy, what are the reasons for this?
- (4) How many times has Alberta Environment and/or Procter & Gamble taken measurements to monitor the groundwater for total organochlorines, dioxins, and furans or any other substances in the vicinity of the landfill in which sludge from the ponds has been dumped and what levels of these substances were measured and in particular, what levels have been recorded since January 1, 1988?

207. Mr. Mitchell to ask the Government:

- (1) What are the air emission standards for the Millar Western teepee burner at Whitecourt and were these standards established in Millar Western's licence to operate under the Clean Air Act?
- (2) What are the air emission standards for the Millar Western pulp mill at Whitecourt?

- (3) What are the facilities for monitoring the air emissions from the teepee burner and the pulp mill?
- (4) On what occasions and by how much were air emission standards in Whitecourt exceeded:
 - (a) at the teepee burner, since January 1, 1988,
 - (b) at the pulp mill, since it started operation in 1988,
 - (c) at any monitoring location in the Town of Whitecourt, since January 1, 1988?

208. Mr. Mitchell to ask the Government:

Concerning the monitoring of the environmental impact of the Lake Wabamun operation of TransAlta:

- (1) How often are air emissions from the stacks measured each month; and what substances are measured?
- (2) How many times, if any, in the last 10 years did any of the substances measured exceeded the limits set by the plant's licence to operate under the Clean Air Act?
- (3) What were the monitored values, on those occasions, in the last 10 years if any, when the levels were in excess of the permitted level, and what were the emission standards permissible under the licence issued in accordance with the Clean Air Act?
- (4) How is possible contamination of Lake Wabamun being monitored?
- (5) How often are the sumps that collect the sulphuric acid used to clean the heating coils in the evaporating tanks checked?
- (6) How many times during the past 10 years have the sumps overflowed into Lake Wabamun?
- (7) What measures have been taken to prevent overflow from the sumps into the lake?

218. Mrs. Hewes to ask the Government:

- (1) How many suicides were attempted or committed by children with child welfare status in the fiscal years ending:
 - (a) March 31, 1987,
 - (b) March 31, 1988, and
 - (c) March 31, 1989?
- (2) How many children with child welfare status were considered to be at risk of suicide during the fiscal year ending March 31, 1989?

219. Mrs. Hewes to ask the Government:

How many of the child welfare workers employed by the Department of Family and Social Services are registered social workers?

234. Rev. Mr. Roberts to ask the Government:

What is the Government policy with respect to expanding the Nursing Transfer Program so that nurses at all diploma based nursing schools, not just Red Deer and Mount Royal College, can have access to a baccalaureate nursing degree in Alberta?

Motions for Returns

The following motions were ordered to stand:

150. Mr. McEachern to propose the following motion:

That an order of the Assembly do issue for a return showing:
Copies of all loan guarantee agreements approved by the Provincial Treasurer or Treasury Board for the 1989-90 fiscal year and not made public by either Order-in-Council or in the Alberta Gazette.

153. Mr. McEachern to propose the following motion:

That an order of the Assembly do issue for a return showing:
Copies of all studies and reports paid for by the Government of Alberta, or done by its employees, which formed the basis of the Government's conclusion that the Canada-U.S. free trade deal would be good for Alberta, as well as those which showed there would be negative consequences.

154. Mr. McEachern to propose the following motion:

That an order of the Assembly do issue for a return showing:
Copies of agreements dated April 21, 1989, May 10, 1989, and June 13, 1989, between the Government of Alberta and Coopers & Lybrand Limited whereby the Government acquired certain assets of First Investors Corporation Ltd. and Associated Investors of Canada Ltd.

156. Mr. Fox to propose the following motion:

That an order of the Assembly do issue for a return showing:
A copy of all agreements, correspondence, and other documents covering all understandings between the Alberta Treasury Branches, Palm Dairies Ltd., and Peter Pocklington relating to a \$100 million debenture dated March 11, 1988.

157. Mr. McEachern to propose the following motion:

That an order of the Assembly do issue for a return showing:
A copy of the audited financial statement of 354713 Alberta Ltd. ("Softco") for the year ending March 31, 1989, and a financial report for the nine-month period ending December 31, 1989.

158. Mr. Fox to propose the following motion:

That an order of the Assembly do issue for a return showing:
A copy of the Master Agreement, including any amendments thereto, between the Government of Alberta and Peter Pocklington covering a \$55 million loan guarantee and a \$12 million loan made available to Gainers Properties Inc. on March 3, 1988.

159. Mr. Hawkesworth to propose the following motion:

That an order of the Assembly do issue for a return showing:
Copies of all agreements or contracts whereby the Province of Alberta agreed to indemnify the Canada Deposit Insurance Corporation from any obligation resulting from the restructuring of North West Trust Company and its amalgamation with Heritage Trust Company.

161. Mr. Fox to propose the following motion:

That an order of the Assembly do issue for a return showing:
Copies of audited financial statements for Sodor Foods Inc. for the fiscal years 1987 to 1989 inclusive, and a copy of the quarterly financial report for the period ending December 31, 1989.

162. Mr. Hawkesworth to propose the following motion:

That an order of the Assembly do issue for a return showing:
Copies of all agreements that indemnify North West Trust Company from any losses in the event any of the payment or performance obligations of 354713 Alberta Ltd., a company jointly owned by the Province of Alberta and the Alberta Treasury Branches, are not paid or performed.

163. Mr. Fox to propose the following motion:

That an order of the Assembly do issue for a return showing:
Copies of audited financial statements of Gainers Inc. for the fiscal years 1984 to 1989 inclusive, and a copy of the quarterly financial report for the period ending December 31, 1989.

164. Mr. Fox to propose the following motion:

That an order of the Assembly do issue for a return showing:
Copies of audited financial statements of Gainers Properties Inc. for the fiscal years 1987 to 1989 inclusive, and a copy of the quarterly financial report for the period ending December 31, 1989.

166. Mr. McInnis to propose the following motion:

That an order of the Assembly do issue for a return showing:

A copy of all reports prepared by or on behalf of the Government and its emanations on studies of zero-effluent pulp mills pursuant to recommendation 57 of the Environment Council of Alberta, February 1979 report, "The Environmental Effects of Forestry Operations in Alberta."

167. Mr. McInnis to propose the following motion:

That an order of the Assembly do issue for a return showing:

A copy of all reports and studies for the Special Waste Management Corporation or the Department of the Environment evaluating the Von Roll rocking kilns at the Swan Hills facility.

168. Mr. McInnis to propose the following motion:

That an order of the Assembly do issue for a return showing:

A copy of all market reports and studies prepared for the Special Waste Management Corporation or the Department of the Environment on the installation of new rotating kilns at the Swan Hills facility.

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.

183. Mr. McInnis to propose the following motion:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:

A copy of all laboratory reports and analyses submitted to the Government on tests for dioxins and furans in fish from Alberta rivers during the period May 18, 1988 through March 8, 1990.

184. Mrs. Hewes to propose the following motion:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:

A detailed account of the complete expenditures for the Premier's Commission on Future Health Care for Albertans.

194. Mrs. Hewes to propose the following motion:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Every study made by or for the Government since April 1, 1988, on salary levels of employees working in any of the voluntary human service sectors.

201. Mr. Bruseker to propose the following motion:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A copy of the itinerary, showing all meetings and their purposes and participants for every visit by the Minister of Federal and Intergovernmental Affairs to New York since March 20, 1989.

204. Mr. Mitchell to propose the following motion:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all tenders submitted for the project or projects for which contracts totalling \$439,653 were awarded to David Bromley Engineering (1983) Ltd., by the Department of Recreation and Parks, in the 1986/87 and 1987/88 fiscal years.

205. Mr. Bruseker to propose the following motion:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all financial analyses paid for by the Government, or done by its employees, that investigated the financial transactions made by Gainers Inc., involving Government loans and loan guarantees, during the period before the Government's takeover of the company.

211. Mr. Taylor to propose the following motion:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A copy of all invoices relating to the expenditure of \$176,533 at the Dai Ichi Hotel Enterprise Co. in the 1987-1988 fiscal year, by the Department of Public Works, Supply and Services.

212. Mr. Mitchell to propose the following motion:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A detailed breakdown of Government expenditure on the Oldman River Dam, since the initiation of the project.

222. Mr. Mitchell to propose the following motion:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of the documents pertaining to Weldwood of Canada, Hinton Division, and H.R. Milner Plant, Alberta Power, Grande Cache, as listed below:

- (1) the companies' applications to operate under the Clean Air and Clean Water Acts;
- (2) the licences to operate issued under the Clean Air and Clean Water Acts;
- (3) certificates, orders, or waivers issued by Alberta Environment pursuant to licences to operate in the last 10 years;

- (4) the latest annual reports for each company under the Clean Air and Clean Water Acts; and
- (5) a list and description of violations in the last five years relating to contaminants or conditions that should have been controlled pursuant to the Clean Air and Clean Water Act licences to operate.

223. Mr. Hawkesworth to propose the following motion:

That an Order of the Assembly to issue for a Return showing:
Copies of the documents which form and support the claim by the Government, against the Federal Government, made under the stabilization provisions of the Fiscal Arrangements Act in respect of the 1986-87 revenue downturn.

237. Rev. Mr. Roberts to propose the following motion:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Documents prepared by the Government presenting a detailed breakdown of the Government's response to the recommendations in both the Watanabe and Hyndman reports, and an indication of which recommendations will be acted upon in 1990, 1991, 1992, and after.

238. Rev. Mr. Roberts to propose the following motion:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all evaluation reports prepared by the Department of Health on the six-month pilot project called "Medilink" (begun in the fall of 1989), including the evaluation of three types of health care cards.

239. Mr. Mitchell to propose the following motion:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of the water quality data on the secondary treatment lagoon effluent from

- (1) the Procter & Gamble Mill, Grande Prairie;
- (2) the Millar Western Pulp Mill, Grande Prairie;
- (3) the Weldwood Pulp Mill, Hinton;

to be tabled in the House, the day following receipt, on an on-going basis.

240. Mr. Mitchell to propose the following motion:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of the water quality data on the secondary treatment lagoon effluent from

- (1) the Procter & Gamble Pulp Mill, Grande Prairie, from January 1989 until the present;
- (2) the Millar Western Pulp Mill, Whitecourt, from the date of commissioning in 1988 until the present; and
- (3) the Weldwood Pulp Mill, Hinton, from 1985 until the present.

241. Rev. Mr. Roberts to propose the following motion:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
The records of the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan showing:

- (1) the total of all payments made to and the number of services provided by optometrists according to benefit codes B650 to B659 between June 30, 1988 and December 31, 1989, and
- (2) the total of all payments made to and the number of services provided by ophthalmologists according to the non-surgical benefit codes (P and B sections) for the same period.

Motions Other than Government Motions

204. Moved by Mr. Martin:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to undertake a comprehensive reform of the provincial tax regime, specifically aimed at ensuring that wealthy individuals and profitable corporations pay a greater share of the provincial tax burden, including

- (1) the removal of the Alberta flat rate tax;
- (2) an increase, on a progressive basis, to the Alberta High Income Surtax; and
- (3) the implementation of a minimum corporate tax to be applied to large, profitable corporations operating in the province;

and to request the Federal Government redress the shifting of the federal tax burden from corporations to individuals, and from wealthy individuals and profitable corporations to low and middle income Canadians.

A debate followed.

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

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 An Act to Amend the Labour Relations Code — Mr. Decore

A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Mr. Horsman, Government House Leader, at 5:30 p.m., it was agreed that when the Members reassembled at 8:00 p.m., they would be in Committee of Supply, and the Speaker left the Chair.

THURSDAY, APRIL 5, 1990 — 8:00 P.M.

Committee of Supply

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. Moore reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the Department of Agriculture, 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. Stewart, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10.22 p.m. until Friday, April 6, 1990, at 10:00 a.m.

NOTICES

Leave to Introduce a Bill

- 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
- 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 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
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 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 277 Government Open Contract Act — Mr. Bruseker
- Bill 279 An Act to Amend the Builders' Lien Act — Mr. Taylor
- Bill 280 An Act to Amend the Members of the Legislative Assembly Pension Plan Act — Mr. Doyle
- Bill 281 An Act to Amend the Interprovincial Lottery Act — Ms Barrett

Government Motions

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

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly grant permission to Professor J.R. Happy of the University of Guelph to publish extracts from Strengthening Canada, the Report on Upper House Reform presented by a Select Special Committee of the Legislative Assembly in 1985 on a non-exclusive basis with credit being given to the Legislative Assembly.

Written Questions

244. Mr. McInnis to ask the Government:

As a consequence of the Department of the Environment's Mission Statement: "The costs of preventing and reclaiming environmental impacts will be borne by the polluter,"

- (1) How much money was collected by the Department of the Environment for permits under the Clean Air Act during the fiscal year ending March 31, 1990?

- (2) How much money was collected by the Department of the Environment for permits under the Clean Water Act during the fiscal year ending March 31, 1990?
- (3) How much money was collected from Alberta-Pacific Forest Industries Ltd. as their share of the Environmental Impact Assessment Review Board during the fiscal year ending March 31, 1990?

245. Mr. Taylor to ask the Government:

With regard to the Alberta Government offices in New York, Los Angeles, London (England), Hong Kong, and Tokyo, what is the name and title of the employees working in these offices, what is their salary classification and what benefits does each employee receive by way of automobile or automobile allowance, accommodation or accommodation allowance, and entertainment allowance?

David J. Carter,
Speaker

Title: Thursday, April 5, 1990