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Province of Alberta**

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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Tuesday, April 10, 1990

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

ROUTINE

Reading and Receiving Petitions

On motion by Mrs. Black, Chairman of the Private Bills Committee, the following petitions were deemed to have been read and received:

of the Sisters of Charity of Providence of High Prairie for the Sisters of Charity of High Prairie Amendment Act, 1990;

of the Edmonton Research and Development Park Authority for the Edmonton Research and Development Authority Amendment Act, 1990;

of the Nechi Institute for the Nechi Community College Act;

of Canada West Insurance Company of Edmonton for the Canada West Insurance Company Amendment Act, 1990;

of the Calgary Jewish Academy for the Calgary Jewish Academy Amendment Act, 1990;

of the Alberta Wheat Pool for the Alberta Wheat Pool Amendment Act, 1990;

of the Grey Nuns of Alberta for the Saint Therese Hospital (Grey Nuns) of St. Paul Amendment Act, 1990;

of Satnam Parmar for the Satnam Parmar Adoption Termination Act;

of La Societe de Bienfaisance Chareve for La Societe de Bienfaisance Chareve Tax Exemption Act;

of the Campbell McLaurin Foundation for Hearing Deficiencies for the Campbell McLaurin Foundation for Hearing Deficiencies Act; and

of the Young Men's Christian Association for the Young Men's Christian Association Tax Exemption Amendment Act, 1990.

Notices of Motions

Mr. McInnis, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Jasper Place, gave oral notice of his intention to move the following motion under Standing Order 40 on Orders of the Day:

Be it resolved that this House is aware of the importance of National Wildlife Week (April 8-14) in the battle to preserve our natural habitat and that the House hereby lend its support to the Endangered Spaces Campaign of the World Wildlife Fund and the Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Anderson, Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs:

Report of Ministerial Advisory Committee on Residential Tenancies
Sessional Paper 323/90

Report of Ministerial Advisory Committee on Residential Tenancies, Executive Summary
Sessional Paper 324/90

Hon. Mrs. Betkowski, Minister of Health, pursuant to the Physical Therapy Profession Act, cP-7.5, s9(4), 1984 Statutes:

College of Physical Therapists of Alberta, Annual Report 1987/88
Sessional Paper 71/90

College of Physical Therapists of Alberta, Annual Report 1988/89
Sessional Paper 71A/90

Hon. Mrs. Betkowski, Minister of Health, pursuant to the Registered Dietitians Act, cR-10.1, s6(4), 1983 Statutes:

Alberta Registered Dietitians Association, Annual Report 1988/89
Sessional Paper 73/90

Motion Under Standing Order 40

Mr. McInnis, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Jasper Place, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly for consideration of the following motion:

Be it resolved that this House is aware of the importance of National Wildlife Week (April 8-14) in the battle to preserve our natural habitat and that the House hereby lend its support to the Endangered Spaces Campaign of the World Wildlife Fund and the Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society.

Unanimous consent was not granted.

Apology to the Assembly

Rev. Mr. Roberts, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, apologized to the Assembly for having been named by the Speaker on April 9, 1990.

Privilege

Mr. Zarusky, Hon. Member for Redwater-Andrew, raised a purported point of privilege concerning remarks made by another Hon. Member. The Member for Stony Plain made additional comments.

Mr. Zarusky filed documents relevant to his point of privilege.

Sessional Paper 524/90

The Speaker deferred ruling on the matter.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Questions were accepted:

234. (Rev. Mr. Roberts)

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?

243. (Mr. Doyle)

With respect to the transfer of St. John's hospital in Edson from the Sisters of Service to Hospital District No. 86:

- (1) What consultation process was undertaken by Alberta Health?
- (2) What parties and what boards did the Department consult?
- (3) Where and when did these consultations take place?
- (4) When will this transfer take place?

The following Written Question was not accepted:

246. (Mr. McInnis)

- (1) What was the original budget estimate for grouting contracts on the Oldman River Dam?
- (2) Has this estimate been revised? If so, by how much and why?
- (3) What was the original contract price for grouting work contracted to Nowsco Well Service Ltd.?
- (4) Has Nowsco Well Service Ltd. submitted a bill to the prime contractor for an amount greater than the original contract price? If so, how much and why?

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?

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?

Motions for Returns

The following motion was agreed to as amended:

201. Moved by Mr. Bruseker:

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.

Hon. Mr. Horsman, Minister of Federal and Intergovernmental Affairs, moved that the motion be amended as follows:

- (1) by deleting the words "A copy of the itinerary, showing all meetings and their purposes and participants for" and replacing them with "An outline of the nature of all meetings and functions of," and
- (2) by adding after "New York" the following words ", Washington, D.C., and other eastern United States destinations."

The following motion was defeated:

153. Moved by Mr. McEachern:

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.

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.

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.

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

205. Moved by Mr. Day:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to adopt a policy whereby no school shall offer any sex education program as part of its curriculum unless there is sufficient statistical and expert evidence that the sex education program will not increase the incidence of sexually-transmitted diseases and teenage pregnancy, and that the program will not be responsible for any increases in sexual activity among students receiving the instruction.

A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Gogo, Deputy 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.

TUESDAY, APRIL 10, 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. Jonson reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the Department of Family and Social Services, 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. Horsman, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:44 p.m. until Wednesday, April 11, 1990, at 2:30 p.m.

David J. Carter,
Speaker

Title: Tuesday, April 10, 1990