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Province of Alberta**

No. 39

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Second Session

Twenty-Second Legislature

Thursday, May 10, 1990

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

ROUTINE

Notices of Motions

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, gave oral notice of her intention to move the following motion under Standing Order 40 on Orders of the Day:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly Standing Order 58(1), which limits consideration of the annual Budget Estimates in Committee of Supply to 25 sitting days, be waived to allow the Committee sufficient opportunity to scrutinise and debate the proposed budgetary expenditures of each Government department, the total of which exceeds \$12 billion for the fiscal year 1990-91.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 20 Consumption Tax Statutes Amendment Act, 1990 — Hon. Mr. Johnston

Bill 224 Water Transfer Control Act — Mr. Taylor

Bill 243 An Act to Amend the Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped Act — Ms Mjolsness

Bill 280 An Act to Amend the Members of the Legislative Assembly Pension Plan Act — Mr. Doyle

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 Legislative Assembly Standing Order 58(1), which limits consideration of the annual Budget Estimates in Committee of Supply to 25 sitting days, be waived to allow the Committee sufficient opportunity to scrutinise and debate the proposed budgetary expenditures of each Government department, the total of which exceeds \$12 billion for the fiscal year 1990-91.

Unanimous consent was not granted.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Question was accepted:

278. (Mr. Decore)

- (1) What was the total cost of the advertisements placed in Alberta newspapers by the Government which focused on the highlights of "Budget 90"?
- (2) How many "Budget 90" advertisements did the Government place in Alberta newspapers? In which newspapers did the Government place "Budget 90" advertisements?

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

251. Mr. McInnis to ask the Government:

- (1) With respect to fish samples taken from the Wapiti River in 1986 for mercury analysis, where are these samples located?
- (2) Why were none of the funds voted by the Legislative Assembly for protection of the environment, fish and wildlife available for testing these samples since they were gathered?
- (3) Will these samples be analyzed for mercury content? If so when?

260. Mr. Mitchell to ask the Government:

With respect to developments in the Bow Corridor, what is the policy of the Government for

- (1) determining whether an environmental impact assessment is required; and
- (2) carrying out an environmental impact assessment?

275. Mr. Mitchell to ask the Government:

What was the nature of the work done, service rendered, or report provided by Jaakko Pöyry Oy for the Department of Forestry, Lands and Wildlife in the fiscal year 1987-88 and by Jaakko Pöyry Consulting Inc. for the Department of Agriculture in the fiscal year 1988-89?

296. Mr. Mitchell to ask the Government:

Will the Minister of the Environment require an environmental impact assessment of the sawmill, treatment plant, and fibreboard plant proposed by Sunpine Forest Products Ltd. near Rocky Mountain House and will he also require an environmental impact assessment of the Brazeau Forest Management Area that will supply the timber?

299. Mr. Mitchell to ask the Government:

What cost-benefit studies has the Government carried out into the operation of pulp mills in Alberta and specifically into the operation of mills at Peace River (Daishowa), Whitecourt (Millar Western and Alberta Newsprint) and Slave Lake (Alberta Energy Co.) and on the Athabasca River (Alberta-Pacific Forest Industries)? What were the conclusions of each study?

301. Mr. Chumir to ask the Government:

What amount, if any, was invested by the Pension Fund in Principal Group, First Investors Corporation, Associated Investors Corporation, Northlands Bank, or the Canadian Commercial Bank?

Motions for Returns

Debate adjourned on the following motion:

163. Moved by Mr. Fox:

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.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(3), debate adjourned with Mr. Fox speaking.

The following motions were defeated:

158. Moved by Mr. Fox:

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.

The question being put, the motion was defeated. The names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 20

Bruseker	Gibeault	Mitchell
Chumir	Hawkesworth	Mjolsness
Decore	Hewes	Roberts
Doyle	Laing (Edmonton-Avonmore)	Taylor
Ewasiuk	Martin	Wickman
Fox	McEachern	Woloshyn
Gagnon	McInnis	

Against the motion: 40

Adair	Gesell	Nelson
Black	Hyland	Osterman
Bogle	Johnston	Payne
Brassard	Jonson	Rostad
Calahasen	Klein	Severtson
Cardinal	Kowalski	Shrake
Clegg	Laing (Calgary-Bow)	Speaker (Little Bow)
Dinning	Lund	Stewart
Drobot	Main	Tannas
Elliott	McClellan	Thurber
Evans	Mirosh	Trynchy
Fischer	Moore	Weiss
Fjordbotten	Musgrove	Zarusky
Fowler		

159. Moved by Mr. Hawkesworth:

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. Moved by Mr. Fox:

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. Moved by Mr. McEachern on behalf of Mr. Hawkesworth:

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.

The following motions were ordered to stand:

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

252. Mr. Hawkesworth to propose the following motion:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A comprehensive listing of all Canadian equities, convertible bonds, short-term money market securities, and other assets held by the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund under Schedule 4, Commercial Investment Division investments as of June 30, 1989; September 30, 1989; December 31, 1989; and March 31, 1990.

262. Mr. Mitchell to propose the following motion:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Any reports that the Government has purchased or received that have been carried out by Jaakko Pöyry Oy or Jaakko Pöyry Consulting Inc.

264. Mr. Fox to propose the following motion:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A copy of the operating leases in effect after September 25, 1987, and any subsequent amendments thereto, between Gainers Properties Inc. on the one hand, and Gainers Inc. and Sodor Foods Inc. on the other.

265. Mr. Fox to propose the following motion:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A copy of the Personal Performance Guarantee, dated September 25, 1987, and any subsequent amendments thereto, provided by Peter Pocklington to the Government of Alberta pursuant to a \$55 million guaranteed loan and a \$12 million loan made available to Gainers Properties Inc. on March 3, 1988.

266. Mr. Fox to propose the following motion:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A copy of the trust agreement or agreements between the Government of Alberta and 369413 Alberta Ltd. with respect to the ownership and control of Gainers Inc., Gainers Properties Inc., Sodor Foods Inc., or their subsidiaries.

267. Mr. Fox to propose the following motion:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A copy of a report prepared by Coopers & Lybrand Limited with the assistance of Clarkson Gordon, on or about July 1989, which contains a comprehensive business plan for Gainers and a detailed industry and market study to address the company's short- and long-term viability.

268. Mr. Fox to propose the following motion:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all agreements between the Government of Alberta, 369413 Alberta Ltd., and Gainers Inc. with respect to the payment or non-payment of any debts or advances owing by Gainers or any of its subsidiaries.

269. Mr. Fox to propose the following motion:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all agreements between the Government of Alberta, or its nominee, and Lloyds Bank Canada with respect to the special warrant expenditure of \$35 million, on or about October 20, 1989, to purchase the indebtedness owing to Lloyds Bank by Gainers Inc.

270. Mr. Fox to propose the following motion:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A copy of a Priorities and Postponement Agreement between Lloyds Bank Canada and 369413 Alberta Ltd., dated on or about August 8, 1989, whereby the Bank was allowed to take a \$5 million prior charge on the fixed assets of Gainers.

271. Mr. Fox to propose the following motion:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all agreements between the Government of Alberta, 369413 Alberta Ltd., and the lending institution which advanced monies under the \$55 million loan to Gainers Properties Inc. announced on March 3, 1988.

272. Mr. Chumir to propose the following motion:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all documents and correspondence exchanged by the Government of Canada and the Government of Alberta regarding the implementation and administration of the flat rate tax.

279. Mr. Chumir to propose the following motion:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a return showing:
Copies of all documents pertaining to the loan guarantee agreement of \$3 million made on June 5, 1988, between the Government of Alberta and the principals of Sprung Instant Structures Ltd. and Sprung Clindinin Ltd.

280. Mr. Chumir to propose the following motion:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a return showing:
Copies of any Treasury Department analyses of the effects of Federal Government budget transfer payment cuts on the Alberta economy.

281. Mr. Chumir to propose the following motion:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a return showing:
A copy of the most recent consolidation of the Tax Collection Agreement between the Government of Canada and the Government of Alberta.

283. Mr. Mitchell to propose the following motion:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a return showing:
A copy of the report of the task force on the Volunteer Incorporations Act and copies of all written briefs submitted to that task force.

285. Mr. Bruseker to propose the following motion:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a return showing:
A copy of the economic feasibility study, which was commissioned by the Department of Tourism and prepared by Manecon Limited into the possibility of holding a country music jamboree near the town of Big Valley.

289. Mr. Chumir to propose the following motion:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a return showing:
A detailed breakdown of payments received by the Province from the Government of Canada, under the Canada Assistance Plan, by department and by program component for the fiscal years 1988, 1989, 1990 (forecast), and 1990 (estimated).

290. Mr. Chumir to propose the following motion:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a return showing:
Copies of all letters between the Provincial Treasurer and the Federal Finance Minister regarding the flat-rate tax.

291. Mr. Mitchell to propose the following motion:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a return showing:
A list of the companies which the Government reviewed before selecting Jaakko Pöyry Consulting Inc. to make an assessment of the scientific data submitted to the Alberta-Pacific Review Board.

292. Mr. Gibeault to propose the following motion:

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

A copy of every invoice submitted to the Crown in respect of legal services and related expenditures incurred for the Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, relative to the Code Inquiry showing which items were paid from public funds.

294. Mr. Pashak to propose the following motion:

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

- (1) What is the total amount paid to the Government by the energy sector on all public lands in Alberta under mineral surface leases, pipeline right of ways, and seismic exploration contracts in each of the last five fiscal years?
- (2) What is the total amount paid to the Government by the energy sector for the purposes above on public lands under disposition for grazing leases and community pastures, and what percentage was paid to the leaseholder(s) and what percentage was retained by the Government for each of the last five fiscal years?
- (3) What is the total amount paid to the Government by the energy sector for the purposes above on public lands subject to forest management agreements and timber quotas, and what percentage was paid to the leaseholder(s) and what percentage was retained by the Government for each of the last five fiscal years?

295. Mr. Pashak to propose the following motion:

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

An itemized list showing the amount paid to the Government by the energy sector for mineral surface leases, pipeline right of ways, and seismic exploration contracts under each grazing lease, forest reserve lease, community pasture lease, timber quota lease, and forest management agreement lease, and in each instance what percentage paid went to the leaseholders and what percentage was retained by the Government for each of the last five fiscal years?

297. Mr. Bruseker to propose the following motion:

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

Copies of all information relating to the expenditure of \$123,018,013 with sundry vendors at less than \$10,000 and more than \$1,000, in the 1988/89 fiscal year, identified in the 1988/1989 supplement to the Public Accounts.

298. Mr. McInnis to propose the following motion:

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

A copy of the terms of reference for the Jaako Pöyry study on the Alberta-Pacific pulp mill proposal and any Government instructions which materially affect the terms.

300. Mr. Fox to propose the following motion:

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

For the capital projects referred to by the Minister of Health during Question Period, Tuesday, April 24, 1990 (Hansard, page 748), with respect to the capital construction of health care facilities:

- (1) For each of the six projects that the Minister said will proceed to the point of construction:
 - (a) the name and location of the facility and its rated capacity and
 - (b) the number of people on the waiting list for those projects which are additions to, or replacements of, long term care facilities.
- (2) For each of the nine projects that the Minister said will proceed to the point of tender:
 - (a) the name and location of the facility and its rated capacity and
 - (b) the number of people on the waiting list for those projects which are additions to, or replacements of, long term care facilities
- (3) For each of the 35 previously approved projects which the Minister said will be held in their current phases of planning for this fiscal year:
 - (a) the name and location of the facility and its rated capacity and
 - (b) the number of people on the waiting list for those projects which are additions to, or replacements of, long term care facilities.

302. Mr. Wickman to propose the following motion:

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

The amount of money allocated to date by the Community Facility Enhancement Program by group and by constituency.

303. Mr. Chumir to propose the following motion:

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

- (1) Copies of all working papers relating to the calculation behind the original \$1.1 billion deposit to the Pension Fund in 1981.
- (2) Copies of all actuarial studies and forecasts, completed since 1981, on each of the following pension plans:
 - (a) Judges Pension Plan,
 - (b) M.L.A. Pension Plan,
 - (c) Public Service Pension Plan,
 - (d) Public Service Management Pension Plan,
 - (e) Special Forces Pension Plan,
 - (f) Local Authorities Pension Plan,
 - (g) Universities Academic Pension Plan, and
 - (h) Teachers Retirement Plan.
- (3) Copies of all statements which show the date of the receipt for pension contributions and dates of payment to the pension fund for any net surplus since 1981.

304. Mr. Wickman to propose the following motion:

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

- (1) The total cost to the Government of the briefcases that were purchased to promote the Community Facility Enhancement Program;
- (2) a list of names and positions of the recipients of the briefcases; and
- (3) a copy of the invoice indicating the name of the supplier of the briefcases.

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 Children's Rights Act — Ms Mjolsness

A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Stewart, 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.

THURSDAY, MAY 10, 1990 — 8:00 P.M.

Committee of Supply

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

(Assembly in Committee)

At 11:45 p.m., pursuant to Standing Orders 58(1) and 59(1) and (2), the Chairman put the question that the Committee approve each one of the resolutions not yet voted upon relating to the main estimates of the Government and the Legislative Assembly for 1990/91, including the supplementary estimates of expenditure and disbursements covered by special warrants for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1990.

The Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Schumacher reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions, reports as follows, and requests leave to sit again:

Each one of the resolutions not yet voted upon relating to the main estimates of the Government and the Legislative Assembly for 1990/91, including the supplementary estimates of expenditure and disbursements covered by special warrants for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1990.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to file a list of those resolutions voted upon by the Committee of Supply pursuant to Standing Order 58.

Sessional Paper 552/90

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Gogo, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:47 p.m. until Friday, May 11, 1990, at 10:00 a.m.

NOTICES

Leave to Introduce a Bill

- Bill 21 Financial Administration Amendment Act, 1990 — Hon. Mr. Johnston
- Bill 24 Mines and Minerals Amendment Act, 1990 — Mrs. Black
- Bill 25 Alberta Income Tax Amendment Act, 1990 — Hon. Mr. Johnston
- Bill 26 Utility Companies Income Tax Rebates Amendment Act, 1990 — Hon. Mr. Johnston
- Bill 27 Advanced Education Statutes Amendment Act, 1990 — Hon. Mr. Gogo
- Bill 29 Public Utilities Board Amendment Act, 1990 — Hon. Mr. Orman
- 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 225 An Act to Amend the Auditor General Act — Mr. Chumir
- Bill 226 Open Taxation Act — Mr. Chumir
- 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 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 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 255 Alberta Palliative Care Foundation Act — Mrs. Black
Bill 257 Service Dogs Act — Mr. Payne
Bill 258 An Act to Amend Certain Statutes on Marital Status — Ms M. Laing
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 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

Motions for Returns

308. Mr. Gibeault to propose the following motion:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all correspondence, orders, or other documentation sent by officers of Occupational Health and Safety, to Daishowa, or to its contractors or subcontractors, regarding the construction of the Daishowa plant near Peace River.

309. Mr. Gibeault to propose the following motion:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all correspondence, orders, or other documentation sent by officers of Occupational Health and Safety to Weldwood, or to its contractors or subcontractors, regarding Weldwood's operations at Hinton between January 1, 1988 and April 30, 1990.

310. Mr. Gibeault to propose the following motion:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all correspondence, orders, or other documentation sent by officers of Occupational Health and Safety to Alberta Recoveries and Rentals between January 1, 1988 and April 30, 1990.

311. Mr. Gibeault to propose the following motion:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A list of all employers in Alberta who have been prosecuted for violations of legislation or regulations administered by the Minister Responsible for Occupational Health and Safety during the period January 1, 1986 to April 30, 1990, showing in each case

- (1) the name of the employer,
- (2) the nature of the infraction, and
- (3) the amount of the fine, if any.

David J. Carter,
Speaker

Title: Thursday, May 10, 1990