



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 54

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Second Session

Twenty-Second Legislature

Monday, June 4, 1990

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

ROUTINE

Notices of Motions

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

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly re-affirm its commitment to the fundamental principles of democracy and freedom in China and its support for Chinese freedom fighters in light of the first anniversary of the Tiananmen Square Massacre in Beijing, China.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

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

Bill 52 Natural Resources Conservation Board Act — Hon. Mr. Orman

Notice having been given:

Bill 53 Parentage and Maintenance Act — Mr. Tannas

Bill 272 Environmental Assessment Act — Mr. Mitchell

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 53 Parentage and Maintenance Act — Mr. Tannas

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Anderson, Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs, pursuant to the Insurance Act, cI-5, s344(2), RSA 1980:

Alberta Automobile Insurance Board, Annual Report 1989
Sessional Paper 23/90

Hon. Mr. Gogo, Minister of Advanced Education, pursuant to the Financial Administration Act, cF-9, s2(6), RSA 1980:

Alberta College of Art, Annual Report 1988-89
Sessional Paper 8H/90

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Brassard, Associate Minister of Family and Social Services, announced that June 3-9, 1990, is Senior Citizens Week.

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, commented on the statement.

Motion Under Standing Order 40

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

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly re-affirm its commitment to the fundamental principles of democracy and freedom in China and its support for Chinese freedom fighters in light of the first anniversary of the Tiananmen Square Massacre in Beijing, China.

Unanimous consent was not granted.

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 17 Municipal District of Badlands No. 7 Incorporation Act —
Mr. Schumacher

Bill 50 Alberta Cultural Heritage Amendment Act, 1990 — Hon. Mr. Main

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

Bill 27 Advanced Education Statutes Amendment Act, 1990 — Hon.
Mr. Gogo

A debate followed.

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, moved that the motion for Second Reading be amended by:

striking out all the words after "that" and adding:

"Bill 27, Advanced Education Statutes Amendment Act, 1990, not now be read a Second time because the principle of handing more power to the Minister deprives the post-secondary education institutions of the traditional and vital autonomy of program decision-making and self-governance and, further, because the violation of that autonomy constitutes an unwarranted threat to the scholastic endeavors of those institutions and current and future faculty and students."

The Speaker took the amendment under advisement.

Ms Barrett 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 8:00 p.m.

MONDAY, JUNE 4, 1990 — 8:00 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

The following Bills were read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

- Bill 29 Public Utilities Board Amendment Act, 1990 — Hon. Mr. Orman
Bill 43 Oil and Gas Conservation Amendment Act, 1990 — Hon. Mr. Orman
Bill 51 Gas Utilities Statutes Amendment Act, 1990 — Hon. Mr. Orman

Third Reading

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

- Bill 16 Real Estate Agents' Licensing Amendment Act, 1990 — Mr. Nelson
Bill 18 Personal Property Security Amendment Act, 1990 — Hon. Mr. Rostad

Second Reading

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

- Bill 27 Advanced Education Statutes Amendment Act, 1990 — Hon.
Mr. Gogo

The Deputy Speaker ruled the amendment moved by Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, earlier this date to be in order.

Debate continued on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

Debate continued on the motion for Second Reading.

Mr. Pashak, Hon. Member for Calgary-Forest Lawn, moved that the motion be amended by:

striking all the words after "that" and substituting:

"Bill 27, Advanced Education Statutes Amendment Act, 1990, is not now read a Second time, but is referred to the Public Affairs Committee, to determine if the powers sought by the Government in the Bill may threaten unduly the academic freedom historically enjoyed by post-secondary educational institutions, and to bring witnesses forward should the Committee choose, to help it in that deliberation."

A debate followed.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

Debate continued on the motion for Second Reading.

Mr. Gibeault, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Millwoods, moved that the motion be amended by:

striking all the words after "that" and adding:

"Bill 27, Advanced Education Statutes Amendment Act, 1990, be not now read a Second time but that it be read a Second time this day six months hence."

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

For the amendment: 11

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| Barrett | Gibeault | Pashak |
| Ewasiuk | Hewes | Roberts |
| Fox | McEachern | Sigurdson |
| Gagnon | Mjolsness | |

Against the amendment: 31

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| Brassard | Jonson | Osterman |
| Calahasen | Laing (Calgary-Bow) | Paszkowski |
| Cherry | Lund | Rostad |
| Clegg | Main | Severtson |
| Day | McClellan | Shrake |
| Drobot | Mirosh | Stewart |
| Elliott | Moore | Tannas |
| Fischer | Nelson | Thurber |
| Gesell | Oldring | West |
| Gogo | Orman | Zarusky |
| Johnston | | |

The question on the amendment having been defeated, the Deputy Speaker immediately put the question on the motion for Second Reading, which was agreed to.

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

Bill 27 Advanced Education Statutes Amendment Act, 1990 — Hon. Mr. Gogo

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Stewart, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:16 p.m. until Tuesday, June 5, 1990, at 2:30 p.m.

NOTICES

Leave to Introduce a Bill

- Bill 38 Loan and Trust Corporations Act — Hon. Mr. Johnston
- Bill 46 Legal Profession Act — Mr. Evans
- Bill 48 School Amendment Act, 1990 — Hon. Mr. Dinning
- Bill 54 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 1990 — Hon. Mr. Rostad
- Bill 55 International Conventions Implementation Act — Hon. Mr. Rostad
- Bill 56 Gratuitous Passengers and Interspousal Tort Immunity Statutes Amendment Act — Hon. Mr. Rostad
- Bill 219 Arts Council Act — Mrs. Gagnon
- Bill 222 An Act to Amend the Interprovincial Lottery Act — Mr. Chumir
- 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 239 Environmental Impact Assessment Act — Mr. McInnis
- Bill 240 An Act to Amend the Hail and Crop Insurance Act — Mr. Taylor
- Bill 242 School User Fees Elimination Act — Mr. Woloshyn
- 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 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 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 271 An Act to Amend the Expropriation Act — Mr. Lund
- Bill 273 Financial Reform Act — Mr. Hawkesworth
- Bill 274 Freedom of Information and Personal Privacy Act — Mr. Pashak
- Bill 277 Government Open Contract Act — Mr. Bruseker
- Bill 279 An Act to Amend the Builders' Lien Act — Mr. Taylor

Government Motions

16. Hon. Mr. Johnston to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Assembly, pursuant to section 6(4.1) of the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund Act, authorize for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1991, the making of investments under section 6(1)(c) of that Act in:

- (1) the Alberta Agricultural Development Corporation in an amount not to exceed \$40,000,000 in aggregate;
- (2) the Alberta Mortgage and Housing Corporation in an amount not to exceed \$103,000,000 in aggregate;
- (3) the Alberta Opportunity Company in an amount not to exceed \$28,000,000 in aggregate.

Written Questions

341. Mr. Bruseker to ask the Government:

- (1) What is the total number of Alberta Government Telephones employees in communities with a population:
 - (a) less than 10,000,
 - (b) less than 5,000,
 - (c) less than 2,000?
- (2) Where are AGT employees located in communities with a population:
 - (a) less than 10,000,
 - (b) less than 5,000,
 - (c) less than 2,000?

342. Mr. Bruseker to ask the Government:

- (1) What is the total number of Alberta Government Telephones offices in communities with a population
 - (a) less than 10,000,
 - (b) less than 5,000,
 - (c) less than 2,000?
- (2) Where are the AGT offices located in communities with a population
 - (a) less than 10,000,
 - (b) less than 5,000,
 - (c) less than 2,000?

343. Mr. Bruseker to ask the Government:

What has been the total net financial contribution of Alberta Government Telephones to the General Revenue Fund since January 1, 1980?

344. Mr. Bruseker to ask the Government:

- (1) In any future management plan for Alberta Government Telephones, have provisions been made for reducing positions through attrition?
- (2) If so, what are those provisions?

345. Mr. Bruseker to ask the Government:

- (1) What will be the cost of the interest-free installment purchase plan for the purchase of Alberta Government Telephones shares?
- (2) What will the requirements be in order for an Albertan to be eligible for the program?
- (3) Will there be a limit to the number of shares an individual may purchase through the program?
- (4) Who will be the legal owner of the shares, which are purchased through the installment program during the purchase period, the Government or the purchaser?

346. Mr. Bruseker to ask the Government:

What does the Government intend to do with proceeds generated by the sale of Alberta Government Telephones shares?

347. Mr. Bruseker to ask the Government:

How many management positions have been reclassified within Alberta Government Telephones:

- (1) between January 1, 1988 and January 1, 1989,
- (2) between January 1, 1989 and May 1, 1990?

348. Mr. Bruseker to ask the Government:

How much did the Government pay Mr. Keith Alexander and/or RBC Dominion Securities for undertaking their study on possible future directions of Alberta Government Telephones?

349. Mr. Bruseker to ask the Government:

- (1) What is the Government's estimate of the time a privatized Alberta Government Telephones would pay corporate income taxes?
- (2) What is the expected tax load for AGT over the next five years?
- (3) Does the Province plan to levy some tax other than income tax on AGT once privatization has taken place?

350. Mr. Bruseker to ask the Government:

What is the debt/equity ratio that the Government has projected for Alberta Government Telephones for the first, second, fifth and 10th year of privatization?

351. Mr. Bruseker to ask the Government:

- (1) How much has it cost the Government to produce and telecast the Science City television commercials?
- (2) How many times are the commercials being run?
- (3) Where were the commercials produced?

Motions for Returns

352. Mr. Bruseker to propose the following motion:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A detailed list of all contracts between Alberta Government Telephones and NovAtel Communications Ltd. and Alta-Can Telecom Inc., and its affiliated companies.

353. Mr. Bruseker to propose the following motion:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A copy of all studies showing the benefits of privatization of Alberta Government Telephones either prepared for or by departments of the Government for use in analysis and preparation of privatization proposals for AGT.

354. Mr. Bruseker to propose the following motion:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A copy of all reports prepared for or by the Government regarding the effect of privatization of Alberta Government Telephones upon the economic development and viability of rural communities.

355. Mr. Bruseker to propose the following motion:

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

A copy of all reports prepared for or by the Government regarding various strategies for the privatization of Alberta Government Telephones, and all Government documents outlining the process which resulted in the decision to issue shares for AGT.

356. Mr. Mitchell to propose the following motion:

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

Any documents showing agreements between the Government of Alberta and Daishowa Canada Co. Ltd. under which the Government could be held liable if there were any delay in issuing the company licences to operate under the Clean Air and Clean Water Acts.

357. Mr. Bruseker to propose the following motion:

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

All reports, and analyses the Government has carried out regarding the impact of Bill 37, Alberta Government Telephones Reorganization Act, specifically sections 26, 27, 36.

David J. Carter,
Speaker

Title: Monday, June 4, 1990