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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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

ROUTINE

Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees

Mrs. Black, Chairman of the Private Bills Committee, presented the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

The Standing Committee on Private Bills has had certain Bills under consideration and reports as follows:

The Committee recommends to the Assembly that the following Bills be proceeded with:

Bill Pr1 Sisters of Charity of Providence of High Prairie Amendment Act, 1990
— Dr. Elliott

Bill Pr2 Edmonton Research and Development Park Authority Amendment Act, 1990 — Mr. Zarusky

Bill Pr4 Canada West Insurance Company Amendment Act, 1990 — Mr. Mitchell

Bill Pr7 St. Therese Hospital (Grey Nuns) of St. Paul Amendment Act, 1990
— Mr. Drobot

Bill Pr9 Young Men's Christian Association Tax Exemption Amendment Act, 1990 — Mr. Gesell

Bill Pr11 Campbell McLaurin Foundation for Hearing Deficiencies Amendment Act, 1990 — Mrs. Black

The Committee recommends to the Assembly that the following Bill be proceeded with, with some amendments:

Bill Pr6 Alberta Wheat Pool Amendment Act, 1990 — Dr. Elliott

The Committee recommends to the Assembly that the following Bills not be proceeded with:

Bill Pr3 Nechi Community College Act — Ms Calahasen

Bill Pr5 The Calgary Jewish Academy Amendment Act, 1990 — Mrs. Mirosh

Bill Pr8 Satnam Parmar Adoption Termination Act — Mr. Drobot

Bill Pr10 La Societe de Bienfaisance Chareve Tax Exemption Act — Mr. Zarusky

The question being put, concurrence in the report was granted.

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Alberta Foundation for the Performing Arts, Annual Report 1988-89
Sessional Paper 30/90

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Questions were accepted:

316. (Mrs. Hewes)

- (1) What are the wage levels for each classification of social workers, child care counsellors, and psychologists employed by the Department of Family and Social Services, and
- (2) how many workers are employed for each classification listed and for each salary period for all employees in Division 6 as of March 31, 1990?

328. (Mrs. Hewes)

What was the total number of managers and supervisors employed by the Department of Family and Social Services as at March 31, 1986, March 31, 1987, March 31, 1988, March 31, 1989, and the present?

343. (Mr. Bruseker)

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

351. (Mr. Bruseker)

- (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?

359. (Mr. Bruseker)

- (1) What is the total number of Alberta Government Telephone out-WATS lines?
- (2) What is the total number of AGT in-WATS lines?

361. (Mr. Wickman)

- (1) What is the total budgetary allocation for the Department of Municipal Affairs' Local Development Initiatives program for the fiscal year 1990-91?
- (2) From which element in the Department of Municipal Affairs' budget estimates does the Local Development Initiative program receive funding?

Hon. Mr. R. Speaker, Minister of Municipal Affairs, tabled Response to Written Question 361

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364. (Mr. Bruseker)

Outside of St. Albert, Sherwood Park, Spruce Grove, Calgary, Airdrie, Red Deer, Lethbridge, and Medicine Hat:

- (1) how many households does Alberta Government Telephones serve; and
- (2) with how many access lines?

The following Written Questions were not accepted:

344. (Mr. Bruseker)

- (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)

- (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)

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

347. (Mr. Bruseker)

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)

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)

- (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)

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?

360. (Mr. Bruseker)

Will the Government continue to guarantee all employees' pensions should Bill 37, Alberta Government Telephones Reorganization Act, be enacted?

362. (Mr. Bruseker)

Has Alberta Government Telephones engaged in any meetings or does it have any studies for a possible future merger of a fully privatized AGT with other prairie telephone companies?

363. (Mr. Bruseker)

- (1) Does Alberta Government Telephones have plans to move into areas currently served by other private Alberta companies?
- (2) What shares of which markets does AGT anticipate taking over within five years currently served by privately-owned Alberta companies?
- (3) What is the gross annual revenue expected from each of these expansions?

383. (Mr. Bruseker)

What is the value of the fixed assets of Alberta Government Telephones to be used in determining the share value?

384. (Mr. Bruseker)

What is the total amount of interest payable on outstanding Alberta Government Telephones debt owing to the Provincial Corporation Loan Fund?

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

337. Mr. Mitchell to ask the Government:

As of May 1, 1990, what percentage of Government vehicles and equipment use unleaded gasoline?

358. Mr. Bruseker to ask the Government:

What is the total number of Alberta Government Telephones employees as of May 1, 1990:

- (1) 55 years of age or older,
- (2) 60 years of age or older?

385. Mr. Mitchell to ask the Government:

- (1) How is lead-contaminated dust from Alberta Recoveries and Rentals Ltd. prevented from contaminating the outside air? Is a proper filtration system used within the plant and, if so, how and where are the filters disposed of?
- (2) Is Alberta Environment testing and monitoring whether there is any lead contamination in the soil and groundwater around the plant site? In what way is it doing this and over what radius from the plant?
- (3) Has any lead contamination been found in soil or groundwater, what is the amount of contamination, and to what depth does it occur?

- (4) If contamination has been discovered what measures are being taken:
 - (a) to remove it,
 - (b) to examine whether inhabitants within a five mile radius of the plant have levels in their bodies which are higher than the Albertan average,
 - (c) by the Medicine Hat Health Unit to examine whether there is a correlation between those seeking medical help and symptoms that might be attributable to lead poisoning?

391. Mr. Chumir to ask the Government:

- (1) When and with whom was the current leasing agreement for the operation of Kananaskis Country Golf Course entered into?
- (2) Was the right to lease and operate the Kananaskis Country Golf Course put out to competitive tender and, if not, why not?

392. Mr. Chumir to ask the Government:

- (1) What was the revenue received by the Government for the leasing of Kananaskis Country Golf Course for each fiscal year, from the original date it was leased to the present, and how was it calculated?
- (2) What was the cost of development of the Kananaskis Country Golf Course to the Province?
- (3) What expense, if any, was incurred by the Government with respect to the Kananaskis Country Golf Course for years ending March 31, 1983 to March 31, 1990, inclusive?

Motions for Returns

The following motions were defeated:

280. Moved by Mr. Chumir:

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. Moved by Mr. Chumir:

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.

297. Moved by Mr. Bruseker:

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.

303. Moved by Mr. Chumir:

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.

319. Moved by Mr. Pashak:

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

A copy of the 1989 agreement covering the loan guarantee between the Government of Alberta and Alert Disaster Control Inc.

325. Moved by Mr. Bruseker:

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

A copy of all agreements, correspondence, and documents exchanged between the Government, the Cormie family, and the Japanese investors regarding the sale of the Cormie ranch, and a schedule specifying the disposition of the proceeds from that sale.

352. Moved by Mr. Bruseker:

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. Moved by Mr. Bruseker:

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.

The following motions were ordered to stand:

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.

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

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

Copies of all studies undertaken in the last 18 months by the Department of Health to determine the health status of Albertans relating to:

- (1) physical and mental health indicators,
- (2) children, adults, and the elderly,
- (3) various geographical areas of the province, and
- (4) the setting of targets for improvement of health status.

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

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

Copies of studies in support of the Minister of Health's contention that increases in health premium taxes "creates an awareness on the part of an individual ... of the realities of our health care system" (Hansard, p.1172, May 10, 1990).

334. Ms M. Laing to propose the following motion:

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

A copy of the agreement signed by the Alberta Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission and Kids of the Canadian West and referred to by the Chairman of AADAC on May 23, 1990, Hansard, p. 1353.

340. Mr. Chumir to propose the following motion:

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

The following information with respect to the Wild Rose Foundation:

- (1) the number of personnel in 1988 and 1989;
- (2) a breakdown of the amounts of \$22,881 and \$46,235 paid to members for 1988 and 1989 respectively, specifying amounts paid to each member and the basis upon which payment to members is determined;
- (3) an itemization of travel expenditures for 1988 and 1989; and
- (4) an itemization of the items making up the expenditure of \$12,979 for conferences and seminars in 1989 including details as to cost and participant of each conference and seminar.

386. Mr. Gibeault to propose the following motion:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A copy of the report into the investigation of the February 23, 1990, death of
Larry Bourdon on the Daishowa construction site.

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 212 Alberta Youth Conservation Corps Act — Mrs. Gagnon

A debate followed.

Ms Calahasen moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

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

Bill 213 An Act to Amend the Alberta Income Tax Act — Mr. Wickman

A debate followed.

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

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

Bill 214 Non-Smokers Health Act — Mr. Chumir

A debate followed.

Mr. Pashak 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 the Whole, and the Speaker left the Chair.

THURSDAY, JUNE 14, 1990 — 8:00 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the Chair.

The following Bills were reported:

Bill 45 Professional Statutes Amendment Act, 1990 — Mrs. Mirosh

Bill 46 Legal Profession Act — Mr. Evans

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 44 Dental Disciplines Act — Mrs. Mirosh

Ordered, That the report be received and concurred in.

Mr. Schumacher, Chairman of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by Committee of the Whole on this date.

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Second Reading

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

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

A debate followed.

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

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

Bill 37 Alberta Government Telephones Reorganization Act — Hon.
Mr. Stewart

Debate continued on the amendment moved by Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, on June 12, 1990.

The amendment to the motion for Second reading read as follows:

striking all the words after "that" and substituting:

"Bill 37, Alberta Government Telephones Reorganization Act, be not now read a Second time, because this House believes in the principle of a public utility being operated with a primary mandate of serving the interests of the public in a fair, equitable, and affordable fashion, which could be superseded by the Bill, which makes possible providing handsome profit opportunities for the shareholders, who could be as few as 20 individuals or corporations."

Mrs. Mirosh moved adjournment of the debate on the amendment, which was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Stewart, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:49 p.m. until Friday, June 15, 1990, at 10:00 a.m.

NOTICES

Leave to Introduce a Bill

- Bill 38 Loan and Trust Corporations Act — Hon. Mr. Johnston
- Bill 54 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 1990 — Hon. Mr. Rostad
- 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 260 An Act to Amend the Alberta Health Care Insurance Act — Mr. Payne
- 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

David J. Carter,
Speaker

Title: Thursday, June 14, 1990