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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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Tuesday, June 19, 1990

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

ROUTINE

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Klein, Minister of the Environment:

Answer to Written Question 296 asked by Mr. Mitchell on June 12, 1990:

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?

Sessional Paper 296/90

Answer to Written Question 327 asked by Mr. Taylor on June 12, 1990:

With respect to the Cargill Ltd. meat packing plant at High River:

- (1) How much water has the plant drawn from groundwater since it started operation?
- (2) What has been the drop in pressure in wells supplying the plant since the plant started operation?

- (3) What changes in level and in pressure have occurred in any other wells producing from the same aquifer within six miles of the Cargill plant and its wells?
- (4) Are chemical analyses being run on the produced water and, if so, how often?

Sessional Paper 327A/90

Answer to Written Question 338 asked by Mr. Mitchell on June 12, 1990:

What assurances can the Government give that in writing new regulations to attract the mining industry to Alberta, they are not sacrificing environmental standards?

Sessional Paper 338A/90

Thanks from Alberta Environment

Sessional Paper 347/90

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

Fourteen amendments to Bill 52, Natural Resources Conservation Board Act
Sessional Paper 577/90

Letter dated June 4, 1990 from Daishowa Canada Co. Ltd. to The Edmonton Journal concerning an article in the paper

Sessional Paper 578/90

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Klein, Minister of the Environment, announced the results of the first stage of public consultation leading to new environmental legislation.

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

Oral Question Period

Mr. Sigurdson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Belmont:

Consultation Advisory dated May 29, 1990, by Questioned Document Investigations concerning a handwriting comparison

Sessional Paper 579/90

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

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?

395. Mrs. Gagnon to ask the Government:

With regard to the Provincial Archives' Historical Resources Library, for the years 1985-86, 1986-87, 1987-88, 1988-89, and 1989-90,

- (1) what is the total number of books and periodicals circulated

- (a) to employees of the Government?
- (b) to members of the public?
- (2) what is the total number of new books and periodical subscriptions purchased?
- (3) what is the total number of items borrowed by the library for
 - (a) employees of the Government?
 - (b) members of the public?
- (4) what is the total number of items lent by the library to
 - (a) Government libraries?
 - (b) libraries other than Government libraries?
- (5) what is the total number of books withdrawn from circulation?
- (6) what is the total number of periodical subscriptions cancelled?

Motions for Returns

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.

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.

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.

365. Mr. Bruseker to propose the following motion:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all studies done by or for the Government or Alberta Government Telephones relating to market conditions, that will determine the price of shares in AGT.

366. Mr. Bruseker to propose the following motion:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A copy of all correspondence exchanged between the Federal Minister of Communications and the Provincial Minister of Technology, Research and Telecommunications, on the proposed Telecommunications Act, detailing the manner in which the telecommunications policy will be applied and how the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission would regulate Alberta Government Telephones.

367. Mr. Bruseker to propose the following motion:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Documents relating to the value of all fixed assets of Alberta Government
Telephones to be used in determining the share value.

368. Mr. Bruseker to propose the following motion:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
All documents, correspondence, and annual reports associated with
inter-corporate or intergovernment transactions between Alberta Government
Telephones and Alberta Opportunity Company, SPURT Investments, and Vencap.

369. Mr. Bruseker to propose the following motion:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
All documents detailing the profit or loss associated to investments by Alta-Can
Telecom Inc.

370. Mr. Bruseker to propose the following motion:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
All annual reports of Alta-Can Telecom Inc. and its affiliated companies from
incorporation to 1989.

371. Mr. Bruseker to propose the following motion:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
All annual reports of NovAtel Communications Ltd. from its incorporation until
1989.

372. Mr. Bruseker to propose the following motion:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A copy of the engineering studies that determine the rate of depreciation on
equipment used by Alberta Government Telephones.

373. Mr. Bruseker to propose the following motion:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A copy of all documents, studies, and analyses prepared by or for the Government
related to the privatization of Crown corporations.

374. Mr. Bruseker to propose the following motion:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Any studies or analyses undertaken by the Government or on behalf of the
Government relating to Alberta Government Telephones current toll settlement
with Edmonton Telephones and the effect that impending privatization may have
on that toll settlement.

375. Mr. Bruseker to propose the following motion:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
An audited financial statement and actuarial forecast of the Alberta Government
Telephones Pension Fund.

376. Mr. Bruseker to propose the following motion:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
All documents, analyses, or studies undertaken by Alberta Government
Telephones detailing the costs associated to any early retirement program or
similar efficiency matters.

377. Mr. Bruseker to propose the following motion:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
All documents, analyses, or studies undertaken by Alberta Government
Telephones reviewing the impact of integrating into the "Alex" network of Bell
Canada.

378. Mr. Bruseker to propose the following motion:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
All documents, analyses, or studies undertaken by Alberta Government
Telephones reviewing costs of completing the conversion of the AGT network to
fibre optics.

379. Mr. Bruseker to propose the following motion:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A detailed schedule of Alberta Government Telephones' long-term debt, including
the amount, holder, interest rate, and maturity of all debentures.

380. Mr. Bruseker to propose the following motion:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
All studies, reports, or analyses relating to Alberta Government Telephones' total
Quality Management Program.

381. Mr. Bruseker to propose the following motion:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
(1) The salary classifications for all current Alberta Government Telephone
employees; and
(2) the number of management positions in each salary classification.

382. Mr. Bruseker to propose the following motion:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
All documents, analyses, or studies undertaken by Alberta Government
Telephones reviewing diversification into pay/view.

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.

387. Mr. Bruseker to propose the following motion:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
All completed or interim studies done by or for the Government or Alberta Government Telephones with respect to AGT service to rural Albertans, as referred to on pages 42-43 of the Public Accounts Committee for May 16, 1984.

388. Mr. Bruseker to propose the following motion:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
All documents, analyses, or studies undertaken by Alberta Government Telephones reviewing diversification into cable television distribution.

389. Mr. Bruseker to propose the following motion:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A list of all transactions between Alberta Government Telephones and Telesat Canada.

390. Mr. Bruseker to propose the following motion:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A copy of the Alberta Government Telephones Commission reports for the last five years regarding the application of the capitalization policy as detailed in the 1988-89 AGT annual reports.

393. Mr. Bruseker to propose the following motion:

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

- (1) What are Alberta Government Telephones present monthly local rates for the following groups of subscribers: rural-business, rural-residential, urban-business, and urban-residential?
- (2) What are AGT's present monthly long distance rates for the following groups of subscribers: rural-business, rural-residential, urban-business and urban-residential?
- (3) How many long distance customers were served by AGT on a yearly basis, for 1989 or the latest year available?
- (4) How many customers were served by AGT on a yearly basis, for 1989, or the latest year available?
- (5) How many local calls were made by AGT subscribers in 1989 or the latest year available?
- (6) How many long distance calls were made by AGT subscribers in 1989 or the latest year available?

394. Mrs. Gagnon to propose the following motion:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A copy of the Alberta Library Board's April 1987 report on school/public library cooperation, and copies of all Government responses to that report.

Motions Other than Government Motions

215. Moved by Mr. Ewasiuk:

Be it resolved that because of the crisis in the availability of affordable rental housing in Alberta, the Assembly urge the Government to improve the rental situation by creating a Rent Review Commissioner to review all rent increases, renew the commitment of the Alberta Mortgage and Housing Corporation towards building and otherwise supplying low-cost rental housing, and cooperate with non-profit and cooperative housing agencies to fund and provide quality, affordable rental housing alternatives. The Government is urged to introduce legislation to provide for re-institution of the renters' tax credit, encouraging the renovation of industrial, commercial, and school properties to quality, affordable rental housing, implementation of a tax which would apply to profits through the sale of residential property which is not owner-occupied, protection for tenants from high interest rates, and provision of funds equal to those budgetted for the Alberta Mortgage Interest Shielding Program and Alberta Family First-Home Program.

A debate followed.

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

216. Moved by Mr. Payne:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government, given the cultural uniqueness of Alberta's deaf community and the linguistic uniqueness of American Sign Language,

- (1) to recognize American Sign Language as a language of the deaf in Alberta;
and
- (2) to incorporate it into Alberta's grade school and post-secondary curriculum as an available language of instruction.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to unanimously.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Gogo, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, JUNE 19, 1990 — 8:00 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 54 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 1990 — Hon. Mr. Rostad

Third Reading

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 33 Metis Settlements Accord Implementation Act — Hon. Mr. Rostad

Bill 36 Constitution of Alberta Amendment Act, 1990 — Hon. Mr. Rostad

Bill 44 Dental Disciplines Act — Mrs. Mirosch

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

Bill 55 International Conventions Implementation Act — Hon. Mr. Rostad

Bill 56 Gratuitous Passengers and Interspousal Tort Immunity Statutes Amendment Act — Hon. Mr. Rostad

Second Reading

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

Bill 49 Ambulance Services Act — Hon. Mrs. Betkowski

A debate followed.

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

For the motion: 35

Ady	Drobot	Orman
Anderson	Elliott	Osterman
Betkowski	Fischer	Paszkowski
Black	Hewes	Payne
Bogle	Hyland	Severtson
Bradley	Jonson	Shrake
Bruseker	Klein	Speaker <small>(Little Bow)</small>
Calahasen	Lund	Stewart
Cherry	McCoy	Thurber
Chumir	Mirosch	Trynchy
Clegg	Moore	Zarusky
Day	Nelson	

Against the motion: 11

Fox	McEachern	Roberts
Gibeault	McInnis	Sigurdson
Laing (Edmonton-Avonmore)	Mjolsness	Woloshyn
Martin	Pashak	

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

Bill 49 Ambulance Services Act — Hon. Mrs. Betkowski

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 sub-amendment moved by Mr. Ewasiuk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly, on June 18, 1990, to an 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."

The amendment to the amendment read as follows:

adding after "20 individuals or corporations":

", and because this House believes that any foreign ownership or partial ownership of a public utility in Alberta is wholly inappropriate."

Dr. Elliott moved adjournment of the debate on the sub-amendment, which was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Stewart, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:24 p.m. until Wednesday, June 20, 1990, at 2:30 p.m.

NOTICES

Leave to Introduce a Bill

- 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: Tuesday, June 19, 1990