



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 67

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Second Session

Twenty-Second Legislature

Thursday, June 21, 1990

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

Prior to proceeding to the daily Routine, unanimous consent of the Assembly was given to allow a brief ceremony to occur.

Hon. Mr. Rostad, Attorney General, presented Mr. Wright, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, with Queen's Counsel designation.

Mr. Wright made remarks following the presentation.

ROUTINE

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. Horsman, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of his intention, pursuant to Standing Order 21(1)(a), to move that when the adjourned debate on the motion for Second Reading of Bill 31, Livestock Industry Diversification Act, and Bill 37, Alberta Government Telephones Reorganization Act, is called for resumption, the debate shall not be further adjourned.

Secondly, when Bill 31, Livestock Industry Diversification Act, and Bill 37, Alberta Government Telephones Reorganization Act, are before Committee of the Whole, pursuant to Standing Order 21(1)(b), that all of the resolutions, clauses, sections, and titles relating to those two Bills shall be the first business of the Committee and shall not be further postponed.

Thirdly, when Bill 31, Livestock Industry Diversification Act, and Bill 37, Alberta Government Telephones Reorganization Act, are called for resumption of a previously adjourned debate on the motion for Third Reading, pursuant to Standing Order 21(1)(a), that the debate shall not be further adjourned.

Mr. Martin, Hon. Leader of the Opposition, 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 Assembly condemn the Conservative Government for its 11th hour introduction of the Bill to sell off Alberta Government Telephones, after having conducted a general election only 15 months ago without revealing its intention to do so, and also for its failure to allow due public input on the matter and finally for its blatant contempt for the parliamentary democratic process by giving notice of closure on the enabling Bill.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 226 Open Taxation Act — Mr. Chumir

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Stewart, Minister of Technology, Research and Telecommunications, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52, 1983 Statutes:

Alberta Technology, Research and Telecommunications, Annual Report 1988-89
Sessional Paper 126/90

Mr. Gibeault, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Millwoods:

Alberta Federation of Labour, Executive Council Resolutions No. 625 and
No. 627
Sessional Paper 582/90

Mrs. Mirosh, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore:

Principles and Policies Governing Professional Legislation in Alberta
Sessional Paper 348/90

Rev. Mr. Roberts, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Edmonton Calendar of Events, Summer 1990
Sessional Paper 349/90

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Klein, Minister of the Environment, presented and commented on the draft Alberta Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act.

Sessional Paper 350/90

Mr. Martin, Hon. Leader of the Opposition, commented on the statement.

Motion Under Standing Order 40

Mr. Martin, Hon. Leader of the Opposition, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly for consideration of the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Assembly condemn the Conservative Government for its 11th hour introduction of the Bill to sell off Alberta Government Telephones, after having conducted a general election only 15 months ago without revealing its intention to do so, and also for its failure to allow due public input on the matter and finally for its blatant contempt for the parliamentary democratic process by giving notice of closure on the enabling Bill.

Unanimous consent was not granted.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Question was accepted:

337. (Mr. Mitchell)

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

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

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 motion was agreed to:

183. Moved by Mr. McInnis:

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.

Debate adjourned on the following motion:

331. Moved by Rev. Mr. Roberts:

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.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(3), debate adjourned.

The following motions were ordered to stand:

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.

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 214 Non-Smokers Health Act — Mr. Chumir

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was defeated.

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

Bill 215 Public Accounts Committee Act — Mr. Pashak

A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

The Assembly adjourned at 5:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, JUNE 21, 1990 — 8:00 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

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

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

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

For the motion: 34

Black	Gesell	Orman
Bogle	Hyland	Paszkowski
Bradley	Isley	Payne
Calahasen	Johnston	Schumacher
Cardinal	Kowalski	Severtson
Cherry	Lund	Shrake
Day	Mirosh	Speaker (Little Bow)
Dinning	Moore	Stewart
Drobot	Musgrove	Tannas
Elliott	Nelson	Thurber
Elzinga	Oldring	Zarusky
Fischer		

Against the motion: 12

Barrett	Ewasiuk	Mjolsness
Bruseker	Gibeault	Pashak
Chumir	McEachern	Roberts
Doyle	McInnis	Wickman

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill	10	Small Power Research and Development Amendment Act, 1990 — Mr. Bradley
Bill	17	Municipal District of Badlands No. 7 Incorporation Act — Mr. Schumacher
Bill	19	Financial Consumers Act — Hon. Mr. Anderson
Bill	20	Consumption Tax Statutes Amendment Act, 1990 — Hon. Mr. Johnston
Bill	22	Agricultural Development Amendment Act, 1990 — Hon. Mr. Isley
Bill	24	Mines and Minerals Amendment Act, 1990 — Mrs. Black
Bill	25	Alberta Income Tax Amendment Act, 1990 — Hon. Mr. Johnston
Bill	46	Legal Profession Act — Mr. Evans
Bill	47	Alcohol and Drug Abuse Amendment Act, 1990 — Mr. Nelson

Government Motions

16. Moved by Hon. Mr. Johnston:

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.

A debate followed.

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

For the motion: 34

Black	Gesell	Orman
Bradley	Hyland	Paszkowski
Calahasen	Isley	Payne
Cardinal	Johnston	Schumacher
Cherry	Kowalski	Severtson
Day	Lund	Shrake
Dinning	Main	Speaker (Little Bow)
Drobot	Mirosh	Stewart
Elliott	Moore	Tannas
Fischer	Musgrove	Thurber
Fjordbotten	Nelson	Zarusky
Fowler		

Against the motion: 14

Bruseker	Gagnon	McInnis
Chumir	Gibeault	Pashak
Doyle	Hawkesworth	Wickman
Ewasiuk	Hewes	Woloshyn
Fox	McEachern	

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 28 Victims' Programs Assistance Act — Hon. Mr. Fowler

Bill 42 Liquor Control Amendment Act, 1990 — Hon. Mr. Fowler

Committee of the Whole

On motion by Hon. Mr. Stewart, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole and the Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 23 Agriculture Statutes Amendment Act, 1990 — Hon. Mr. Isley

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 26 Utility Companies Income Tax Rebates Amendment Act, 1990 — Hon. Mr. Johnston

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

Sessional Paper 351/90

Ordered, That the report be received and concurred in.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Stewart, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 1:35 a.m., Friday, June 22, 1990, until 10:00 a.m.

NOTICES

Leave to Introduce a Bill

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 21, 1990