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Province of Alberta**

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Second Session

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Tuesday, June 26, 1990

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

ROUTINE

Notices of Motions

Rev. Mr. Roberts, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, 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 convey its deepest sympathies to the people of Iran who have lost loved ones in the devastating earthquake that took place recently in that country and urge the Government of Alberta to offer its assistance to the Government of Canada in efforts to provide material and financial assistance to the ongoing relief effort in affected areas.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Fjordbotten, Minister of Forestry, Lands and Wildlife, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52, 1983 Statutes:

Alberta Forestry, Lands and Wildlife, Annual Report 1988-89

Sessional Paper 59/90

Hon. Mr. Adair, Minister of Transportation and Utilities, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52, 1983 Statutes:

Alberta Transportation and Utilities, Annual Report 1988-89
Sessional Paper 130/90

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Minister of Public Works, Supply and Services:

Answer to Written Question 337 asked by Mr. Mitchell on June 21, 1990:
As of May 1, 1990, what percentage of Government vehicles and equipment use unleaded gasoline?
Sessional Paper 337A/90

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Minister of Public Works, Supply and Services, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52, 1983 Statutes:

Alberta Public Works, Supply and Services, Annual Report 1988-89
Sessional Paper 109/90

Hon. Mr. Dinning, Minister of Education, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52, 1983 Statutes:

Alberta Education, Annual Report 1988-89
Sessional Paper 37/90

Hon. Mr. Dinning, Minister of Education:

Special Education Review, Executive Summary and Discussion Paper
Sessional Paper 585/90

Hon. Mr. Fowler, Solicitor General, pursuant to the Liquor Control Act, cL-17, s24, RSA 1980:

Alberta Liquor Control Board, Annual Report 1990
Sessional Paper 116A/90

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

Mount Royal College, Annual Report 1988-89
Sessional Paper 8J/90

Oral Question Period

Hon. Mr. Dinning, Minister of Education:

Alberta Education News Release announcing the winners of Alberta Education's "The Royal Family in Canada" essay contest
Sessional Paper 586/90

Motion Under Standing Order 40

Rev. Mr. Roberts, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly for consideration of the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly convey its deepest sympathies to the people of Iran who have lost loved ones in the devastating earthquake that took place recently in that country and urge the Government of Alberta to offer its assistance to the Government of Canada in efforts to provide material and financial assistance to the ongoing relief effort in affected areas.

A debate followed.

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

Privilege

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Minister responsible for Lotteries, raised a purported point of privilege relating to oral questions asked of him on Friday, June 22, 1990.

Mr. Wickman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud, raised a purported point of privilege relating to comments made by another Member.

Mr. Chumir, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, raised a purported point of privilege relating to legislative scrutiny of lottery operations.

The Speaker allowed debate pursuant to Standing Order 15(6) and advised that he would take the matters under advisement.

Mr. Wickman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud, filed:

Letter dated June 25, 1990, from Peter Knaak, Q.C., to Mr. Wickman concerning comments made in the House on June 22, 1990

Sessional Paper 587/90

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Questions were not accepted:

358. (Mr. Bruseker)

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)

- (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?

395. (Mrs. Gagnon)

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?

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

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:

354. Moved by Mr. Bruseker:

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. Moved by Mr. Bruseker:

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.

The following motions were ordered to stand:

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.

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.

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.

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

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A copy of the draft document entitled "The proposed action plan for addressing rural physician recruitment and retention issues."

Motions Other than Government Motions

217. Moved by Mr. Bradley:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to give consideration to supporting the establishment of a laser fusion laboratory in Alberta.

Mr. Bradley, Hon. Member for Pincher Creek-Crowsnest tabled:

Laser Fusion Energy, A National Laboratory for Alberta
Sessional Paper 361/90

A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Gogo, 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.

TUESDAY, JUNE 26, 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 29 Public Utilities Board Amendment Act, 1990 — Hon. Mr. Orman

Bill 43 Oil and Gas Conservation Amendment Act, 1990 — Hon. Mr. Orman

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 51 Gas Utilities Statutes Amendment Act, 1990 — Hon. Mr. Orman

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

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

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

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Ordered, That the report be received and concurred in.

Second Reading

Hon. Mr. Horsman, Government House Leader, moved that pursuant to Standing Order 21, debate on Bill 31, Livestock Industry Diversification Act, be not further adjourned.

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

For the motion: 26

Ady	Fjordbotten	McCoy
Anderson	Gesell	Moore
Bogle	Gogo	Musgrove
Bradley	Horsman	Nelson
Cardinal	Hyland	Orman
Cherry	Isley	Paszkowski
Clegg	Jonson	Tannas
Day	Laing (Calgary-Bow)	Trynchy
Drobot	Lund	

Against the motion: 10

Chumir	McInnis	Roberts
Ewasiuk	Mitchell	Sigurdson
Fox	Pashak	Taylor
Hawkesworth		

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

Bill 31 Livestock Industry Diversification Act — Hon. Mr. Isley

Debate continued on the amendment moved by Mr. Fox, Hon. Member for Vegreville on June 1, 1990.

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

striking all the words after "that" and substituting:

"Bill 31, Livestock Industry Diversification Act, be not now read a Second time, but that the subject matter of the Bill be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Public Affairs, to assess the need for an environmental impact assessment on the provisions contained therein."

Mr. Sigurdson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Belmont, moved that the amendment be amended by adding after "therein":

", and to assess the extent to which the prior public input on the subject matter was skewed, as was recently determined on appeal by the Ombudsman for Alberta."

A debate followed.

At 12:01 a.m., pursuant to Standing Order 21, the question was put on the sub-amendment, which was defeated.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

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

For the motion: 27

Ady	Fjordbotten	Musgrove
Anderson	Gesell	Nelson
Bogle	Horsman	Orman
Cardinal	Hyland	Paszkowski
Cherry	Isley	Severtson
Clegg	Jonson	Tannas
Day	Laing (Calgary-Bow)	Taylor
Dinning	Lund	Trynchy
Drobot	Moore	Zarusky

Against the motion: 8

Ewasiuk	Hawkesworth	Pashak
Fox	McEachern	Sigurdson
Gibeault	McInnis	

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

Bill 31 Livestock Industry Diversification Act — Hon. Mr. Isley

Third Reading

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

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

A debate followed.

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

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 15 Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 1990 — Hon. Mr. Trynchy
Bill 23 Agriculture Statutes Amendment Act, 1990 — Hon. Mr. Isley
Bill 29 Public Utilities Board Amendment Act, 1990 — Hon. Mr. Orman
Bill 32 Irrigation Amendment Act, 1990 — Mr. Musgrove
Bill 34 Metis Settlements Land Protection Act — Mr. Cardinal
Bill 35 Metis Settlements Act — Ms Calahasen
Bill 43 Oil and Gas Conservation Amendment Act, 1990 — Hon. Mr. Orman
Bill 48 School Amendment Act, 1990 — Hon. Mr. Dinning
Bill 50 Alberta Cultural Heritage Amendment Act, 1990 — Hon. Mr. Main
Bill 51 Gas Utilities Statutes Amendment Act, 1990 — Hon. Mr. Orman
Bill 53 Parentage and Maintenance Act — Mr. Tannas
Bill 54 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 1990 — Hon. Mr. Rostad

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Horsman, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 1:42 a.m., Wednesday, June 27, 1990, until 2:30 p.m.

NOTICES

Leave to Introduce a Bill

Bill 231 Public Service Pay Equity Act — Mr. Decore
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 26, 1990