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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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

ROUTINE

Notices of Motions

Mr. Wickman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud, gave oral notice of his intention to move the following motion pursuant to Standing Order 15(6):

Be it resolved that the matter of privilege raised by the Hon. Minister of Public Works, Supply and Services, on June 22, 1990, and subsequently ruled to be a prima facie case of privilege by the Speaker be referred to the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections, Standing Orders and Printing for consideration and recommendation and that the committee be instructed to call witnesses and documentation required by any Member of the Legislative Assembly to establish the validity of the statements regarding the pattern of use of lottery revenues made by the Member for Edmonton-Whitemud and further that the committee hold all of its deliberations in public.

The Speaker advised the House that certain irregularities existed in the motion.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 239 Environmental Impact Assessment Act — Mr. McInnis

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Dr. West, Minister of Recreation and Parks, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52, 1983 Statutes:

Alberta Recreation and Parks, Annual Report 1988-89

Sessional Paper 111/90

Hon. Mr. Fowler, Solicitor General:

Health Disciplines Board, Annual Report 1989

Sessional Paper 363/90

Hon. Mr. Trynchy, Minister responsible for Occupational Health and Safety:

Alberta Occupational Health and Safety, Annual Report 1988

Sessional Paper 590/90

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Dr. West, Minister of Recreation and Parks, announced plans for the establishment of Rumsey Ecological Reserve.

News Release, Rumsey Ecological Reserves

Sessional Paper 364/90

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

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

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?

397. Mr. Chumir to ask the Government:

- (1) What was the total cost of publishing and distributing the Government document entitled AOSTRA: A 15 Year Portfolio of Achievement?
- (2) How many copies of this document were published and how many individuals, groups, or companies received free copies of the document?
- (3) Who was awarded the contract to publish this document and was this contract put to tender?

Motions for Returns

The following motion was agreed to as amended:

379. Moved by Mr. Bruseker:

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.

Hon. Mr. Stewart, Minister of Technology, Research and Telecommunications, moved that the motion be amended by deleting the word "holder,."

The following motions were defeated:

357. Moved by Mr. Bruseker:

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. Moved by Mr. Bruseker:

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.

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. Moved by Mr. Bruseker:

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. Moved by Mr. Bruseker:

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.

372. Moved by Mr. Bruseker:

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. Moved by Mr. Bruseker:

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. Moved by Mr. Bruseker:

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. Moved by Mr. Bruseker:

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.

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. Moved by Mr. Bruseker:

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. Moved by Mr. Bruseker:

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.

380. Moved by Mr. Bruseker:

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. Moved by Mr. Bruseker:

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. Moved by Mr. Bruseker:

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. Moved by Mr. Sigurdson on behalf of Mr. Gibeault:

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. Moved by Mr. Bruseker:

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.

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.

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.

369. Moved by Mr. Bruseker:

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.

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.

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."

398. Mrs. Gagnon to propose the following motion:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing: A copy of all contracts and memoranda between the Government and Financial Collection Agencies Ltd. and any other provincial collection agencies for the collection of guaranteed provincial student loans.

399. Mrs. Hewes to propose the following motion:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing: A copy of every contract between Versa Foods and the Government.

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 216 An Act to Promote Recycling Industries in Alberta — Mr. McInnis

A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

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

THURSDAY, JUNE 28, 1990 — 8:00 P.M.

Government Motions

14. Moved by Hon. Mr. Horsman:

Be it resolved that the interim report, and recommendations contained therein, presented to the Assembly on March 21, 1990, by the Select Special Committee on Electoral Boundaries, appointed pursuant to Motion 14 passed by this Assembly on August 15, 1989, be now received and concurred in.

Debate continued on the amendment moved by Mrs. Hewes, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, on May 17, 1990. The amendment to the motion read as follows:

by striking out "be now received and concurred in" and substituting:

"be referred back to the Committee with an instruction to amend it with a proposal to complete its public hearings and make a final report by submitting its report to the Speaker with a copy to all MLAs by July 31, 1990."

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

For the amendment: 9

Barrett Gibeault Martin
Chumir Hawkesworth McInnis
Doyle Hewes Mitchell

Against the amendment: 38

Adair Fischer Moore Fjordbotten Musgrove Ady Betkowski Gesell Nelson Black Gogo Orman Bradley Horsman Paszkowski Hyland Calahasen Payne Cardinal Isley Schumacher Cherry Johnston Tannas Clegg Jonson Thurber Day Kowalski Trynchy Dinning West Laing (Calgary-Bow) Drobot Lund Zarusky Elzinga McCoy

Hon. Mr. Horsman, Government House Leader, moved that the motion be amended as follows:

by adding after the words "concurred in,":

"and if the Assembly is not sitting when the final report of the Committee is completed, the Committee shall make it public by delivering a copy to the Speaker and all Members of the Assembly and subsequently releasing it to the general public."

A debate followed.

The question being put, the amendment was agreed to.

Debate continued on the motion.

Mr. McInnis, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Jasper Place, moved that the motion be amended as follows:

by striking out all the words after "that" and substituting:

"this House regrets that the Select Special Committee on Electoral Boundaries has been unable to complete its consideration of the appropriateness of the provisions of the Electoral Boundaries Commission Act and that it directs the committee to prepare a recommended timetable for the completion of the process leading to the commencement of enumeration on the new electoral boundaries not later than September 15, 1991."

The Speaker adjourned the Assembly for 10 minutes and, upon resuming the Chair, ruled the amendment in order.

A debate followed.

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

Private Bills/Government Bills

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole.

(Assembly in Committee)

Hon. Mr. Horsman, Government House Leader, moved that, pursuant to Standing Order 21, further consideration of any or all of the resolutions, clauses, sections or titles of Bill 31, Livestock Industry Diversification Act, then before the Committee shall be the first business of the Committee and shall not be further postponed.

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

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

At 12:03 a.m., pursuant to Standing Order 21, the question was put on the amendment moved by Mr. Taylor, Hon. Member for Westlock-Sturgeon, (reference: Sessional Paper 367/90). The names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 14

Barrett Hewes Pashak
Bruseker Laing (Edmonton-Avonmore) Roberts
Doyle Martin Taylor
Ewasiuk McInnis Woloshyn
Fox Mitchell

Against the amendment: 36

Drobot Lund Adair Ady Elzinga McCoy Betkowski Fischer Moore Black Fjordbotten Musgrove Bogle Gesell Nelson **Brassard** Gogo Orman Calahasen Hyland Paszkowski Cardinal Isley Severtson Cherry Johnston Thurber Jonson Trynchy Clegg Day Klein West Dinning Zarusky Laing (Calgary-Bow)

The question being put, the title and preamble of the Bill were approved. The names being called for were taken as follows:

For the title and preamble: 33

Ady Elzinga Lund Black Fischer Moore Fjordbotten Bogle Musgrove Brassard Gesell Nelson Calahasen Gogo Orman Cardinal Horsman Paszkowski Cherry Hyland Severtson Clegg Isley Thurber Johnston Trynchy Day Dinning Jonson West Drobot Klein Zarusky

Against the title and preamble: 14

Bruseker	Laing (Edmonton-Avonmore)	Pashak
Doyle	Martin	Roberts
Ewasiuk	McInnis	Taylor
Fox	Mitchell	Woloshyn

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

The following Bills were reported:

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

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

Bill 30 Alberta Corporate Income Tax Amendment Act, 1990 — Hon. Mr. Johnston

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

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

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

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:

- Bill 26, Utility Companies Income Tax Rebates Amendment Act, 1990 Sessional Paper 365/90
- Bill 27, Advanced Education Statutes Amendment Act, 1990 Sessional Paper 366/90
- Bill 31, Livestock Industry Diversification Act

Sessional Paper 367/90

Ordered, That the report be received and concurred in.

Third Reading

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

- Bill 27 Advanced Education Statutes Amendment Act, 1990 Hon. Mr. Gogo
- Bill 30 Alberta Corporate Income Tax Amendment Act, 1990 Hon. Mr. Johnston

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

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

A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

Hon. Mr. Gogo, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 1:09 a.m., Friday, June 29, 1990, until 10:00 a.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 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

Government Motions

19. Hon. Mr. Kowalski to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Speaker having ruled a prima facie case of breach of privilege has taken place through comments by the Member for Edmonton-Whitemud, this Assembly now declare that the Member for Edmonton-Whitemud breached the privileges of this Assembly by making certain reckless and untrue statements, which statements have been admitted as being untrue by the Member for Edmonton-Whitemud as recorded in Hansard on page 2220, June 26, 1990, and that the Member for Edmonton-Whitemud be reprimanded and censured for misleading this Assembly through such reckless and untrue allegations.

Written Questions

400. Mrs. Hewes to ask the Government:

- (1) How many Alberta Government employees attended the recent AIDS conference in San Francisco?
- (2) How much did the Alberta Government contribute toward the costs of those employees attending the conference?

Motions for Returns

401. Mr. Chumir to propose the following motion:

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

- (1) The flight logs and passenger manifests for all fixed wing aircraft and helicopters, owned by the Government for all flights conducted during the period June 1, 1988 until June 1, 1990.
- (2) Details of all flights and passenger lists for fixed wing aircraft and helicopters, of all flights chartered by the Government during the period June 1, 1988 until June 1, 1990.

David J. Carter, Speaker

Title: Thursday, June 28, 1990