

Legislative Assembly Province of Alberta

No. 76

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Second Session

Twenty-Second Legislature

Monday, November 26, 1990

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

The Speaker offered a prayer in recognition of the death of the former Lieutenant Governor and of former Members and, in particular, the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, Gordon Wright, who passed away on Thursday, October 18, 1990.

Mr. Martin, Hon. Mr. Gogo, and Mr. Decore paid tribute to the late Mr. Wright.

ROUTINE

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Doyle, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead, presented a photocopy of a petition from 1,259 taxpayers in the Hinton/Cadomin area regarding the condition of Highway 40 between Hinton and Cadomin.

The photocopied petition was returned to the Hon. Member.

Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees

Mr. Bogle, Chairman of the Select Special Committee on Electoral Boundaries, presented the Final Report and Recommendations of the Select Special Committee on Electoral Boundaries.

Sessional Paper 373/90

Mr. Ady, Chairman of the Standing Committee on the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund Act, presented the following report:

Pursuant to Standing Order 52, the Standing Committee on the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund Act is required to report to the Legislative Assembly at this time.

Mr. Speaker, this will serve as an interim report, to inform the Legislative Assembly that the Committee is presently undergoing its deliberations and expects to deliver a final report in the Spring.

Notices of Motions

Mr. Decore, Hon. Leader of the Liberal Party, 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 direct the Provincial Treasurer to present supplementary estimates of expenditure to cover the special warrants issued since the last sitting and the anticipated expenditures to the end of the fiscal year.

Hon. Mr. Gogo, Deputy Government House Leader, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Horsman, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following motion:

Be it resolved that the report, and recommendations contained therein presented to the Assembly on November 26, 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.

Mr. Martin, Hon. Leader of the Opposition, gave oral notice of his intention to request leave to move, pursuant to Standing Order 30, that the Assembly adjourn to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, namely the need for the Government to introduce in this sitting of the Assembly a revised budget for the current fiscal year which reports accurately any changes in its forecasted revenue, and which reflects changes in expenditure plans to meet the needs of our hospitals, schools and post-secondary education, social services system, agricultural producers, and other Albertans and institutions whose needs are not being met by the Budget set down in March 1990.

Mrs. Hewes, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, gave oral notice of her intention to move tomorrow, November 27, pursuant to Standing Order 30 that the Assembly adjourn to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, namely the need for an immediate resolution of the critical conditions at the Royal Alexandra Hospital.

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Press Release and a Fact Sheet from the Alberta Hospital Association, dated November 26, 1990

Sessional Paper 374/90

New Democrat Health Policy Committee response to "The Rainbow Report" of the Premier's Commission on Future Health Care for Albertans

Sessional Paper 597/90

Hon. Dr. Carter, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act, cE-3, s3(2), 1980 Statutes:

Office of the Chief Electoral Officer, Annual Report 1989-90

Sessional Paper 2/90

Hon. Dr. Carter, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s19(5), 1983 Statutes:

Member Services Committee Orders No. 4 and 5

Sessional Paper 134A/90

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Oldring, Minister of Family and Social Services, announced the introduction of "Supports for Independence," a new income support program.

Sessional Paper 598/90

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

Motion for Adjournment for an Emergency Debate

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The Speaker ruled that the request for leave was not in order.

Motion Under Standing Order 40

Mr. Decore, Hon. Leader of the Liberal Party, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly for the consideration of the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly direct the Provincial Treasurer to present supplementary estimates of expenditure to cover the special warrants issued since the last sitting and the anticipated expenditures to the end of the fiscal year.

Unanimous consent was not granted.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

(Committee of the Whole)

On motion by Hon. Mr. Gogo, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole.

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

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

Ordered, That the report be concurred in.

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

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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.

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

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

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

A. Section 2 is amended by striking out everything after the word "Alberta" and substituting:

to provide for those reviews to be conducted in public with the assistance of independent expertise to determine whether the projects and activities are compatible with maintaining and preserving the natural ecological diversity of the Province of Alberta in order to perpetuate or restore the integrity of functional ecosystems.

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

For the motion: 10

Bruseker Laing (Edmonton-Avonmore) Mitchell
Doyle McEachern Roberts
Fox McInnis Sigurdson

Hawkesworth

Against the motion: 29

AdyElliottNelsonBlackEvansOldringBogleFischerOrmanBradleyGogoPaszkowskiCalahasenLaing (Calgary-Bow)Payne

Cardinal Lund Speaker (Little Bow)

Clegg McClellan Tannas
Day Main Trynchy
Dinning Moore Zarusky

Drobot Musgrove

On motion by Hon. Mr. Orman, Minister of Energy, the amendments moved to Bill 52, Natural Resources Conservation Board Act, and agreed to by the Committee on June 26, 1990, were rescinded.

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

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

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

Ordered, That the report be concurred in.

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

Sessional Paper 376/90

On motion by Hon. Mr. Gogo, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:59 p.m. until Tuesday, November 27, 1990 at 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 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
- Bill 285 An Act to Amend the Amusements Act Mr. McInnis

Government Motion

21. Hon. Mr. Gogo to propose the following motion to the Assembly:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly endorse and urge the Government of Canada to strike a medal, the Korea Voluntary Service Medal, honouring the more than 27,000 Canadians who served in the Korean conflict under the Banner of the United Nations from 1950 to 1953, and furthermore, that the said medal be presented to those surviving veterans of the Korean conflict in a suitable manner and to deceased veterans' families in an equally suitable manner.

Written Questions

406. Mr. McInnis to ask the Government:

With respect to the Western Heritage Centre at the Cochrane Ranch:

- (1) Has the Government committed funds for the construction of this project, and if so, how much money has been committed and from what sources?
- (2) Has the Government received a revised capital budget for the project, and, if so, what is the budget?
- (3) What is the source of the non-governmental portion of the capital cost of this project?
- (4) What is the operating budget of the project and how is the budget financed?
- (5) What is the policy position of the Government respecting operating subsidies for the project?
- (6) Has a formal environmental impact assessment been conducted into this project?

Motions for Returns

407. Mr. Sigurdson to propose the following motion:

That an order of the Assembly do issue for a return showing:

All documents, reports, evidence, and information received by or prepared for the Minister of Labour respecting the Minister's investigation into allegations that Maxam Contracting Ltd. and/or Mr. Willard Kirkpatrick authored and circulated a document which breaches the Labour Relations Code.

408. Mr. Mitchell to propose the following motion:

That an order of the Assembly do issue for a return showing:

Any studies that have been carried out by or for the Government on the capacity of Government and private nurseries to provide suitable trees for reforestation of the forest management areas of Alberta scheduled to be logged each year and also to replant those areas where earlier planting was not viable or not carried out for some other reason.

409. Mr. Chumir to propose the following motion:

That an order of the Assembly do issue for a return showing:

A copy of all reports and studies by or on behalf of the Government over the past two years dealing with the forecasting of tobacco tax revenues

Motions

299. Mr. Zarusky to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation to give grandparents limited access rights to their grandchildren.

300. Mr. Mitchell to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce rigorous measures to stimulate energy conservation and the development of alternative forms of energy throughout Alberta, that would enable the province to benefit from both the economic and environmental benefits of such a measure.

301. Mr. Mitchell to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to:

(1) set up a forum under the auspices of the Environment Council of Alberta to enable the people of Alberta to present their views on the interpretation of "sustainable development";

- (2) require that the Council submit its recommendation for a definition of "sustainable development" to the Government, together with a list of criteria against which a specific project should be judged;
- (3) review all legislation, starting with those Acts concerned with the development of resources or the protection of the environment, to determine the way in which each Act should be amended to ensure sustainable development.

David J. Carter, Speaker

Title: Monday, November 26, 1990