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## **VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

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Tuesday, December 4, 1990

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

### **ROUTINE**

#### **Presenting Petitions**

Mr. McInnis, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Jasper Place, presented a petition from 1,500 Red Deer residents requesting increased support for public transit.

#### **Reading and Receiving Petitions**

On request by Mr. Sigurdson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Belmont, the following petition was read and received:

To the Honourable, the Legislative Assembly of Alberta, in Legislature assembled:

Whereas residents of north Edmonton have consistently expressed their concern about health care services, particularly emergency services for their community, and

Whereas access to, and the timely delivery of service are vital to the well being of residents of north Edmonton,

the undersigned therefore support the planned redevelopment of the Royal Alexandra Hospital and the allocation of funds by the Provincial Government to allow construction of this important project to proceed in 1991.

## **Notices of Motions**

Mr. Hawkesworth, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, 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 Provincial Treasurer in meetings tomorrow and Thursday with other provincial finance ministers carry the message that Alberta wants to preserve the existing national health care system administered by the provinces with national standards and accessibility and not a system divided into 10 provincial parts each with its own rules, biases, and limitations.

## **Introduction of Bills (First Reading)**

Notice having been given:

Bill 235 An Act to Amend the School Act — Mrs. Gagnon

Bill 248 An Act to Amend the School Act (No.2) — Mrs. Gagnon

Bill 277 Government Open Contract Act — Mr. Bruseker

## **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Hon. Mrs. Betkowski, Minister of Health, pursuant to the Dental Profession Act, cD-9.5, s6(4), 1983 Statutes:

Alberta Dental Association, Annual Report, June 30, 1990  
Sessional Paper 62A/90

Hon. Mrs. Betkowski, Minister of Health, pursuant to the Physical Therapy Profession Act, cP-7.5, s9(4), 1984 Statutes:

College of Physical Therapists of Alberta, Annual Report 1989-90  
Sessional Paper 71C/90

Hon. Mrs. Betkowski, Minister of Health, pursuant to the Registered Dietitians Act, cR-10.1, s6(4), 1983 Statutes:

Alberta Registered Dietitians Association, Annual Report 1989-90  
Sessional Paper 73A/90

Hon. Mrs. Betkowski, Minister of Health, pursuant to the Vital Statistics Act, cV-4, s38(2), 1980 Statutes:

Vital Statistics, Annual Review 1989  
Sessional Paper 75A/90

Hon. Mrs. Betkowski, Minister of Health, pursuant to the Mental Health Act, cM-13, s56(2), 1980 Statutes:

Alberta Hospital Edmonton, Annual Report 1989-90	Sessional Paper 68B/90
Alberta Hospital Ponoka, Financial Statements 1990	Sessional Paper 68C/90
Alberta Hospital Edmonton, Financial Statements 1990	Sessional Paper 68D/90

Hon. Mrs. Betkowski, Minister of Health, pursuant to the Financial Administration Act, cF-9, s2(6), 1980 Statutes:

Charles Camsell Provincial General Hospital, Financial Statements 1990	Sessional Paper 64C/90
Glenrose Rehabilitation Hospital, Financial Statements 1990	Sessional Paper 64F/90
Alberta Children's Provincial General Hospital, Financial Statements 1990	Sessional Paper 64G/90
Alberta Cancer Board, Financial Statements 1990	Sessional Paper 63B/90

### **Motion Under Standing Order 40**

Mr. Hawkesworth, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly for consideration of the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Provincial Treasurer in meetings tomorrow and Thursday with other provincial finance ministers carry the message that Alberta wants to preserve the existing national health care system administered by the provinces with national standards and accessibility and not a system divided into 10 provincial parts each with its own rules, biases, and limitations.

Unanimous consent was not granted.

### **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

The following Written Question was not accepted:

**392.** (Mr. Chumir)

- (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?

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

**402.** Mr. Taylor to ask the Government:

With respect to the Cargill Ltd. meat packing plant at High River, what was the chemical analysis of the well water used as an input in the plant, from January 1989 to June 1990, and, in particular, what were the levels of salts, nitrate, and nitrites in the input water?

**404.** Mr. Mitchell to ask the Government:

What was the cost of printing "Thanks from Alberta Environment," and how many copies were printed and distributed?

**410.** Ms Mjolsness to ask the Government:

With which groups, individuals, and organizations did the Minister of Family and Social Services consult prior to developing the program called Supports for Independence, announced in the Assembly on November 26, 1990?

**411.** Mr. Doyle to ask the Government:

- (1) What was the cost to the Province of providing police security for the Prime Minister during the visit he made to Alberta from November 12 to 13?
- (2) What was the cost to the Province of associated services such as accommodation, meals, and transportation provided for the Prime Minister and his entourage during this visit?

## **Motions for Returns**

The following motion was defeated:

**405.** Moved by Mr. McInnis:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
A copy of the mailing list for distribution of the proposed Alberta Environmental Protection and Enhancement legislation showing names, addresses, and postal codes.

The following motions were ordered to stand:

**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.

**370.** Moved by Mr. Bruseker:

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.

**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?

**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.

**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.

**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.

**412.** Mr. Chumir to propose the following motion:

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

An audited statement of disbursements of net lottery proceeds of the Province of Alberta for the year ended March 31, 1990, and unaudited statements for April 1, 1990 through October 31, 1990, inclusive.

**413.** Mr Chumir to propose the following motion:

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

Copies of all audited and unaudited financial statements (both year end and quarterly) for S.C. Properties Ltd., S.C. Financial Ltd., N.A. Properties Ltd., and 354713 Alberta Ltd. (Softco) for the years 1988 through 1990 inclusive.

**415.** Mrs. Gagnon to propose the following motion:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a return showing:  
All studies or papers completed by, or submitted to, the Government that examine the impact of the federal goods and services tax on the operating and capital costs incurred by Alberta's post-secondary institutions.

**416.** Mrs. Gagnon to propose the following motion:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a return showing:  
All studies or papers completed by, or submitted to, the Government examining the impact of the federal goods and services tax on the operating and capital costs incurred by school boards in Alberta.

## **Motions Other than Government Motions**

**221.** Moved by Mr. Ady:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government of Alberta to recommend to the Government of Canada that the Crow Benefit be paid directly to producers instead of to the railways.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

## **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, DECEMBER 4, 1990 — 8:00 P.M.

The Speaker resumed the Chair

## **Government Bills and Orders**

### **Second Reading**

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

Bill 38 Loan and Trust Corporations Act — Hon. Mr. Johnston

A debate followed.

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



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

Bill 57 Electoral Boundaries Commission Act — Hon. Mr. Rostad

A debate followed.

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

For the motion: 31

Ady	Gesell	Musgrove
Black	Gogo	Nelson
Bogle	Johnston	Paszkowski
Bradley	Jonson	Severtson
Calahasen	Kowalski	Shrake
Cardinal	Laing (Calgary-Bow)	Sparrow
Cherry	Lund	Speaker (Little Bow)
Clegg	McCoy	Tannas
Day	Mirosh	Weiss
Drobot	Moore	Zarusky
Evans		

Against the motion: 8

Barrett	Gibeault	Wickman
Bruseker	Hawkesworth	Woloshyn
Ewasiuk	Sigurdson	

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

Bill 57 Electoral Boundaries Commission Act — Hon. Mr. Rostad

## **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Gogo, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:07 p.m. until Wednesday, December 5, 1990, at 2:30 p.m.

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## **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 236 Instructional Materials Production Act — Mr. Jonson  
Bill 242 School User Fees Elimination Act — Mr. Woloshyn

Bill	247	Justice Review Committee Act — Mr. Day
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	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	279	An Act to Amend the Builders' Lien Act — Mr. Taylor
Bill	285	An Act to Amend the Amusements Act — Mr. McInnis
Bill	287	Elected Representation on Post-Secondary Educational Institute Boards — Ms Barrett
Bill	288	Telemarketing Act — Mr. Bruseker
Bill	289	An Act to Amend the Alberta Health Care Act — Mrs. Hewes

## Written Questions

**421.** Mr. Taylor to ask the Government:

What is the Government's best estimate of the cost of diverting irrigation water stored by the Oldman River Dam, and released into the river below the dam, around the Peigan Reserve?

**422.** Mr. Taylor to ask the Government:

With respect to the \$9 million financing package by the Agricultural Development Corporation for WestCan Malting Ltd., Calgary,

- (1) were there any personal or corporate guarantees other than that of WestCan given for the loans portion of the package; and

- (2) what were the terms of the preferred share issue granted as to:
  - (a) the dividend rate and how it is tied to profits,
  - (b) redemption plan, if any, and
  - (c) conversion privileges to common shares and debentures, if any?

## **Motions for Returns**

- 423.** Mr. Mitchell to propose the following motion:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a return showing:  
Copies of the laboratory reports of fish bio-assays, as submitted to Alberta Environment, from January 1, 1989, until the present time by:

- (1) Proctor & Gamble Cellulose Ltd., Grande Prairie;
- (2) Weldwood of Canada Ltd., Hinton; and
- (3) Millar Western Pulp Ltd., Whitecourt.

- 424.** Mr. Taylor to propose the following motion:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a return showing:  
Copies of all studies carried out and plans that the Government has made to divert irrigation water, stored by the Oldman River Dam and released into the river below it, around the Peigan reserve.

- 425.** Mr. McEachern to propose the following motion:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a return showing:  
Copies of all studies and analyses done for or by the Department of Technology, Research and Telecommunications or other Government agencies assessing the financial viability or technological competence of Myrias Research Corporation.

- 426.** Mr. Decore to propose the following motion:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a return showing:  
Any and all agreements between the Alberta Special Waste Management Corporation and the Department of the Environment dealing with the management and storage of hazardous waste materials in Alberta.

- 427.** Rev. Mr. Roberts to propose the following motion:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a return showing:  
The timetable for implementing durable plastic health care cards to replace the expense of annually mailing paper ones.

- 428.** Rev. Mr. Roberts to propose the following motion:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a return showing:  
The names of those individuals appointed to the restructured Alberta AIDS Advisory Council and the terms of reference for the Council.

**429.** Rev. Mr. Roberts to propose the following motion:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a return showing:  
The Coopers & Lybrand report on regionalization for hospitals in southern Alberta, including High River, Claresholm, Carmangay, Turner Valley, and Vulcan; and the model set forth in that report.

**430.** Rev. Mr. Roberts to propose the following motion:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a return showing:  
The efforts made by the Department of Health to have RU486, "the abortion pill," made available in Alberta.

**431.** Rev. Mr. Roberts to propose the following motion:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a return showing:  
A list of the names of all private sector consultants and agencies that have done work for the Department of Health this fiscal year and 1989/90.

**432.** Rev. Mr. Roberts to propose the following motion:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a return showing:  
The role statement of the Department of Health and the role statements as submitted to the Department of Health in 1990 by hospitals in Alberta.

## **Motions**

**302.** Mr. Decore to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that an all-party Select Special Committee of the Legislative Assembly be appointed to consider reforms relating to the legislative process, including:

- (1) providing for sub-committees of the Committee of Supply to consider estimates in greater detail, including the opportunity to question civil servants;
- (2) providing time limits for responses to written questions and motions for return;
- (3) providing for greater scope for free votes and to limit the circumstances in which votes are considered votes of confidence;
- (4) providing for Private Members' Bills and motions to be brought to a vote by the Assembly;
- (5) providing for greater legal access to information including the need for freedom of information legislation;
- (6) providing for greater use of legislative committees;
- (7) providing for such further and other legislative reforms as would make the role of Members more meaningful.

David J. Carter,  
Speaker

Title: Tuesday, December 4, 1990