

Legislative Assembly Province of Alberta

No. 38

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Third Session

Twenty-Second Legislature

Monday, May 13, 1991

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

ROUTINE

Presenting Petitions

Ms M. Laing, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Avonmore, presented a petition from 400 Albertans concerned with the provision of quality treatment for child victims of sexual assault and their families.

Notices of Motions

Mr. Gibeault, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, 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 extend its congratulations to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and Constable Baltej Singh Dhillon as he graduates today from the RCMP training academy as the first Sikh officer of the force since the RCMP adopted policies to encourage the greater participation of minority community members, and be it further resolved that the Speaker convey this message to Constable Dhillon on behalf of the Legislative Assembly.

Mrs. Hewes, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, gave oral notice of her intention to move the following motion under Standing Order 40 on Orders of the Day:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly recognize and congratulate the following seven women recently honoured by the YWCA's 1991 Tribute to Women awards for their outstanding contributions to the community of Edmonton: Dr. Anne Anderson, Mary Cameron, Shirley Graham, Marie Laing, Marggo Pariseau, Antonietta Rouget, and Betty Screpnek.

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, gave oral notice of her intention to move the following motion under Standing Order 40 on Orders of the Day:

Be it resolved that Standing Order 58(1), which limits the time for consideration of the main departmental estimates to 25 sitting days, or parts thereof, be struck from the Alberta Legislature's Standing Orders so that full and comprehensive deliberation can continue in Committee of Supply, until it is satisfied with those estimates and the planned spending of the Government.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 36 Safety Codes Act — Mr. Lund

On Motion by Hon. Mr. Stewart, Deputy Government House Leader, the following Bill was placed on the Order Paper under "Government Bills and Orders":

Bill 36 Safety Codes Act — Mr. Lund

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Anderson, Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs:

Return to Order of the Assembly asked by Mr. Mitchell on May 7, 1991:

A copy of the report of the task force on the Volunteer Incorporations Act and copies of all written briefs submitted to that task force.

Sessional Paper 208/91

Hon. Mr. Stewart, Minister of Technology, Research and Telecommunications:

National Science and Technology Action Plan Statement, Federal-Provincial-Territorial Meeting of the Council of Science and Technology Ministers, May 9, 1991

Sessional Paper 551/91

Hon. Mr. Fowler, Solicitor General:

Answer to Written Question 303 asked by Mrs. Hewes on April 11, 1991:

With respect to family violence situations, how many charges have been laid by police for the periods April 1, 1990 to September 31, 1990, and October 1, 1990 to March 31, 1991?

Sessional Paper 303A/91

Mr. McInnis, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Jasper Place:

List of projects for which an evironmental impact assessment has been requested but not granted

Sessional Paper 552/91

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Sparrow, Minister of Tourism, announced that May 13 to 19, 1991, has been designated as National Tourism Awarness Week in Canada.

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

Oral Question Period

Mr. Martin, Hon. Leader of the Opposition:

Copy of Peace River Pulp Division document covering treated effluent discharge to the Peace River for the period January 1 to 31, 1991

Sessional Paper 553/91

Motion Under Standing Order 40

Ms Barret, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly for consideration of the following motion:

Be it resolved that Standing Order 58(1), which limits the time for consideration of the main departmental estimates to 25 sitting days, or parts thereof, be struck from the Alberta Legislature's Standing Orders so that full and comprehensive deliberation can continue in Committee of Supply, until it is satisfied with those estimates and the planned spending of the Government.

Unanimous consent was not granted.

Mrs. Hewes, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly for consideration of the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly recognize and congratulate the following seven women recently honoured by the YWCA's 1991 Tribute to Women awards for their outstanding contributions to the community of Edmonton: Dr. Anne Anderson, Mary Cameron, Shirley Graham, Marie Laing, Marggo Pariseau, Antonietta Rouget, and Betty Screpnek.

A debate followed.

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

Mr. Gibeault, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, requested the unanimous consent of the of the Assembly for consideration of the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly extend its congratulations to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and Constable Baltej Singh Dhillon as he graduates today from the RCMP training academy as the first Sikh officer of the force since the RCMP adopted policies to encourage the greater participation of minority community members, and be it further resolved that the Speaker convey this message to Constable Dhillon on behalf of the Legislative Assembly.

Unanimous consent was not granted.

Mr. Taylor, Hon. Member for Westlock-Sturgeon, was named to the House.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 25 Pacific Western Airlines Amendment Act, 1991 — Hon. Mr. Kowalski

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

Bill 29 Loan and Trust Corporations Act — Hon. Mr. Johnston

A debate followed.

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

Statement by the Speaker

The Speaker made the following statement:

Hon. Members, earlier today at the conclusion of Question Period, while dealing with a Standing Order 40 request by the Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods and after the House denied unanimous consent for the matter to proceed, there was an unfortunate incident in the House. The Member for Westlock-Sturgeon made at least eight interruptions of the House and was heard to comment on the way out of the House. On a personal basis he's entitled to his opinion, but in terms of the House, he is not.

The comment was made that I, being the Speaker, am "one of the crappiest Speakers I've ever seen." This is a rather gross breach of the parliamentary tradition. The Chair mentions it because immediately following the Member being named and after the Speaker conversed with the House Leader for the Liberal Party, the Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, the matter was communicated to that particular Member in her capacity as House Leader that the Member had been named for the balance of this day and, therefore, cannot be in the Chamber or its immediate environs and that an apology is due the Chair and this House not only for unparliamentary language but also for making the comments. Hopefully, that might transpire tomorrow.

The Chair feels constrained that Beauchesne 167 must be quoted, which reads:

The essential ingredient of the speakership is found in the status of the Speaker as a servant of the House. The Presiding Officer, while but a servant of the House, is entitled on all occasions to be treated with the greatest attention and respect by the individual Members because the office embodies the power, dignity, and honour of the House itself.

Also, in Beauchesne 168 we have this:

When rising to preserve order or to give a ruling, the Speaker must always be heard in silence. No Member may rise when the Speaker is standing. Reflections upon the character or actions of the Speaker may be punished as breaches of privilege.

In Beauchesne 171:

Foremost among many responsibilities, the Speaker has the duty to maintain an orderly conduct of debate by repressing disorder when it arises. The last quote is from Beauchesne 192:

On several occasions Speakers have refused to hear Members who have, in the opinion of the Chair, exceeded the bounds of orderly conduct.

So the Chair informs the House that until such time as an apology is given back to this House, an apology to the Chair, the Hon. Member for Westlock-Sturgeon will not be recognized in Question Period.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Stewart, Deputy Government House Leader, at 5:30 p.m., it was agreed that when the Members reconvened at 8:00 p.m., they would be in Committee of Supply, and the Speaker left the Chair.

MONDAY, MAY 13, 1991 — 8:00 P.M.

Committee of Supply

(Assembly in Committee)

At 11:45 p.m., pursuant to Standing Orders 58(1) and 59(1) and (2), the Chairman put the question that the Committee approve each one of the resolutions not yet voted upon relating to the main estimates of the Government and the Legislative Assembly for 1991/92, including the supplementary estimates of expenditure and disbursements covered by special warrants for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1991.

The Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Jonson reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions, reports as follows, and requests leave to sit again:

Each one of the resolutions not yet voted upon relating to the main estimates of the Government and the Legislative Assembly for 1991/92, including the supplementary estimates of expenditure and disbursements covered by special warrants for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1991.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to file a list of those resolutions voted upon by the Committee of Supply pursuant to Standing Order 58.

Sessional Paper 554/91

The question being put, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to. The names being called for were taken as follows:

For the report: 28

Fischer Ady Dinning Bogle Drobot Fjordbotten Bradley Elliott Gesell Hyland Clegg Elzinga Day Evans Isley Jonson Sparrow Paszkowski Lund Payne Stewart Mirosh Severtson **Tannas** Moore Shrake Thurber

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Against the report: 6

Bruseker Fox Mitchell
Doyle McEachern Roberts

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Stewart, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:57 p.m. until Tuesday, May 14, 1991, at 2:30 p.m.

NOTICES

Leave to Introduce a Bill

- Bill 9 Arbitration Act Hon. Mr. Rostad
- Bill 34 Health Statutes Amendment Act, 1991 Hon. Mrs. Betkowski
- Bill 35 Family Life and Substance Abuse Foundation Act Hon. Mrs. Betkowski
- Bill 37 Professional Statutes Amendment Act, 1991 Mrs. Mirosh
- Bill 224 Children's Rights Bill Mrs. Hewes
- Bill 225 Office of Treaty Commissioner Act Mr. Taylor
- Bill 228 Ecological Reserves and Heritage Rivers Act Mr. Mitchell
- Bill 231 "Whistle Blower's" Protection Act Mr. McInnis
- Bill 232 Government Open Contract Act Mr. Bruseker
- Bill 233 Court of Queen's Bench Amendment Act, 1991 Mrs. Black
- Bill 235 Native Peoples Representation Act Mr. Taylor

- Bill 236 An Act to Amend the Employment Standards Code Mrs. Hewes
- Bill 237 Alberta Farm Security Act Mr. Taylor
- Bill 238 An Act to Promote Recycling Industries in Alberta Mr. McInnis
- Bill 239 An Act to Amend the Labour Relations Code Mr. Decore
- Bill 240 Women's Agricultural Parity Act Mr. Decore
- Bill 241 Individual's Rights Protection Amendment Act Ms M. Laing
- Bill 242 An Act to Phase Out the Use of Chlorofluorocarbons Mr. Mitchell
- Bill 244 Executive Remuneration Disclosure Act Ms Barrett
- Bill 245 Students Finance Act Amendment Act Ms Barrett
- Bill 246 An Act to Amend the Interprovincial Lottery Act Mr. Chumir
- Bill 247 Water Resources Management Services Administration Act Mr. Mitchell
- Bill 248 An Act to Amend the Ambulance Services Act Mrs. Hewes
- Bill 249 Provincial Court Amendment Act, 1991 Mrs. Black
- Bill 250 Below Cost Timber Sales Act Mr. McInnis
- Bill 251 Individual Property Rights Protection Act Mr. Gesell
- Bill 252 Interprovincial Lottery Act Amendment Act Ms Barrett
- Bill 253 An Act to Amend the Legal Profession Act Mr. Nelson
- Bill 254 An Act to Amend the Widows' Pension Act Ms M. Laing
- Bill 255 Landlord and Tenant Act Amendment Act Mr. Ewasiuk
- Bill 256 Motor Vehicle Dealers Act Mr. Hyland
- Bill 257 Environmental Impact Assessment Act Mr. McInnis
- Bill 258 Limitation of Actions Act Amendment Act Mr. Chivers
- Bill 259 An Act to Amend the Property Tax Reduction Act Mr. Gesell
- Bill 260 Amendment to the Individual's Rights Protection Act Mr. Chumir
- Bill 261 Waste Reduction and Recycling Act Mr. Decore
- Bill 262 Native Justice Act Mr. Taylor
- Bill 263 An Act to Amend the Alberta Health Care Insurance Act Mrs. Hewes
- Bill 264 Environmental Bill of Rights Mr. Mitchell
- Bill 265 Telemarketing Act Mr. Bruseker
- Bill 266 Residential Care Giver Training Act Ms Mjolsness

- Bill 267 Forestry Industry Development Administration Act Mr. Mitchell
- Bill 269 Non-Degradation of Water Quality Act Mr. Bruseker
- Bill 270 An Act to Amend the Agricultural Development Act Mr. Paszkowski
- Bill 271 Landlord and Tenant Act Amendment Act Mr. Chivers
- Bill 272 An Act to Amend the Auditor General Act Mr. Chumir
- Bill 273 Miscellaneous Maintenance Statutes Amendment Act Ms M. Laing
- Bill 275 An Act to Amend the Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped Act Ms Mjolsness
- Bill 277 Unfair Contract Terms Act Mr. Chivers
- Bill 278 Decommissioning of Industrial Sites Act Mr. Mitchell
- Bill 279 Interest Charge Review Board Act Mr. Chivers
- Bill 280 An Act to Amend the Employment Standards Code Mr. Decore
- Bill 281 An Act to Amend the Hail and Crop Insurance Act Mr. Paszkowski
- Bill 282 Alberta Youth Conservation Corps Act Mrs. Gagnon
- Bill 283 An Act to Amend the Alberta Income Tax Act Mr. Wickman
- Bill 284 Alberta Seniors Advisory Council Act Mr. Martin
- Bill 285 An Act to Amend the Dairy Board Act Mr. Taylor
- Bill 286 Environmental Ombudsman Act Mr. Mitchell
- Bill 287 An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Accident Claims Act Mr. Nelson
- Bill 288 Miscellaneous Statutes on Marital Status Amendment Act Ms M. Laing
- Bill 289 Judicature Act Amendment Act Mr. Chivers
- Bill 290 Quality Child Day Care Training and Standards Act Ms Mjolsness
- Bill 292 Natural Gas Tax Rebate for Alfalfa Pelletizing Act Mr. Paszkowski
- Bill 293 Alberta Economic Diversification Board Act Mr. Bruseker
- Bill 294 Water Transfer Control Act Mr. Taylor
- Bill 295 An Act to Include Midwifery as a Profession Under the Health Disciplines Act Mrs. Hewes
- Bill 296 Arts Council Act Mrs. Gagnon
- Bill 298 Public Service Pay Equity Act Mr. Decore
- Bill 299 An Act to Amend the Co-operatives Associations Act Mr. Mitchell
- Bill 300 Institute of Health Care Ethics Act Mr. Martin
- Bill 302 Non-Smokers Health Act Mr. Chumir

- Bill 303 An Act to Amend the School Act Mrs. Gagnon
- Bill 304 An Act to Amend the Amusements Act Mr. McInnis
- Bill 306 An Act to Amend the Alberta Health Care Insurance Act Mr. Decore
- Bill 307 An Act to Amend the Builders' Lien Act Mr. Taylor
- Bill 308 An Act to Commit the Government to a Five-Year Funding Planning Framework Mr. Wickman
- Bill 309 An Act to Amend the Guarantees Acknowledgment Act Mr. Nelson
- Bill 310 Hate Documentation Act Mr. Hawkesworth
- Bill 311 Election Act Amendment Act Mr. Chivers
- Bill 312 An Act to Amend the Liquor Control Act Mr. Shrake
- Bill 313 An Act to Amend the Hail and Crop Insurance Act Mr. Taylor

Motions for Returns

383. Ms M. Laing to propose the following motion:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing: The report by Phil Jones of his investigation into Group 5 Edmonton Sexual Abuse Treatment Centre.

David J. Carter, Speaker

Title: Monday, May 13, 1991