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Province of Alberta**

No. 17

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Fourth Session

Twenty-Second Legislature

Friday, April 10, 1992

The Speaker took the Chair at 10:00 a.m.

ROUTINE

Reading and Receiving Petitions

On request by Mr. Jonson, Hon. Member for Ponoka-Rimbey, the following petition on behalf of all Government Members was read and received:

We, the undersigned, as professional staff members of various schools, urge the Legislative Assembly of Alberta to accord favourable consideration to the following resolution, adopted by teacher representatives at the Emergent Representative Assembly of the Alberta Teachers' Association on September 28, 1991:

Be it resolved, that the Alberta Teachers' Association return to negotiations with the Government with a view to concluding a new agreement in which;

- (a) teachers and the Government jointly contribute the full amount of all future service costs to the Teachers' Retirement Fund;
- (b) the Government assumes full responsibility for the total unfunded liability related to past service costs and adopts an acceptable plan for retiring that debt;
- (c) the Government amends the TRF Act to provide full cost-of-living adjustments to pensions; and
- (d) the other changes incorporated in the May 4, 1991, Memorandum of Understanding are retained.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 291 Planning Amendment Act – Mr. Gesell

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Johnston, Provincial Treasurer, pursuant to the Financial Administration Act, cF-9, s78(1), RSA 1980:

Public Accounts, 1990-91

Sessional Paper 98/92

Supplementary Information to the Public Accounts, 1990-91, Details of Expenditure by Payee

Sessional Paper 98A/92

Hon. Mr. Stewart, Minister of Technology, Research and Telecommunications, pursuant to the Alberta Educational Communications Corporation Act, cA-18, s12, RSA 1980 (c1, s11, 1981 Statutes):

Alberta Educational Communications Corporation, Annual Report 1990-91

Sessional Paper 130/92

Hon. Mr. Klein, Minister of the Environment:

Using Water Wisely, A Personal Guide to Water Conservation

Sessional Paper 876/92

Mr. Bogle, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Legislative Offices for the Third Session, pursuant to the Auditor General Act, cA-49, s19(4), RSA 1980:

Auditor General, Annual Report 1990-91

Sessional Paper 142/92

Oral Question Period

During Oral Question Period, Ms Mjolsness, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, filed the following:

Letter, dated April 8, 1992, from the Member to the Hon. Mr. Oldring, Minister of Family and Social Services

Sessional Paper 877/92

Statement by the Speaker

We have two items of a procedural nature which arose yesterday. The first, to inform the House that in accord with Standing Order 35, Written Question 284 as presented by the Member for Calgary-McKnight will be transferred to the Order Paper as a Motion for a Return.

Yesterday, an issue arose during the debate on Motion for Return number 239, as to whether the Minister of Energy should be required to table a certain paper to which he made reference. The Minister immediately provided a copy of the paper to the Chair.

The papers consisted of notes, made in point form, prepared for the Minister in anticipation of the issue under debate. These papers were compared with the text of the Minister's words as contained in the debate.

Upon consideration of the matter, the Chair has determined that the papers used by the Minister are not of the kind which are required to be filed. This is for two reasons:

- (1) The papers were clearly notes prepared specifically for use during the debate of the issue before the House. Beauchesne at paragraph 495, (1) and (3), and May at page 396, both refer to "a despatch or other state paper" as being placed on the Table. Notes of this kind are not state papers. Both Beauchesne and May state that the rule does not apply to "memoranda".
- (2) Beauchesne, paragraph 495(5), states that, to be cited, "a document must be quoted or specifically used to influence debate".

From the comparison with the Blues, it was clear that the Hon. Minister did not quote from his briefing notes. In order to specifically influence debate, the document would have to exert some force of authority of its own. These notes were not quoted nor do they have any force of authority of their own. They simply consist of the points the Minister wished to cover in his remarks.

The Chair acknowledges the cooperation of the Minister in promptly submitting his notes.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bills were reported:

Bill	2	Historical Resources Amendment Act, 1992 – Mr. Tannas
Bill	9	Nova Terms of Service Regulation Validation Act – Hon. Mr. Orman
Bill	10	Energy Resources Conservation Amendment Act, 1992 – Mr. Payne
Bill	11	Petroleum Marketing Amendment Act, 1992 – Mr. Payne
Bill	12	Natural Gas Marketing Amendment Act, 1992 – Hon. Mr. Orman
Bill	13	Agriculture Statutes Amendment Act, 1992 – Hon. Mr. Isley
Bill	16	Public Trustee Amendment Act, 1992 – Mr. Schumacher

Second Reading

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

Bill	15	Universities Foundations Amendment Act, 1992 – Hon. Mr. Gogo
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Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill	9	Nova Terms of Service Regulation Validation Act – Hon. Mr. Orman
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Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Stewart, Government House Leader, that it be called 1:00 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 12:59 p.m. until Monday, April 13, 1992, at 2:30 p.m.

Title: Friday, April 10, 1992