



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 21

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Fourth Session

Twenty-Second Legislature

Thursday, April 23, 1992

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

ROUTINE

Presenting Petitions

Mrs. Gagnon, Hon. Member for Calgary-McKnight, presented petitions from 16 teachers regarding a resolution of the Alberta Teachers' Association respecting the Teachers' Retirement Fund.

Mr. Jonson, Hon. Member for Ponoka-Rimbey, on behalf of the Hon. Member for Calgary-Montrose, presented petitions from 222 teachers regarding a resolution of the Alberta Teachers' Association respecting the Teachers' Retirement Fund.

Mr. Chivers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 31 Albertans concerned with issues surrounding Bench Insurance.

The photocopied petition was returned to the Member.

Notices of Motions

Mr. Chivers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, 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 immediately establish an independent commission to review and make recommendations with respect to remuneration and allowances for MLAs.

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 adjourn all normal business for ten sitting days in order to exclusively deal with the urgent and pressing matter of the accumulating provincial debt.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 235 Non-Degradation of Water Quality Act – Mr. Bruseker

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Getty, Premier:

Letter, dated April 16, 1992, from Hon. Dr. Carter, Chairman, Special Standing Committee on Members' Services to the Premier regarding the Capital Residence Allowance

Sessional Paper 883/92

Memorandum, dated April 16, 1992, from Hon. Dr. Carter to all Members of the Legislative Assembly regarding the Special Standing Committee on Members' Services

Sessional Paper 884/92

Letter, dated April 16, 1992, from the Premier to Hon. Dr. Carter, Chairman, Special Standing Committee on Members' Services regarding a meeting of the Members' Services Committee

Sessional Paper 885/92

Hon. Ms Betkowski, Minister of Health:

Answer to Written Question 207 asked by Mrs. Hewes on April 2, 1992:

What are the terms of reference, mandate and reporting schedule of the Department of Health's Working Committee on home care for special needs children?

Sessional Paper 207/92

Answer to Written Question 213 asked by Mrs. Hewes on April 2, 1992:

How many appeals have been heard under the Alberta Aids to Daily Living program, for the period April 1, 1991 to March 19, 1992? Of these appeals how many have been overturned during the same period?

Sessional Paper 213/92

Answer to Written Question 332 asked by Mrs. Hewes on April 7, 1992:

How much was paid by Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan for medical services rendered to Albertans outside of Canada, and of that total, what was the amount paid for each main classification of service or treatment for the 1985-86, 1986-87, 1987-88, 1988-89, 1989-90 and 1990-91 fiscal years?

Sessional Paper 332/92

Return to Order of the Assembly No. 223 asked by Mrs. Hewes on April 9, 1992:

A copy of all recommendations and reports developed by the working group of Alberta Health prior to March 18, 1992, examining the home care options for children with high needs.

Sessional Paper 223/92

Hon. Mr. Gogo, Minister of Advanced Education, pursuant to the Financial Administration Act, Universities Act cF-9, s2(6), RSA 1980:

Athabasca University, Annual Report and Financial Statements 1990-91

Sessional Paper 12/92

University of Calgary, Annual Report and Financial Statements 1990-91

Sessional Paper 12A/92

Hon. Mr. Gogo, Minister of Advanced Education, pursuant to the Financial Administration Act, Banff Centre Act, cF-9, s2(6), RSA 1980:

Banff Centre for Continuing Education, Annual Report and Financial Statements 1990-91

Sessional Paper 9/92

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

Managing Waste, The Cement Kiln Alternative, Portland Cement Association
Sessional Paper 886/92

The Cement Industry's Contribution to Canada's Green Plan, Canadian Portland Cement Association

Sessional Paper 887/92

Motions Under Standing Order 40

Mr. Chivers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly for consideration of the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly immediately establish an independent commission to review and make recommendations with respect to remuneration and allowances for MLAs.

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

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

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly adjourn all normal business for ten sitting days in order to exclusively deal with the urgent and pressing matter of the accumulating provincial debt.

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Questions were accepted:

163. (Mr. Mitchell)

When will the Regional Integrated Resource Plans for the Northeast and Peace River regions of the province be completed, and what is the timetable for drawing up sub-regional and local plans in the extensive forest areas in these regions for which no plans have yet been initiated?

355. (Mrs. Hewes)

How many Albertans have received home care services for the period April 1, 1990 to March 31, 1991 and from April 1, 1991 to March 31, 1992?

The following Written Questions were not accepted:

157. (Mr. Wickman)

- (1) How many Core Housing Incentive Program (CHIP) projects have not been able to service their debt?
- (2) Which CHIP projects have not been able to service their debt?
- (3) How many of these CHIP projects has the Government assumed?
- (4) How many CHIP projects have been foreclosed?

159. (Mr. Wickman)

How many units remain in the Core Housing Incentive Program and Modest Apartment Program portfolios as of December 31, 1991, and what percentage of these units, if any, will be reallocated to the rent supplement program?

164. (Mr. Mitchell)

What is the total revenue obtained from oil and gas exploration, extraction, and related activities on Crown land by those holding grazing leases, and how many leaseholders received such revenues for the fiscal years 1988-89, 1989-90, and 1990-91?

165. (Mr. Mitchell)

What cost-benefit studies has the Government carried out into the operation of pulp mills in Alberta and specifically into the operation of mills at Peace River (Daishowa); Whitecourt (Millar Western and Alberta Newsprint); Slave Lake (Alberta Energy Co.); and the Athabasca River (Alberta-Pacific Forest Industries); and what were the conclusions of each study?

289. (Mr. Bruseker)

- (1) What are the terms and conditions of the \$962,000 in financing provided by the Department of Economic Development and Trade to FRE Pultrusions Inc. for the 1991-92 fiscal year?
- (2) What financial assistance has been provided to this company by the Government previously and on what terms and conditions?

349. (Mr. Mitchell)

- (1) How much did the Government spend on public opinion polling during the 1988-89, 1989-90, and 1990-91 fiscal years;
- (2) How much did each Government department spend on public opinion polling during the 1988-89, 1989-90, and 1990-91 fiscal years; and
- (3) What is the breakdown paid to individual companies?

350. (Mrs. Hewes)

How many pieces of written correspondence were received by the Premier's Office and the Solicitor General's Office regarding the appointment of Stephen West as Solicitor General of Alberta from February 21, 1992 to March 27, 1992?

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

146, 150, 158, 160, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 206, 208, 209, 210, 214, 215, 216, 218, 279, 280, 285, 287, 288, 290, 291, 313, 314, 315, 334, 337, 338, 348, 351, 352, 354.

Motions for Returns

The following motion was defeated:

186. Moved by Mr. McEachern:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all agreements between the Government and Northern Steel Inc. or its directors and shareholders covering the provision of loan guarantees to that company and the Government's decision to acquire a majority of the company's common shares.

Debate adjourned on the following motion:

187. Moved by Mr. McEachern:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of the audited financial statements of Magnesium Company of Canada Ltd. for the fiscal years 1990 and 1991.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(3), debate adjourned with Hon. Mr. Elzinga speaking.

The following motions were not taken up:

188. Mr. McEachern to propose the following motion:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all studies, reports and analyses done by or on behalf of the Government prior to deciding to provide a \$103 million loan guarantee to the Magnesium Company of Canada Ltd., including those done on the viability of the magnesium production process employed in the High River facility.

189. Mr. McEachern to propose the following motion:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all studies, reports, and analyses on the economic viability of the High River magnesium plant prepared by external government advisors subsequent to the Government's April 11, 1991 takeover of Magnesium Company of Canada Ltd.'s High River facility.

225. Mr. McEachern to propose the following motion:

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

- (1) details of the \$177,313,000 in investments, grants, loans and loan guarantees provided to Alberta projects under Special/Extraordinary Proposals specified on page 12 of the Department of Economic Development and Trade's 1989-90 Annual Report, including the identity of each recipient, the amount advanced, and the terms and conditions thereof;
- (2) data requested in point (1) above for similar expenditures noted in the 1990-91 annual report.

226. Mr. Hawkesworth to propose the following motion:

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

- (1) all agreements and loan guarantees between the Government, Alberta Natural Gas Company Ltd. and Magnesium International (Canada) Ltd. respecting the Magnesium Company of Canada;
- (2) all studies respecting the commercial viability of the company's magnesium production technology, upon which the Government based its decision to offer financial assistance;
- (3) all personal, historical, and credit investigations the Government conducted respecting Magnesium International (Canada) Ltd., the Magnesium Company of Canada and Mr. Dee Osborne.

274. Mr. Decore to propose the following motion:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Any and all agreements, including all loan agreements, between the Government, Alberta Natural Gas Company Ltd. and Magnesium International (Canada) Ltd. concerning the Magnesium Company of Canada.

299. 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.

344. Mr. Bruseker to propose the following motion:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copy of any and all agreements between the Government and the major shareholders of Northern Steel Inc. from January 1, 1987 to June 12, 1989.

The following motions were ordered to stand:

184, 185, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 219, 221, 222, 224, 227, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 275, 276, 277, 278, 284, 292, 293, 294, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 335, 336, 340, 341, 342, 343, 345, 346, 347, 353.

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 204 Dangerous Dogs Amendment Act – Mr. Moore

A debate followed.

Mrs. B. Laing moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Gogo, Deputy Government House Leader, at 5:27 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.

THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 1992 – 8:00 P.M.

Committee of Supply

(Day 1 of Main Estimates Consideration)

(Assembly in Committee)

And after sometime spent therein, the Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Jonson reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the Department of Advanced Education, reports progress thereon, and requests leave to sit again.

The question being put, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Gogo, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:05 p.m. until Friday, April 24, 1992, at 10:00 a.m.

Title: Thursday, April 23, 1992