



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 36

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Fourth Session

Twenty-Second Legislature

Thursday, May 14, 1992

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

ROUTINE

Notices of Motions

Mrs. B. Laing, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow, gave oral notice of her intention to move the following motion under Standing Order 40 on Orders of the Day:

Be it resolved that, recognizing the devastating effects of child sexual abuse, the Legislative Assembly show its support for the "Break the Cycle" tour which began today in St. John's Newfoundland.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Elzinga, Minister of Economic Development and Trade:

Toward 2000 Together, "Premier's Conference on Alberta's Economic Future Announced", May 14, 1992, News Release

Sessional Paper 922/92

Toward 2000 Together, "Roundtables on the Future of the Alberta Economy: A Continuing Journey, May 1992," Summary Report

Sessional Paper 923/92

Toward 2000 Together, "What Albertans Are Saying About Our Economic Future, May 1992," Summary Report

Sessional Paper 924/92

Hon. Mr. Horsman, Minister of Federal and Intergovernmental Affairs:

Rebalancing Federal-Provincial Spending Responsibilities, Improving Efficiency and Accountability, Government of Alberta

Sessional Paper 925/92

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

Letter, dated May 14, 1992, from the Member to Hon. Dr. Carter, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, regarding the Members' Services Committee meeting of May 13, 1992

Sessional Paper 926/92

Oral Question Period

During Oral Question Period, Mr. Wickman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud, filed the following:

Memorandum, dated April 8, 1992, from Radiation Services to Policy and Professional Services regarding proposed fee for services

Sessional Paper 927/92

Privilege

The Speaker made the following ruling:

On May 11, the Hon. Minister of Public Works, Supply and Services raised a matter of privilege, in accordance with Standing Order 15, relating to comments made by the Member for Westlock-Sturgeon on Thursday May 7 and Friday May 8. The comments made by the Member for Westlock-Sturgeon alleged a certain conduct on the part of the Minister with regard to the acceptance of employment applications on behalf of a private employer through the Minister's constituency office in Barrhead.

The Minister objected strongly to the allegations as being untrue, and filed with the Assembly a statutory declaration completed by a member of his staff to support his rejection of the version of events as presented by the Member for Westlock-Sturgeon.

On May 12, the Member for Westlock-Sturgeon agreed to accept the Minister's version of the events as true. The Chair notes that Westlock-Sturgeon correctly acknowledged that the word of other Hon. Members must be accepted, and the Chair would remind Members that this also places a strict duty on all Members to ensure the veracity of their statements.

In consideration of this ruling the Chair would like to again remind all Hon. Members of two specific sections of Beauchesne's, 409 (7):

a question must adhere to the proprieties of the House, in terms of inferences, imputing motives or casting aspersions upon persons within the House or out of it.

Beauchesne's, 486 (1):

it is impossible to lay down any specific rules in regard to injurious reflections uttered in debate against particular Members, or to declare beforehand what expressions are or are not contrary to order; much depends upon the tone and manner, and intention, of the person speaking; sometimes upon the person to whom the words are addressed, as, whether that person is a public officer, or a private Member not in office, or whether the words are meant to be applied to public conduct or to private character; and sometimes upon the degree of provocation, which the Member speaking had received from the person alluded to; and all these considerations must be attended to at the moment, as they are infinitely various and cannot possibly be foreseen in such a manner that precise rules can be adopted with respect to them.

Erskine May also provides all Hon. Members with further guidance. As stated on page 287:

questions which seek an expression of an opinion, or which contain arguments, expressions of opinion, inferences or imputations, unnecessary epithets, or rhetorical, controversial, ironical or offensive expressions, are not in order.

And as stated on page 380:

good temper and moderation are the characteristics of parliamentary language.

As there seems to be acceptance on the part of both Members with regard to the Minister's account of the facts, the Chair finds that no prima facie case of breach of privilege has taken place.

Motions Under Standing Order 40

Mrs. B. Laing, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly for consideration of the following motion:

Be it resolved that, recognizing the devastating effects of child sexual abuse, the Legislative Assembly show its support for the "Break the Cycle" tour which began today in St. John's Newfoundland.

A debate followed.

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

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

146, 170, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 181, 183, 206, 208, 209, 210, 214, 215, 216, 218, 280, 285, 287, 288, 290, 291, 313, 314, 315, 334, 337, 338, 348, 354, 358.

Motions for Returns

The following motions were ordered to stand:

184, 185, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 204, 219, 221, 224, 227, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 245, 246, 247, 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, 292, 293, 294, 299, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 329, 330, 335, 336, 340, 341, 342, 343, 345, 346, 347, 353, 356, 357, 362, 363, 364, 365.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

212. Moved by Mr. McEachern:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to take action to fight rising unemployment by: enhancing partnerships with municipalities by providing funding assistance for local infrastructure improvements that are necessary for economic development and environmental protection; by placing emphasis not only on trade expansion and on replacing imports with competitively priced Alberta-produced goods and services; establishing a community bonds program designed to encourage local investors to help finance regional economic revitalization; and encouraging worker ownership and worker-sponsored investment funds.

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(3), debate adjourned, Mr. Cardinal speaking.

**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 207 Tobacco Control Act – Mr. Schumacher

A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Anderson, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:30 until 8:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, MAY 14, 1992 – 8:00 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

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

Bill 20 Alberta Local Employment Transfer Act – Hon. Mr. Fowler

A debate followed.

During debate, Mr. Wickman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud, filed the following:

Special Memorandum to Mayors and Councils, April 14, 1992, "Not A
Municipal Windfall," Alberta Urban Municipalities Association

Sessional Paper 928/92

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

For the motion: 34

Ady	Gesell	Musgrove
Bogle	Hyland	Nelson
Calahasen	Jonson	Paszkowski
Cardinal	Klein	Schumacher
Cherry	Laing (Calgary-Bow)	Severtson
Clegg	Lund	Shrake
Day	Main	Stewart
Drobot	McClellan	Tannas
Elliott	McCoy	Thurber
Elzinga	McFarland	West
Fischer	Moore	Zarusky
Fowler		

Against the motion: 8

Chivers	Hawkesworth	Sigurdson
Ewasiuk	Pashak	Wickman
Fox	Roberts	

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 20 Alberta Local Employment Transfer Act – Hon. Mr. Fowler

Committee of Supply

(Day 15 of Main Estimates Consideration)

(Assembly in Committee)

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

During consideration of certain resolutions of the Department of Municipal Affairs, Mr. Wickman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud, filed the following:

Other Budget Highlights, Alberta Urban Municipalities Association
Sessional Paper 929/92

And after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Schumacher reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

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

Resolved that a sum not exceeding the following be granted to Her Majesty for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1993, for the Department and purposes indicated:

Municipal Affairs

\$	15,168,200	Departmental Support Services
	159,531,500	Financial Support for Municipal Programs
	126,404,400	Alberta Property Tax Reduction Plan - Rebates to Individuals
	10,027,700	Support to Community Planning Services
	19,417,800	Administrative and Technical Support to Municipalities
	1,970,400	Regulatory Boards
	77,257,900	Administration of Housing Programs
	<u>104,400,000</u>	Housing and Mortgage Assistance for Albertans
	514,177,900	

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Main, Acting Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:22 p.m. until Friday, May 15, 1992, at 10:00 a.m.

Title: Thursday, May 14, 1992