

# Legislative Assembly Province of Alberta

No. 40

## **VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

**Fourth Session** 

Twenty-Second Legislature

Thursday, May 21, 1992

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

## **ROUTINE**

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

Upon recommendation of His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, and notice having been given:

Bill 27 Fisheries (Alberta) Act – Hon. Mr. Fjordbotten

Notice having been given:

Bill	274	Ambulance Services Amendment Act – Mrs. Hewes
Bill	290	Individual's Rights Protection Amendment Act (No. 2) – Mrs. Hewes
Bill	292	Alberta Health Care Insurance Amendment Act – Mrs. Hewes
Bill	288	Alberta Health Care Insurance Amendment Act (No. 2) – Mr. Decore

#### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Hon. Mr. Oldring, Minister of Family and Social Services, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52, 1983 Statutes:

Family and Social Services, Annual Report 1990-91

Sessional Paper 59/92

Hon. Mr. Oldring, Minister of Family and Social Services, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Stewart, Minister of Technology, Research and Telecommunications:

News releases from Technology, Research and Telecommunications; Northern Telecom; and NovAtel Communications Ltd., background information to Northern Telecom in Alberta and a Profile for Telexel Holding Ltd.

Sessional Paper 933/92

Hon. Mr. Getty, Premier:

Letter, dated May 21, 1992, from the Premier to Mr. Salmon, Auditor General of the Province of Alberta, regarding a review of the financial affairs of NovAtel Communications Ltd.

Sessional Paper 934/92

#### **Ministerial Statements**

Hon. Mr. Sparrow, Minister of Tourism, Parks and Recreation announced that the national celebration of Active Living begins on May 22, 1992 and that May 22 to 31, 1992 is Canada's official Fitweek.

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

#### **Statement by the Speaker**

At the end of yesterday afternoon a series of events out of the ordinary occurred. First, no concluding remarks were made by the Minister whose estimates were being discussed. Events were moving at a fast pace within a very short time frame. The vote was begun on an item-by-item, or element, basis rather than on a vote-by-vote basis, therefore consuming more time than usual. An intervention by the Deputy Government House Leader to stop the clock was attempted. However, a Committee of the House does not have such power. The Chairman of that Committee attempted to return to the generally approved format of a vote-by-vote basis for votes 3, 4, and 5. The Committee agreed. However, a point of order was raised, which cannot be dealt with until the proceeding is completed. A further attempt to stop the clock was made. Procedurally, it was still not acceptable. The Deputy Chairman of Committees then continued the vote. The estimates were moved to be reported, and that was carried.

The Speaker then entered the House at approximately 5:37 p.m., well after the normal Wednesday adjournment hour of 5:30. The Deputy Chairman of Committees was recognized to make the Committee report, and then the Chair refused to put the motion in order to hear a point of order that was raised by the Member for Vegreville. The Chair pointed out Beauchesne 822:

Procedural difficulties which arise in committees ought to be settled in the committee and not in the House.

The Chair could not put the question since the time was well past the Standing Order requirement of Wednesday's adjournment, and therefore the House adjourned at 5:42 p.m.

The Chair admonished the House, the Government Bench, and the Deputy Government House Leader. The Chair now apologizes to the Government Bench and the Deputy Government House Leader as the procedural difficulty arose in the Committee of Supply and not in the House.

The Chair also points out that with no doubt, this is not likely to occur in the future on either a Wednesday or on a Friday.

### ORDERS OF THE DAY

#### **Written Questions**

The following Written Questions were accepted:

#### 338. (Mr. Mitchell)

- (1) How much money has the Government loaned and granted to Lakeside Farm Industries Ltd. (or other names under which the company has operated) for each of the last 25 years, giving a breakdown of each division, if available?
- (2) What was the debt outstanding to the Government as of January 1, 1992, for each of the companies and divisions involved?

#### **358.** (Mr. Pashak)

What is the annual amount of revenues foregone by the Province due to the permission of sales of alcoholic beverages through non-Government outlets such as private cold beer stores and wine shops or boutiques?

The following Written Question was not accepted:

#### **354.** (Mr. Taylor)

What was the current annual salary and what was the severance payment given to each of the top five executive members of Alberta Terminals Ltd. when the company was sold to Cargill Grain Company Ltd. in 1991?

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, 348, 366.

#### **Motions for Returns**

The following motions were defeated:

#### **301.** Moved by Mrs. Hewes:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing: A listing of all Alberta day cares that have been cited for Section 7 infractions of the day care regulations for the period April 1, 1990 to March 20, 1992.

#### **302.** Moved by Mrs. Hewes:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing: A copy of the provincial enforcement system for day care regulations developed by the Department of Family and Social Services corporate office.

A debate followed.

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

For the motion: 13

Bruseker Laing (Edmonton-Avonmore) Sigurdson Chivers Martin Taylor Ewasiuk Mjolsness Wickman Hawkesworth Pashak Woloshyn

Hewes

#### Against the motion: 37

Hyland Musgrove Adair Ady Isley Nelson Betkowski Johnston Oldring Bogle Jonson Paszkowski Brassard Klein Payne Cardinal Kowalski Schumacher Clegg Laing (Calgary-Bow) Severtson Elliott McClellan Shrake **Tannas** Elzinga McCoy Evans McFarland Thurber Fischer Mirosh Trynchy Zarusky Gesell Moore Gogo

#### Gogo

#### **335.** Moved Mrs. Hewes:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing: A copy of every report or study on the issue of caseloads for all services offered by the Department of Social Services; and the Department of Family and Social Services from April 1, 1985 to December 31, 1991.

The following motion was not taken up:

#### **336.** Mrs. Hewes to propose the following motion:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing: Every study made by or for the Government since April 1, 1988 until March 25, 1992, on salary levels of employees working in any of the voluntary human service sectors.

#### 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, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 329, 330, 340, 341, 342, 343, 345, 346, 347, 353, 356, 357, 362, 363, 364, 365, 367.

## 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 208 Aboriginal Justice Act – Mr. Taylor

A debate followed.

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

#### Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Gogo, 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.

THURSDAY, MAY 21, 1992 – 8:00 P.M.

#### **Committee of Supply**

(Day 19 of Main Estimates Consideration)

(Assembly in Committee)

During consideration of certain resolutions of the Department of Energy, Hon. Mr. Orman, Minister of Energy, filed the following:

News Release, April 16, 1992, "Energy Minister Rick Orman to Head Trade Mission of Alberta Oil and Gas Companies to Middle East"

Sessional Paper 935/92

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 of the Department of Energy, 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. Anderson, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:06 p.m. until Friday, May 22, 1992, at 10:00 a.m.

Title: Thursday, May 21, 1992