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Province of Alberta**

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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Thursday, July 2, 1992

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

ROUTINE

Presenting Petitions

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, presented a petition from university students urging the Government reverse the policy which allows universities to charge visa student differential fees.

Mrs. Hewes, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from 32 Albertans urging the Government of Alberta to provide flexibility in how the upper limit of home care is applied and also provide an appeal process for recipients.

Notices of Motions

Mr. McInnis, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Jasper Place, gave oral notice of his intention to move the following motion under Standing Order 40 on Orders of the Day:

Be it resolved that this Assembly urge the Government to refuse further funding for the Focus on Forests program and the education forestry tours sponsored by groups such as the Alberta Forest Products Association, until such time as these programs are put under the control of professional educators to prepare a balanced view of the role and purpose of the forest as well as the forest industry.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

- Bill 51 Municipal Government Act – Mr. Clegg
Bill 52 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 1992 – Hon. Mr. Rostad
Bill 327 Arts Board and Arts Council Act – Ms Barrett
Bill 329 Dog Owners' Liability Act – Mr. Wickman
Bill 336 Local Authorities Election Amendment Act, 1992 – Mr. Fox

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

- Bill 51 Municipal Government Act – Mr. Clegg

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Oldring, Hon. Minister of Family and Social Services:

Answer to Written Question 206 asked by Mrs. Hewes on June 9, 1992:

What are the current standards for licensed group homes?

Sessional Paper 206/92

Answer to Written Question 208 asked by Mrs. Hewes on June 9, 1992:

Of the 27 recommendations in Dr. Thomlinson's Case Management Review report, what is the status in terms of implementation of each of these recommendations?

Sessional Paper 208/92

Answer to Written Question 209 asked by Mrs. Hewes on June 9, 1992:

Who are the companies who have been contracted with Family and Social Services to provide training under the Support For Independence program and how much money have each of the companies received?

Sessional Paper 209/92

Answer to Written Question 210 asked by Mrs. Hewes on June 9, 1992:

How many appeals have there been for the period April 1, 1990 to February 29, 1992, for after school care for special needs children under the Handicapped Children's Services and how many of these appeals have been won and how many lost?

Sessional Paper 210/92

Answer to Written Question 214 asked by Mrs. Hewes on June 9, 1992:

Of the \$148 million issued under Special Warrants for the Support for Independence program, how much was spent on recipients and on administration costs up until March 19, 1992?

Sessional Paper 214/92

Answer to Written Question 216 asked by Mrs. Hewes on June 9, 1992:

Of the approximate 2,300 children who are currently placed in foster care, what is the number of prior placements that each of these children have experienced while under the guardianship of the Government?

Sessional Paper 216/92

Response to Motion No. 219 asked for by Mrs. Hewes:

A list of the recommendations from the Interdepartmental Committee on Family Violence

Sessional Paper 1004/92

Answer to Written Question 280 asked by Mrs. Hewes on June 9, 1992:

How many participants in the Support for Independence Program have completed the required training program but have been unable to find employment and have subsequently had their file closed?

Sessional Paper 280/92

Answer to Written Question 314 asked by Mrs. Hewes on June 9, 1992:

- (1) What was the cost in terms of manpower to the Department of Family and Social Services to plan the recentralization of regional offices to Edmonton?
- (2) How many positions will be relocated as a result of this recentralization?

Sessional Paper 314/92

Hon. Mr. Sparrow, Minister of Tourism, Parks and Recreation:

Tourism Industry Association of Alberta, Community Tourism Action Program Approved Projects

Sessional Paper 1005/92

Hon. Mr. Stewart, Government House Leader:

Responses to questions raised during Committee of Supply consideration of the estimates of the General Revenue Fund, the Capital Fund, and the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, Capital Projects Division

Sessional Paper 1006/92

Hon. Dr. West, Solicitor General:

Answer to Written Question 358 asked by Mr. Pashak on May 21, 1992:

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?

Sessional Paper 358/92

Hon. Mr. Fowler, Minister of Municipal Affairs:

White Paper for the Property Assessment Act, June 1992

Sessional Paper 663/92

Discussion Guide, A New Municipal Government Act for Albertans, Bill 52, 1992

Sessional Paper 664/92

Hon. Mr. Gogo, Minister of Advanced Education, pursuant to the Alberta Heritage Scholarship Act, cA-27.1, s5(2), 1981 Statutes:

Alberta Heritage Scholarship Fund, Annual Report 1990-91

Sessional Paper 8/92

Hon. Mr. Gogo, Minister of Advanced Education, pursuant to the Students Finance Act, cS-24, s5(2), RSA 1980:

Students Finance Board, Annual Report 1991

Sessional Paper 14/92

Mrs. Mirosch, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore, pursuant to the Chartered Accountants Act, cC-5.1, s9(2), 1987 Statutes:

Institute of Chartered Accountants of Alberta, Annual Report 1992

Sessional Paper 126A/92

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

Two Notices of Questions asking the Government for information on the Friends of Environmental Education Society of Alberta and the Alberta Forestry Association

Sessional Paper 1007/92

Mr. Chivers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Tour Summary - Edmonton Institution, Wednesday, June 24, 1992

Sessional Paper 1008/92

Oral Question Period

During Oral Question Period, Mr. Hawkesworth, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, filed the following:

Statement of claim between Gainers Inc., Gainers Properties Inc., Her Majesty the Queen in Right of the Province of Alberta as represented by the Provincial Treasurer of Alberta and 369413 Alberta Ltd. (Plaintiffs) and Peter H. Pocklington, Pocklington Financial Corporation, Pocklington Holdings Inc., Pocklington Foods Inc., Edmonton Oilers Hockey Corp., Pocklington U.S. Inc., Pocklington Corp. Inc., Kretschmar Foods Inc., Hongkong Bank of Canada, C. Douglas Horrey, Robert V. Lloyd, David Rattee, Donald Cameron, Vince Keyes, Grant Naylor, David Charnok, Roger King, John Jefferson, and John Doe (Defendants)

Sessional Paper 1009/92

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

Letter, dated July 2, 1992, from Marta Sherk, Barrister and Solicitor, Office of the City Solicitor (Edmonton), to Jack Davis, Deputy Minister, Alberta Municipal Affairs, regarding Municipal Statutes Amendment Act, 1992, Bill 43

Sessional Paper 1010/92

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Gogo, Minister of Advanced Education, announced the results of the review of the Alberta Heritage Scholarship Fund.

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

Hon. Mr. Fowler, Minister of Municipal Affairs, commented on major reforms to the assessment and property taxation system as proposed in the White Paper for the Property Assessment Act and the provisions of the proposed Municipal Government Act.

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

Motions Under Standing Order 40

Mr. McInnis, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Jasper Place, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly for consideration of the following motion:

Be it resolved that this Assembly urge the Government to refuse further funding for the Focus on Forests program and the education forestry tours sponsored by groups such as the Alberta Forest Products Association, until such time as these programs are put under the control of professional educators to prepare a balanced view of the role and purpose of the forest as well as the forest industry.

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, moved that Bill 213, Labour Relations Code Amendment Act, stand and retain its place on the Order Paper.

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

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

170, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 287, 290, 291, 313, 315, 348, 369, 373.

Motions for Returns

The following motion was agreed to:

221. Moved by Mrs. Hewes:

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

A copy of the Government's responses to the recommendations contained in the "Claiming My Future" report.

The following motions were defeated:

197. Moved by Mr. McInnis:

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

Copies of agreements covering a \$660 million (U.S.) first mortgage project loan among Crestbrook Forest Industries Ltd., MC Forest Investment Inc., Kanzaki Paper Canada Inc., Al-Pac, and a syndicate of banks.

232. Moved by Mr Wickman on behalf of Mr. Mitchell:

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

Copies of all documents and correspondence exchanged by the Federal Government and the Government regarding the implementation and administration of the flat rate tax.

304. Moved by Mr. Wickman on behalf of Mr. Bruseker:

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

A detailed breakdown of all grants under the Team Tourism program indicating the names of the recipients, total value of each grant, purpose of each grant and total amount funds delivered under the program since its inception in March 1988 to December 31, 1991.

336. Moved by Mrs. Hewes:

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, 195, 196, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 204, 219, 227, 231, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 245, 246, 247, 249, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 275, 276, 277, 278, 292, 294, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 329, 330, 340, 341, 343, 345, 346, 357, 362, 363, 364, 365, 367, 370, 371, 372, 374, 375, 376.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

223. Moved by Mr. Hawkesworth:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to restructure Alberta's tax system to make it more fair, progressive, and open and that these changes should include: requiring profitable corporations and the wealthy to pay their fair share of taxes; fully reporting the annual amount of unreported provincial corporate tax expenditures, as recommended by the Auditor General; thoroughly reviewing the value of all provincial corporate tax expenditures and eliminating those which only serve to allow tax avoidance; replacing the regressive flat tax and ineffectual high income surtax with a fair and progressive graduated income surtax that would see taxpayers who earn more pay a greater percentage of their income as tax than lower income earners; and establishing an income-based, child tax credit to offset the disproportionate impact of the Goods and Services Tax.

A debate followed.

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

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 214 Municipal Taxation Amendment Act – Mr. Mitchell

A debate followed.

Mr. Wickman moved adjournment of the debate, which was not agreed to.

Debate continued on the motion.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Anderson, Deputy Government House Leader, at 5:29 p.m., it was agreed that when Members reconvened at 8:00 p.m. they would be in Committee of the Whole, and the Speaker left the Chair.

THURSDAY, JULY 2, 1992 – 8:00 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker assumed the Chair.

Mr. Jonson reported progress on some matters before the Committee of the Whole.

Hon. Mr. Gogo, Deputy Government House Leader, requested and received unanimous consent of the Assembly to move Bill 52, Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 1992, through Second Reading this date.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 52 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 1992 – Hon. Mr. Rostad

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

Hon. Mr. Gogo, Deputy Government House Leader, moved that the Assembly resolve 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 31 Employment Pension Plans Amendment Act, 1992 – Mrs. Black
- Bill 37 Financial Administration Amendment Act, 1992 – Hon. Mr. Johnston
- Bill 46 Pension Statutes Amendment and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1992 – Hon. Mr. Johnston
- Bill 48 Teachers' Retirement Fund Amendment Act, 1992 – Hon. Mr. Dinning
- Bill 50 Professional Statutes Amendment Act, 1992 – Mrs. Mirosch
- Bill 52 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 1992 – Hon. Mr. Rostad

The following Bills were reported with some amendments:

- Bill 21 Election Statutes Amendment Act, 1992 – Mr. Bradley
- Bill 40 Cancer Programs Amendment Act, 1992 – Mrs. B. Laing
- Bill 43 Municipal Statutes Amendment Act, 1992 – Mr. Lund

Ordered, That the report be received and concurred in.

Mr. Jonson, Deputy Chairman of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by the Committee of the Whole this date.

Amendment to Bill 43 (Hon. Member for Rocky Mountain House) Agreed to
Sessional Paper 665/92

Amendments to Bill 21 (Hon. Member for Pincher Creek-Crowsnest) Agreed to
Sessional Paper 666/92

Amendment to Bill 21 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Avonmore) Defeated
Sessional Paper 667/92

Amendment to Bill 21 (Hon. Member for Westlock-Sturgeon) Defeated
Sessional Paper 668/92

Amendment to Bill 21 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly) Defeated
Sessional Paper 669/92

Amendment to Bill 21 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands on behalf of
Hon. Member for Edmonton-Belmont) Defeated
Sessional Paper 670/92

Amendment to Bill 40 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow) Agreed to
Sessional Paper 671/92

Amendment to Bill 40 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud on behalf of
Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar) Defeated
Sessional Paper 672/92

Third Reading

Hon. Mr. Anderson, Deputy Government House Leader, requested and received unanimous consent of the Assembly to move Bill 52, Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 1992, through Third Reading this date.

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill	21	Election Statutes Amendment Act, 1992 – Mr. Bradley
Bill	30	Department of Tourism, Parks and Recreation Act – Hon. Mr. Sparrow
Bill	31	Employment Pension Plans Amendment Act, 1992 – Mrs. Black
Bill	35	Lottery Fund Transfer Act, 1992 – Hon. Mr. Johnston
Bill	36	Spending Control Act – Hon. Mr. Johnston
Bill	37	Financial Administration Amendment Act, 1992 – Hon. Mr. Johnston
Bill	40	Cancer Programs Amendment Act, 1992 – Mrs. B. Laing
Bill	42	Motor Transport Act – Hon. Mr. Adair
Bill	43	Municipal Statutes Amendment Act, 1992 – Mr. Lund
Bill	46	Pension Statutes Amendment and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1992 – Hon. Mr. Johnston
Bill	48	Teachers' Retirement Fund Amendment Act, 1992 – Hon. Mr. Dinning
Bill	50	Professional Statutes Amendment Act, 1992 – Mrs. Mirosh
Bill	52	Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 1992 – Hon. Mr. Rostad

Government Motions

24. Moved by Hon. Mr. Anderson:

Be it resolved that

- (1) A Select Special Committee on Electoral Boundaries be established consisting of 7 Members of the Assembly, 4 Members appointed by the Government caucus, one which shall be the chairman and another shall be vice-chairman, 2 Members appointed by the caucus of the Official Opposition and 1 Member appointed by the caucus of the Liberal Opposition.
- (2) If either Opposition caucus does not appoint its Members to the Select Special Committee before its first meeting, such Members may be appointed by the other Opposition caucus.
- (3) The Select Special Committee is charged with making recommendations to the Assembly for the establishment of new electoral boundaries in the province taking into consideration:

- (a) the May 1992 final report, including the individual reports of each member of the Electoral Boundaries Commission,
 - (b) any legislation, legal decisions, and historic and current practices of Alberta or other Canadian jurisdictions relating to the distribution of constituencies and their boundaries, including the Charter of Rights and Freedoms,
 - (c) any geographic, demographic, community interests and other factors that should be considered in the distribution of constituencies and the determination of their boundaries using 1991 census data,
 - (d) the impact of the determination of constituency boundaries on the ability of Members of the Legislative Assembly to fully discharge their duties to their constituents,
 - (e) any information or evidence, obtained within the province relevant to any other factors that the Select Special Committee reasonably considers essential to the discharge of its duties.
- (4) The Select Special Committee may make long-term recommendations with respect to the process of determining electoral boundaries including the establishment of commissions, committees or other bodies and the mandates of those commissions, committees or other bodies.
 - (5) Reasonable disbursements by the Select Special Committee for staff assistance, equipment and supplies, public information needs, rent, travel, and other expenditures necessary for the effective conduct of its responsibilities shall be paid, subject to the approval of the Chairman.
 - (6) In carrying out its responsibilities, the Select Special Committee may, with the approval of the Speaker of the Assembly, utilize staff employed by the Legislative Assembly.
 - (7) The Chairman and members of the Select Special Committee shall be paid in accordance with the schedule of Category "A" Committees provided in Members' Services Committee Order 10/89.
 - (8) The Select Special Committee shall report by November 15, 1992 to the Assembly if it is then sitting, or if the Assembly is not then sitting, shall deposit a copy of its report with the Clerk of the Assembly and forward a copy of its report to each Member.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Gogo, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned in accordance with Government Motion No. 25 at 10:36 p.m.

Title: Thursday, July 2, 1992