



**Legislative Assembly  
Province of Alberta**

No. 64

## **VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

Fourth Session

Twenty-Second Legislature

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Monday, September 21, 1992

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

### **ROUTINE**

#### **Introduction of New Member**

The Speaker announced that he had received from the Chief Electoral Officer, pursuant to the Election Act, a report containing the results of the by-election conducted on July 21, 1992, which states that a by-election was conducted in the constituency of Calgary-Buffalo and the said report further shows that Mr. Robert Gary Dickson was duly elected as the Member for Calgary-Buffalo.

Mr. Dickson joined Mr. Decore, Hon. Leader of the Liberal Party, and Mrs. Hewes, Liberal House Leader, at the Bar and was then escorted to the Mace. Mr. Decore presented Mr. Dickson to the Speaker, and the Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo took his seat in the Assembly.

The Speaker offered a prayer and a moment of silence was observed in recognition of the deaths of former Members, Ed Gray and Neil Crawford.

Hon. Mr. Adair, Mr. Martin and Mr. Decore paid tribute to the late Mr. Crawford.

## **Presenting Petitions**

Mr. Doyle, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead, presented a petition from 4334 Edson and area residents concerned with the dumping of raw sewage into the McLeod River.

Mrs. Hewes, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from 3,004 Albertans concerned with the access to proper dental care for clefted children.

## **Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees**

Mr. Hyland, Hon. Member for Cypress-Redcliff, on behalf of Mr. Bogle, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Legislative Offices for the Fourth Session, pursuant to the Election Act, cE-2, s4(3), RSA 1980:

Report of the Chief Electoral Officer on the Calgary-Buffalo By-election held July 21, 1992

Sessional Paper 144A/92

## **Notices of Motions**

Hon. Mr. Getty, Premier, gave oral notice of his intention to move the following motion under Orders of the Day:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly of Alberta approves the text of the question to be asked of Albertans on the referendum, under the Referendum Act (Canada), which reads:

"Do you agree that the Constitution of Canada should be renewed on the basis of the agreement reached on August 28, 1992?"

Hon. Mr. Stewart, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of his intention to move the following motion under Orders of the Day:

Be it resolved that the Assembly waive Standing Order 8(2) to allow consideration of Government Business on Tuesday afternoon, September 22, 1992.

Hon. Mr. Horsman, Deputy Premier, gave oral notice of his intention to introduce the following Bill under Orders of the Day:

Bill 54 Constitutional Referendum Amendment Act, 1992 – Hon. Mr. Horsman

Hon. Mr. Horsman, Deputy Premier, gave oral notice of his intention to move the following motions under Orders of the Day:

Be it resolved that pursuant to Standing Order 73(2), Bill 54, the Constitutional Referendum Amendment Act, 1992, may be advanced two or more stages in one day.

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to Section 12 of the Constitutional Referendum Act, 1992, approves the substitution of a referendum to be held under the Referendum Act (Canada); and further, approves the question on the referendum, under the Referendum Act (Canada), which reads:

"Do you agree that the Constitution of Canada should be renewed on the basis of the agreement reached on August 28, 1992?"

Mr. Taylor, Hon. Member for Westlock-Sturgeon, gave oral notice of his intention to move, pursuant to Standing Order 30, that the Assembly adjourn to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, namely the assisting of Alberta farmers who have suffered as a consequence of the recent disastrous weather events.

## **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Hon. Mr. Stewart, Minister of Technology, Research and Telecommunications:

The Impact of NovAtel on the Alberta Economy, prepared for Technology, Research and Telecommunications by Wright Mansell Research Ltd., September 1992

Sessional Paper 1011/92

Hon. Ms Betkowski, Minister of Health, pursuant to the Financial Administration Act, cF-9, s2(6), RSA 1980:

Glenrose Rehabilitation Hospital, Financial Statements, March 31, 1992

Sessional Paper 67H/92

Charles Camsell Provincial General Hospital, Financial Statements, March 31, 1992

Sessional Paper 67I/92

Foothills Provincial General Hospital, Financial Statements, March 31, 1992

Sessional Paper 67J/92

Alberta Hospital Ponoka, Financial Statements, March 31, 1992

Sessional Paper 67K/92

Alberta Hospital Edmonton, Financial Statements, March 31, 1992

Sessional Paper 67L/92

Alberta Children's Provincial General Hospital, Financial Statements, March 31, 1992

Sessional Paper 67M/92

Hon. Ms Betkowski, Minister of Health, pursuant to the Financial Administration Act, Cancer Programs Act, cF-9, s2(6), RSA 1980:

Alberta Cancer Board Financial Statements, March 31, 1992

Sessional Paper 66B/92

Hon. Ms Betkowski, Minister of Health, pursuant to the Optometry Profession Act, cO-10, s6(4), 1983 Statutes:

Alberta Association of Optometrists, Annual Report 1991  
Sessional Paper 73A/92

Hon. Ms Betkowski, Minister of Health, pursuant to the Vital Statistics Act, cV-4, s38(2), RSA 1980:

Vital Statistics, Annual Report 1991  
Sessional Paper 78A/92

Hon. Ms Betkowski, Minister of Health:

Answer to Written Question 355 asked by Mrs. Hewes on April 23, 1992:

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.

Sessional Paper 355/92

Hon. Mr. Sparrow, Minister of Tourism, Parks and Recreation, pursuant to the Wilderness Areas, Ecological Reserves and Natural Areas Act, cW-8, s2(9), RSA 1980:

Advisory Committee on Wilderness Areas and Ecological Reserves, Annual Report 1991-1992

Sessional Paper 118A/92

Hon. Mr. Dinning, Minister of Education:

Backgrounder, Alberta Education documents and charts outlining the fiscal realities of education funding

Sessional Paper 1012/92

Mr. Bruseker, Hon. Member for Calgary-North West:

Photocopy of a United States District Court for the Eastern District of California Declaration, date stamped September 1992, of James E. Eggleston

Sessional Paper 1013/92

Hon. Dr. Carter, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act, cE-3, s3(2), RSA 1980:

The Chief Electoral Officer, Annual Report 1992

Sessional Paper 4A/92

Hon. Dr. Carter, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to Standing Order 111:

Letter, dated September 4, 1992, from Hon. Dr. Carter to Ron Mitchell, Publisher, The Edmonton Sun; letter, dated September 3, 1992, from Neil Waugh, Provincial Affairs Columnist, Edmonton Sun, to Dr. David McNeil, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly; and letter dated July 2, 1992, from Hon. Dr. Carter to Neil Waugh regarding Mr. Waugh's access to the Legislature Building

Sessional Paper 1014/92

Hon. Dr. Carter, Chairman, Special Standing Committee on Members' Services, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s19(5), 1983 Statutes:

Members' Services Order 6/92

Sessional Paper 141B/92

Hon. Dr. Carter, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Electoral Boundaries Commission Act, cE-4.01, s6, 1990 Statutes:

Report of the Chief Electoral Officer, 1991 Federal Census Data, August 21, 1992

Sessional Paper 1015/92

### **Tribute to the Premier**

The Speaker interrupted the Daily Routine to enable Members to comment on the Premier's announced resignation.

Mr. Martin, Hon. Leader of the Opposition, Mr. Decore, Hon. Leader of the Liberal Party, Hon. Mr. Horsman, Deputy Premier and Hon. Dr. Carter, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly paid tribute to Hon. Mr. Getty.

Hon. Mr. Getty, Premier, responded to the tribute.

### **Oral Question Period**

During Oral Question Period, Mr. Martin, Hon. Leader of the Opposition, filed the following:

Photocopy, date stamped May 14, 1991, of United States District Court, Northern District of California document listing NovAtel Finance Inc., a Delaware Corporation as Plaintiff and Anthony T. Easton, Quentin L. Breen, and General Cellular International (Peru) Ltd. as Defendants

Sessional Paper 1016/92

During Oral Question Period, Mr. Decore, Hon. Leader of the Liberal Party, filed the following:

Letter, dated September 11, 1992, from Hon. Ms Betkowski, Minister of Health, regarding timeframes for setting out geographic areas and establishing steering committees for the Interim Area Planning Networks

Sessional Paper 1017/92

## **Motion for Adjournment for an Emergency Debate**

Mr. Taylor, Hon. Member for Westlock-Sturgeon, requested leave to move pursuant to Standing Order 30, that the Assembly adjourn to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, namely the assisting of Alberta farmers who have suffered as a consequence of the recent disastrous weather events.

The Speaker ruled that the request for leave was not in order.

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

### **Government Motions**

Hon. Mr. Stewart, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 38 to allow consideration of Government Business without the required notice having been given.

Hon. Mr. Stewart, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to revert to the introduction of Bills.

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

Unanimous consent having been given:

Bill 54 Constitutional Referendum Amendment Act, 1992 – Hon. Mr. Horsman

### **Government Motions**

**29.** Moved by Hon. Mr. Stewart:

Be it resolved that the Assembly waive Standing Order 8(2) to allow consideration of Government Business on Tuesday afternoon, September 22, 1992.

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

Moved by Hon. Mr. Horsman:

**30.** Be it resolved that pursuant to Standing Order 73(2), Bill 54, the Constitutional Referendum Amendment Act, 1992, may be advanced two or more stages in one day.

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

Moved by Hon. Mr. Getty:

- 28.** Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly of Alberta approves the text of the question to be asked of Albertans on the referendum, under the Referendum Act (Canada), which reads:

"Do you agree that the Constitution of Canada should be renewed on the basis of the agreement reached on August 28, 1992?"

A debate followed.

Mr. Decore, Hon. Leader of the Liberal Party, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to speak past the hour of 5:30 p.m. to a maximum of 10 minutes.

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

## **Adjournment**

The Assembly adjourned 5:36 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 1992 – 8:00 P.M.

## **Government Motions**

- 28.** Moved by Hon. Mr. Getty:

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"Do you agree that the Constitution of Canada should be renewed on the basis of the agreement reached on August 28, 1992."

A debate followed.

During debate, Ms M. Laing, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Avonmore, filed the following:

The Women's Country, A Gift from Christina Benson to Dennis Miller  
Sessional Paper 1018/92

Hon. Ms Betkowski moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

## **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Stewart, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:43 p.m. until Tuesday, September, 22, 1992 at 2:30 p.m.

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