



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 69

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Fourth Session

Twenty-Second Legislature

Thursday, January 28, 1993

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

ROUTINE

Notices of Motions

Mr. Doyle, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead, gave oral notice of his intention to move the following motion under Standing Order 40:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly refer the Report of the Auditor General on NovAtel Communication Ltd. to the Public Accounts Committee and further that the Legislative Assembly direct the committee, at its next scheduled meeting, to consider recommendation 4 in the report.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 344 Rural Electrification Act – Mr. Taylor

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Minister of Public Works, Supply and Services:

Return to Order of the Assembly No. 268 asked for by Mr. Wickman on June 23, 1992:

The number of Government fleet vehicles currently in use: how many Government fleet vehicles currently use natural gas as fuel, how many of these have been converted to natural gas use since March 31, 1991 until March 18, 1992 and how many kilometres and/or years are Government fleet vehicles driven before being traded in?

Sessional Paper 268/92-93

Return to Order of the Assembly No. 342 asked for by Mr. Wickman on June 23, 1992:

Copies of any and all Alberta Liquor Control Board studies on the viability of video lottery terminals in bars in Alberta made prior to March 26, 1992.

Sessional Paper 342/92-93

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

Alberta Order in Council, O.C. 35/93, dated January 13, 1993, regarding public lands

Sessional Paper 1032/92-93

Alberta Order in Council, O.C. 63/93, dated January 20, 1993, regarding public lands

Sessional Paper 1033/92-93

Government of Alberta News Release, dated January 28, 1993, regarding stewardship of public lands

Sessional Paper 1034/92-93

New Democrats News Release, dated January 28, 1993, regarding public lands policy

Sessional Paper 1035/92-93

Hon. Mr. Fowler, Minister of Justice and Attorney General:

Impaired Driving Status Report, 1991-92

Sessional Paper 677/92-93

Hon. Mr. Fowler, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, pursuant to the Legal Profession Act, cL-9.1, s120(2), SA 1990:

Alberta Law Foundation, Annual Report 1992

Sessional Paper 23A/92-93

Rev. Mr. Roberts, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Press Release from Barry Wanagas, Manager, k. d. lang, and statement by Consort Mayor Marlene Arp, dated January 28, 1993, regarding recent events in the Alberta Legislature

Sessional Paper 1036/92-93

Oral Question Period

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

Briefing note regarding Alberta Social Care Facilities Review Committee

Sessional Paper 1037/92-93

Alberta Social Care Facilities Review Committee, visit report regarding Delvee Ranch

Sessional Paper 1038/92-93

Motions Under Standing Order 40

Mr. Doyle, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly for consideration of the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly refer the Report of the Auditor General on NovAtel Communication Ltd. to the Public Accounts Committee and further that the Legislative Assembly direct the committee, at its next scheduled meeting, to consider recommendation 4 in the report.

A debate followed.

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

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Questions were accepted:

173. (Mr. Mitchell)

What is the estimate of the natural gas price upon which the Provincial Treasurer based his projection for natural gas and by-products royalty for 1990-91?

174. (Mr. Mitchell)

What is the amount of legal fees paid by the Government for Mr. Donald Cormie and members of his family with respect to the Code hearing and related matters?

313. (Mrs. Hewes)

What is the amount of tobacco tax revenue accruing to the Government for the fiscal year 1990-91 from the following sources: cigarettes, cigars, and loose tobacco?

348. (Mr. Mitchell)

What amount, if any, was invested by the Pension Fund in Principal Group; First Investors Corporation Ltd.; Associated Investors of Canada Ltd.; Northland Bank; or the Canadian Commercial Bank for each of the years 1981 to 1987?

369. (Mr. Taylor)

What did it cost to publish the Open Letter to Saskatchewan farmers concerning "Freedom to Choose," signed by Minister of Agriculture Ernie Isley which appeared in the Western Producer, the Regina Leader-Post and other farm publications in that province?

373. (Mr. Mitchell)

What is the projected U.S./Canadian dollar exchange rate underlying the 1992/93 provincial budget.

The following Written Question was not accepted:

287. (Mr. Bruseker):

What is the purpose of and the terms and conditions of the loan guarantees advanced to Ribbon Creek Alpine Village and Golden Gate Fresh Foods, Inc. at December 31, 1990, as specified on page 42 of the Government's 1991 Budget Address?

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

170, 172, 175, 176, 177, 178, 290, 291, 315, 379, 383, 384.

Motions for Returns

The following motions were agreed to:

198. Moved by Mr. McEachern:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A copy of the 1990-91 annual report for 354713 Alberta Ltd., known as "Softco".

202. Moved by Mr. Hawkesworth:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
The cost each year for the years 1981 through 1990 of all corporate tax expenditures administered by the Treasury department which are not reported in the Public Accounts of Alberta.

219. Moved by Mrs. Hewes:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A list of the recommendations from the Interdepartmental Committee on Family Violence.

234. Moved by Mr. Mitchell:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A detailed breakdown of payments received by the Province of Alberta from the Government of Canada, under the Canada Assistance Plan, by department and by program component for the fiscal years, 1988, 1989, 1990, and 1991 (forecast) and 1992 (estimate).

272. Moved by Mrs. Hewes on behalf of Mr. Decore:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Details of the payment of \$20,000 to Infometrica Ltd. by the Treasury Department during 1989-90.

362. Mr. Bruseker:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A detailed breakdown of guaranteed loans, by company and amount provided, for the "other" category, as of December 31, 1991, as found on page 40 of the 1992 budget address.

The following motions were ordered to stand:

184, 185, 190, 191, 195, 196, 199, 200, 201, 204, 227, 231, 233, 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, 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, 363, 364, 365, 367, 370, 371, 372, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 380, 381, 382, 385, 386.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

Hon. Mr. Day, Minister of Labour, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to withdraw Private Members' Motion 201 from the Order Paper.

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.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(3) debate adjourned, Mr. Mitchell 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 213 Labour Relations Code Amendment Act – Mr. Sigurdson

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

Adjournment

The Assembly adjourned at 5:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 1993 – 8:00 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 55 Electoral Divisions Statutes Amendment Act, 1993 – Hon. Mr. Fowler

Debate continued on the subamendment introduced by Mr. Taylor on January 26, 1993.
The subamendment to the motion for Second Reading read as follows:

That the motion as amended is further amended by adding the words "and contrary to the principles of democracy and fairness to electors" at the end of it.

A debate followed.

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

For the subamendment: 15

Bruseker	Fox	Mitchell
Chivers	Gagnon	Mjolsness
Dickson	Gibeault	Pashak
Doyle	Hewes	Sigurdson
Ewasiuk	McEachern	Woloshyn

Against the subamendment: 33

Ady	Fowler	Moore
Betkowski	Gesell	Musgrove
Black	Gogo	Oldring
Bogle	Hyland	Payne
Bradley	Jonson	Rostad
Brassard	Kowalski	Schumacher
Clegg	Laing (Calgary-Bow)	Severtson
Day	Lund	Shrake
Drobot	Main	Tannas
Elliott	McCoy	Thurber
Fischer	McFarland	Zaruksy

Hon. Mr. Day moved adjournment of the debate on amendment, which was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Day, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:52 p.m. until Friday, January 29, 1993 at 10:00 a.m.

NOTICES

Leave to Introduce a Bill

Bill	3	Vencap Equities Alberta Amendment Act, 1992 – Hon. Mr. Elzinga
Bill	44	Employment Standards Code Amendment Act, 1992 – Hon. Ms McCoy
Bill	49	Industrial Wages Security Amendment Act, 1992 – Hon. Ms McCoy
Bill	56	Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 1993 – Hon. Mr. Dinning
Bill	230	Employment Standards Act – Mr. Bruseker
Bill	239	Alberta Economic Diversification Board Act – Mr. Bruseker
Bill	241	Below Cost Timber Sales Act – Mr. McInnis
Bill	244	Child Welfare Amendment Act – Ms Mjolsness
Bill	246	Decommissioning of Industrial Sites Act – Mr. Mitchell
Bill	247	Alberta Retirement Savings Plan Act – Mr. Jonson
Bill	248	Financial Administration Amendment Act – Mr. Decore
Bill	251	Alberta Youth Conservation Act – Mrs. Gagnon
Bill	253	Child Welfare Amendment Act – Ms Mjolsness
Bill	255	Amusements Amendment Act – Mrs. Gagnon
Bill	257	Alberta Local Development Bonds Act – Mr. Jonson
Bill	263	Labour Relations Code Amendment Act – Mr. Bruseker
Bill	265	Interprovincial Lottery Amendment Act – Mr. Decore
Bill	270	Small Business Support Act – Ms Calahasen
Bill	272	An Act to Establish the Alberta Innovation Foundation – Mr. Bradley
Bill	275	Off-Highway Vehicle Amendment Act – Mr. Bradley
Bill	280	Marketing of Agricultural Products Amendment Act – Mr. Fox
Bill	283	Arts Council Act – Mrs. Gagnon
Bill	285	Public Service Employee Relations Amendment Act – Mr. Bruseker
Bill	286	Highway Traffic Amendment Act – Mrs. Mirosh

- Bill 287 An Act to Establish a Committee to Promote a Split Peak Rate Assessment for Industrial Energy Consumers – Mr. Paszkowski
- Bill 293 Public Accounts Committee Act – Mr. Pashak
- Bill 295 Auditor General Amendment Act – Mr. Decore
- Bill 296 Entrepreneurial Education Commission Act – Mr. Paszkowski
- Bill 301 An Act to Phase Out the Use of Chlorofluorocarbons – Mr. Mitchell
- Bill 309 School Amendment Act – Mrs. Gagnon
- Bill 312 Crown Property Municipal Grants Amendment Act – Mr. Wickman
- Bill 313 Auditor General Amendment Act – Mr. Pashak
- Bill 314 Income Tax Amendment Act – Mr. Wickman
- Bill 315 An Act to Commit Government to a Five-Year Funding Planning Framework – Mr. Wickman
- Bill 317 Miscellaneous Statutes on Marital Status Amendment Act – Ms Laing
- Bill 320 An Act to Provide for Elected Representation on Post-Secondary Education Institute Boards – Mr. Pashak
- Bill 328 Liquor Control Amendment Act, 1992 – Mr. Taylor
- Bill 331 Teaching Profession Amendment Act, 1992 – Mr. Severtson
- Bill 339 Medical Profession Amendment Act, 1993 – Ms Barrett
- Bill 341 Limitations of Actions Amendment Act, 1993 – Mr. Dickson
- Bill 343 Municipal Government Amendment Act, 1993 – Mr. McInnis

Written Questions

387. Mr. Mitchell to ask the Government the following question:

With regard to the Alberta Special Waste Management Corporation's joint-venture partner, Chem Security (Alberta) Ltd., how much did Chem Security earn from its sale of services during the fiscal year ended March 31, 1991, other than those funds contributed by the Alberta Special Waste Management Corporation?

David J. Carter,
Speaker

Title: Thursday, January 28, 1993