



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 18

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

First Session

Twenty-Third Legislature

Tuesday, September 28, 1993

The Speaker took the Chair at 1:30 p.m.

ROUTINE

Reading and Receiving Petitions

On request by Ms Hanson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Beverly, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned, petition the Legislative Assembly of Alberta to urge the Government to reinstate the cuts made to social assistance and in the future to consult broadly with clients, labour and professionals to determine where savings can be made that will not harm Alberta families.

Notices of Motions

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Assembly grant leave for the Designated Supply Sub-Committee, considering the estimates of Executive Council, to meet on Thursday, September 30, 1993, between the hours of 3:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. when the Assembly is sitting.

Pursuant to Standing Order 34(2)(a), Hon. Mr. Day, Deputy Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following Written Questions and Motions for Return to be dealt with Wednesday, September 29, 1993:

Written Questions: None.

Motions for Return: M159, M160, M161, M162, M163, M167, M168,
M169, M171, M173, M174, M175, M176, M177,
M189, M190, M191, M193, M198, M202.

Members' Statements

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, made a statement regarding the location of the first Canadian blood fractionation plant.

Mr. Doerksen, Hon. Member for Red Deer-South, made a statement regarding the net income of Alberta Treasury Branches.

Mr. Yankowsky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Belmont, made a statement regarding the rapidly aging population.

Statement by the Speaker

Today there was a question asking for comments by a Minister. That, Hon. Members, is not a proper way to craft a question. A question, according to Beauchesne, is to seek specific information and not to ask for a general commentary. That is not the role of question period.

There also has been a tendency over the last few weeks to get away from directing questions through the Chair. That is leading to an escalation of emotions and noise in the Chamber that delays matters. So the Chair, starting from now on, is going to interrupt people who ask questions of the Premier or the Treasurer or whatever Minister, and the Chair will also interrupt those Ministers who reply personally to the questioner. That is not proper and is leading this Assembly in the wrong direction.

The last question took six minutes, and that was one reason why the Chair didn't interrupt. He was going to see just how long that exercise was going to take, but the Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung is perfectly correct when he says that there were unrelated supplementals. The question was asked in not a very precise way, and because of that the Hon. Minister took an opportunity to make a speech instead of giving an answer. I hope that the Chair has answered this point of order in a way that will lead other Hon. Members to deal with their questions and the answers in a more precise way.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

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 204 Stray Animals Amendment Act, 1993 – Mr. Brassard

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(2)(b), debate adjourned with Hon. Mr. Evans speaking.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

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

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to demonstrate its commitment to promoting a revitalized rural Alberta economy through the following initiatives:

- (1) the immediate implementation of the recommendations of the "Local Development Initiative" report produced by the Premier's Council on Local Development
- (2) placing greater focus on the importance of small businesses in rural Alberta, including the removal of Government interference in the private sector
- (3) the creation of a coalition of Western Premiers to work with the Prime Minister and leaders of farm organizations and agri-business to find a solution to the international subsidy wars
- (4) the creation of a Round Table of stakeholders in the agricultural industry.

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(4), the question being put, the motion was defeated. The names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 35

Abdurahman	Gordon	Sekulic
Beniuk	Henry	Soetaert
Bracko	Hewes	Taylor (Cypress-Medicine Hat)
Bruseker	Kirkland	Taylor (Redwater)
Carlson	Langevin	Van Binsbergen
Chadi	Leibovici	Vasseur
Collingwood	Massey	White
Dalla-Longa	Mitchell	Wickman
Decore	Nicol	Yankowsky
Dickson	Percy	Zariwny
Friedel	Renner	Zwozdesky
Germain	Sapers	

Against the motion: 43

Ady	Forsyth	Mar
Amery	Fritz	McClellan
Black	Haley	McFarland
Brassard	Havelock	Mirosh
Burgener	Herard	Oberg
Calahasen	Hierath	Pham
Cardinal	Hlady	Rostad
Clegg	Jacques	Severtson
Coutts	Jonson	Smith
Day	Klein	Sohal
Dinning	Kowalski	Tannas
Doerksen	Laing	Thurber
Dunford	Lund	West
Evans	Magnus	Woloshyn
Fischer		

204. Moved by Mr. Jacques:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to change casino regulations to permit chartered non-profit organizations to fund-raise anywhere in Alberta.

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(2)(c), debate adjourned.

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein the Acting Speaker assumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 7 Alberta Energy Company Act Repeal Act – Hon. Mrs. Black

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 5 Financial Administration Amendment Act, 1993 – Hon. Mr. Dinning

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Evans, Deputy Government House Leader, at 5:30 p.m., it was agreed that when the Assembly reconvened at 8:00 p.m. they would be in Committee of Supply, and the Speaker left the Chair.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 1993 – 8:00 P.M.

Committee of Supply

(Day 10 of Main Estimates Consideration)

(Assembly in Committee)

And after sometime spent therein, the Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Clegg 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. Day, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:10 p.m. until Wednesday, September 29, 1993, at 1:30 p.m.

Title: Tuesday, September 28, 1993