



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 6

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Second Session

Twenty-Third Legislature

Tuesday, February 22, 1994

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

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Bruseker, Hon. Member for Calgary-North West, presented a petition from 105 parents from Monsignor Doyle School regarding Government plans to restructure the educational system.

Mr. Amery, Hon. Member for Calgary-East, presented a petition from 60 Calgary-East residents regarding the autonomy and authority of democratically elected school boards.

Reading and Receiving Petitions

On request by Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Avonmore, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned, feel that education is essential to the future of all Albertans, and petition the Assembly to urge the Government to reconsider its proposed cuts to education.

On request by Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Avonmore, the following petition was read and received:

As education is essential to the future of Albertans, we, the undersigned, wish to petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government to reconsider its proposed cuts to education.

On request by Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta not to implement the plan to restructure the educational system in Alberta, as proposed by the Minister of Education.

We also request the Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to ensure that every Albertan will have the opportunity for input and involvement in future plans to restructure the educational system in Alberta.

Notices of Motions

Pursuant to Standing Order 34(2)(a), Hon. Mrs. Black, Deputy Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following Written Questions and Motions for Returns to be dealt with Wednesday, February 23, 1994:

Written Questions: Stand and retain their places.

Motions for Returns: M165.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Minister of Economic Development and Tourism, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52:

Alberta Economic Development and Tourism, Annual Report 1992-93
Sessional Paper 40/94

Ms Abdurahman, Hon. Member for Clover Bar-Fort Saskatchewan:

Education Foundation for the Future, Restructuring Proposal For Our Education System, Constituents of Clover Bar-Fort Saskatchewan, February 1994
Sessional Paper 602/94

Hon. Mr. Evans, Minister of Environmental Protection, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52:

Alberta Environment, Annual Report 1991-92
Sessional Paper 60/94

Mr. Henry, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Poster, "Save Our Students!", Public Rally, February 24, 1994 at the Legislature Building Steps

Sessional Paper 826/94

Ms Hanson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Beverly:

161 letters, dated variously in February 1994, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding Family and Community Support Services

Sessional Paper 827/94

Oral Question Period

During Oral Question Period, Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Health, filed the following:

Press Release, dated February 9, 1994, regarding Health Ministers calling for an end to the federal tobacco plan

Sessional Paper 828/94

Members' Statements

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, made a statement regarding community schools.

Ms Burgener, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, made a statement regarding the Scouting and Guiding movement in Canada.

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, made a statement regarding Family and Community Support Services.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Public Bills and Orders

Other Than Government Bills and Orders

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

Bill 202 Alberta Task Force of Education Act — Mr. Decore

A debate followed.

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

Motions Other Than Government Motions

- 502.** Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to improve the Workers' Compensation Board (WCB) and Workers' Compensation Act by the following initiatives:
- (1) seeking the creation of an all-party Standing Committee of the Legislative Assembly on the WCB with the following responsibilities:
 - (a) to make appointments to all major positions at the WCB including the President, Chief Executive Officer, Chair and the Board of the WCB, Chair and the Board of Appeals Commission. These appointments are to be selected from a short list submitted by the Public Service Commission following a public search process. No appointments will be for longer than 3 years;
 - (b) to review and set future WCB guidelines and ensure the WCB is fully accountable to the Legislature;
 - (2) reviewing, and where necessary, amending, the Workers' Compensation Act to:
 - (a) require the WCB to accept the opinion of an independent 3 member medical panel as final in cases where previous medical opinions differed greatly;
 - (b) improve the current system of claims adjudication by including claims precedent;
 - (c) require copies of all medical reports be provided to claimants with a plain language assessment of their claim and the WCB's reasons for its decision in each case.

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: 25

| | | |
|-------------|-----------|-------------------|
| Abdurahman | Hanson | Sapers |
| Beniuk | Hewes | Soetaert |
| Carlson | Kirkland | Taylor (Redwater) |
| Chadi | Langevin | Vasseur |
| Collingwood | Leibovici | White |
| Dalla-Longa | Massey | Wickman |
| Decore | Nicol | Yankowsky |
| Dickson | Percy | Zwozdesky |
| Germain | | |

Against the motion: 41

| | | |
|-----------|-----------|-------------------------------|
| Ady | Haley | Oberg |
| Amery | Havelock | Paszkowski |
| Black | Herard | Pham |
| Burgener | Hierath | Renner |
| Calahasen | Hlady | Rostad |
| Cardinal | Jacques | Severtson |
| Clegg | Jonson | Smith |
| Coutts | Kowalski | Stelmach |
| Dinning | Laing | Tannas |
| Dunford | Lund | Taylor (Cypress-Medicine Hat) |
| Evans | Magnus | Thurber |
| Fischer | McClellan | West |
| Forsyth | McFarland | Woloshyn |
| Friedel | Mirosh | |

Consideration of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech

Mr. Friedel moved the following motion seconded by Mr. Hierath:

That an humble address be presented to His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor as follows:

To His Honour the Honourable Gordon Towers, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Alberta:

We, Her Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly, now assembled, beg leave to thank Your Honour for the gracious speech Your Honour has been pleased to address to us at the opening of the present session.

A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mrs. Black, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:28 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1994 — 8:00 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 7 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 1994 — Hon. Mr. Dinning

Second Reading

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

Bill 2 Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation Act — Hon.
Mr. Mar

A debate followed.

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

Debate continued.

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

For the motion: 36

| | | |
|-----------|----------|-------------------------------|
| Ady | Evans | Mar |
| Amery | Fischer | McClellan |
| Black | Forsyth | McFarland |
| Burgener | Haley | Oberg |
| Calahasen | Havelock | Pham |
| Cardinal | Herard | Renner |
| Clegg | Hierath | Rostad |
| Coutts | Hlady | Severtson |
| Day | Jacques | Smith |
| Dinning | Laing | Stelmach |
| Doerksen | Lund | Taylor (Cypress-Medicine Hat) |
| Dunford | Magnus | Thurber |

Against the motion: 12

| | | |
|------------|-------------|-----------|
| Abdurahman | Dalla-Longa | Vasseur |
| Bracko | Germain | White |
| Carlson | Kirkland | Wickman |
| Chadi | Nicol | Zwozdesky |

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

Bill 2 Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation Act — Hon.
Mr. Mar

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Day, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:22 p.m. until Wednesday, February 23, 1994 at 1:30 p.m.

Title: Tuesday, February 22, 1994