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**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

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Twenty-Third Legislature

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Wednesday, March 30, 1994

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

**ROUTINE**

**Presenting Petitions**

Mr. Mitchell, Hon. Member for Edmonton-McClung, presented a petition from Albertans regarding the maintenance of the Misericordia Hospital as a full-service, active hospital.

Ms Hanson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Beverly, presented a petition from 570 Albertans regarding cuts to social assistance.

Mr. Sekulic, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, presented a petition from 225 Calgarians regarding registration with the Post Adoption Registry.

Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Avonmore, presented a petition from 420 Albertans regarding the maintenance of the Grey Nuns Hospital in Mill Woods as a full-service, active hospital.

Mr. N. Taylor, Hon. Member for Redwater, presented a petition from 301 Albertans regarding benefits for seniors.

## **Reading and Receiving Petitions**

On request by Mr. Henry, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, 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.

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

We, the undersigned, petition the Legislative Assembly of Alberta to urge the Government not to alter funding arrangements for Alberta's seniors lodges and seniors subsidized apartments until seniors have been consulted and have agreed to any revisions to funding arrangements.

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

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government to continue funding kindergarten at the current level, allowing each and every child in Alberta the opportunity to receive 400 hours of kindergarten instruction, without placing undue financial stress on Alberta families by the imposition of user fees.

## **Notices of Motions**

Mr. Lund, Hon. Member for Rocky Mountain House, gave oral notice of his intention to introduce the following Bill tomorrow:

Bill 20 Regional Health Authorities Act – Mr. Lund

## **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier:

Letter, dated March 10, 1994, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, from Mark Himmelsbach, Vice President and General Counsel, Northridge Canada Inc., regarding support for deficit elimination plans

Sessional Paper 913/94

Hon. Mr. Dinning, Provincial Treasurer, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52:

Alberta Treasury, Annual Report 1993

Sessional Paper 116/94

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

Letter, dated March 28, 1994, from Hon. Mr. Rostad, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, to Mr. Brent Cotter, Q.C., Deputy Minister of Justice and Deputy Attorney General, Province of Saskatchewan, regarding Opron Construction Company Ltd. versus Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Alberta

Sessional Paper 914/94

Mr. Smith, Chairman, Council on Professions and Occupations, pursuant to the Chiropractic Profession Act, cC-9.1, s6(4):

College of Chiropractors of Alberta, Annual Report 1992

Sessional Paper 90/94

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

### **Written Questions**

The following Written Questions were accepted:

**Q178.** (Mr. Collingwood):

With respect to the solvent extraction process for remediating hydrocarbon-contaminated soils described on p. 9 of the 1991-92 Alberta Environment Annual Report, what was the cost of this project to the Government, the termination date of the project, which sites has the process been applied to in Alberta, and to what effect?

**Q185.** (Mr. Vasseur):

How many permits or licences were issued between April 1, 1991 to March 31, 1992 and between April 1, 1992 to March 31, 1993, for the extraction of non-saline groundwater for use by industrial facilities and the oil and gas industry, and what was the total volume extracted in each category?

The following Written Question was accepted as amended:

**Q179.** (Mr. Collingwood):

What was the average number of staff (full-time equivalents) employed by Alberta Environment for each fiscal year from April 1, 1988 to March 31, 1993 in the Investigations Branch, the Compliance Branch, the Air Quality Branch, the Water Quality Branch, and the Groundwater Protection Branch, and approximately how many staff will be employed in each of these branches after the implementation of budget cuts announced on February 24, 1994?

Hon. Mr. Evans, Minister of Environmental Protection, moved that the Written Question be amended as follows:

What was the average number of staff (full-time equivalents) employed by Alberta Environment for each fiscal year from April 1, 1988 to March 31, 1994 in the Investigations Branch, the Compliance Branch, the Air Quality Branch, the Water Quality Branch, and the Groundwater Protection Branch.

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

Q191, Q194, Q195.

### **Motions for Returns**

The following Motions for Returns were agreed to:

**M181.** Moved by Mr. Collingwood:

A copy of the results of the pilot bioremediation HELP (Help End Landfill Pollution) project conducted at an orphan wood preservative site, as described, but not identified, at page 19 of the 1991-92 annual report of Alberta Environment.

**M183.** Moved by Mr. Van Binsbergen:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
A copy of all reports and statistical analyses prepared by the Department of Education concerning those written responses to the Education Roundtable Workbook "Meeting the Challenge," which were received by the Minister of Education.

**M184.** Moved by Mr. Henry on behalf of Mr. Chadi:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
Copies of internal working documents or reports prepared by or on behalf of the Government between January 1, 1993, to March 3, 1994, pertaining to the removal of federal-provincial overlap and duplication.

The following Motions for Returns were defeated:

**M182.** Moved by Mr. Van Binsbergen:

Copies of all legal opinions concerning the right of the Catholic Separate School Board system to be self-governing and to raise taxes, obtained by the Government between the dates February 1, 1993 and February 1, 1994, and of all correspondence concerning said legal opinions.

**M186.** Moved Mr. Collingwood:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
Copies of any documentation that supports the assertion that agriculture  
run-off contributes to two-thirds of the impairments in rivers and about half  
the impairments in lakes in Alberta.

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

M187, M190, M192, M193, M196, M197.

## **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 and referred to the  
Committee of the Whole:

Bill 208 Child Welfare Amendment Act, 1994 – Ms Hanson

A debate followed.

Dr. Sohal moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

### **Adjournment**

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30, 1994 – 8:00 P.M.

### **Committee of Supply**

(Day 19 of Main Estimates Consideration)

(Assembly in Committee)

And after sometime spent therein, the Acting Speaker resumed the Chair and  
Mr. Clegg reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions  
(reported from the Designated Supply Sub-committees), reports as follows, and  
requests leave to sit again:

Resolved that a sum not exceeding the following be granted to Her Majesty for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1995, for the Departments and purposes indicated:

**Family and Social Services**

\$ 1,400,424,000	Operating Expenditure
<u>3,447,000</u>	Capital Investment
<b>1,403,871,000</b>	

**Municipal Affairs**

\$ 563,386,000	Operating Expenditure
1,693,000	Capital Investment
<u>128,500,000</u>	Non-budgetary Disbursements
<b>693,579,000</b>	

**Health**

\$ 3,213,649,000	Operating Expenditure
<u>1,087,000</u>	Capital Investment
<b>3,214,736,000</b>	

**Advanced Education and Career Development**

\$ 1,063,048,000	Operating Expenditure
10,782,000	Capital Investment
<u>57,742,000</u>	Non-Budgetary Disbursements
<b>1,131,572,000</b>	

**Education**

\$ 1,529,632,000	Operating Expenditure
<u>5,028,000</u>	Capital Investment
<b>1,534,660,000</b>	

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain other resolutions of the Department of Community Development and reports progress thereon.

The question being put, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to.

## **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mrs. Black, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:27 p.m. until Thursday, March 31, 1994 at 1:30 p.m.

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Stanley S. Schumacher, Q.C.,  
Speaker

Title: Wednesday, March 30, 1994