

Legislative Assembly Province of Alberta

No. 34

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Second Session

Twenty-Third Legislature

Tuesday, April 19, 1994

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

ROUTINE

Presenting Petitions

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

Dr. Nicol, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, presented a petition from 1,016 Lethbridge residents regarding the maintenance of the Alberta Children's Hospital in Calgary as a full-service, active hospital.

Mr. Dalla-Longa, Hon. Member for Calgary-West, presented a petition from 1,281 Calgary residents regarding the maintenance of the Alberta Children's Hospital in Calgary as a full-service, pediatric health care facility.

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, presented a petition from Albertans regarding the maintenance of the Grey Nuns Hospital in Mill Woods as a full-service, active hospital.

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, presented a petition from 1,056 Albertans regarding changes to the Alberta Health Drug Benefit List.

Mr. Collingwood, Hon. Member for Sherwood Park, presented a petition from Sherwood Park, Edmonton and surrounding area residents regarding the maintenance of the Grey Nuns Hospital in Mill Woods as a full-service, active hospital.

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, your petitioners, pray that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to urge the Government of Alberta to:

- (1) raise the minimum wage in Alberta to conform to the Statistics Canada poverty line for single persons living in a major city;
- (2) consider whether the amount of assistance that clients of the Ministry of Social Services and Community Development may receive under the Social Development Act should be two-thirds of the Statistics Canada poverty line for all categories of clients; and
- (3) ensure that assistance be provided on the fact, not the cause, of need.

On request by Mr. N. Taylor, Hon. Member for Redwater, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government not to alter the level of support for all benefits for Alberta's seniors until seniors have been consulted and have agreed to any revisions.

On request by Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government to maintain the Misericordia Hospital as a full-service, active hospital and continue to serve the West-end of Edmonton and surrounding area.

On request by Dr. Percy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government to maintain the Grey Nuns Hospital in Mill Woods as a full-service, active hospital and continue to serve the South-east end of Edmonton and surrounding area. On request by Mr. Collingwood, Hon. Member for Sherwood Park, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government to maintain the Grey Nuns Hospital in Mill Woods as a full-service, active hospital and continue to serve the South-east end of Edmonton and surrounding area.

Notices of Motions

Pursuant to Standing Order 34(2)(a), Hon. Mrs. Black, Deputy Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following Written Question and Motions for Returns to be dealt with April 20, 1994:

Written Question:Q191.Motions for Returns:M190, M198.

Mr. Renner, Chairman, Standing Committee on Private Bills gave oral notice of the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Assembly waive Standing Order 8(2)(c) in order to now give consideration to Second reading of Private Bills Pr2, Pr3, Pr8, Pr9, Pr10 and Pr15.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Dalla-Longa, Hon. Member for Calgary-West:

225 signatures from Calgary residents regarding the Alberta Children's Hospital Sessional Paper 933/94

55 undated letters from Calgary residents regarding the recommendations of the Hyndman Facilitation Group to relocate the Alberta Children's Hospital Sessional Paper 934/94

Mr. Sekulic, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning:

"Don't cut education Ralph. Protect it!," 505 signed coupons in opposition to education cuts, Alberta Liberal Party advertisement

Sessional Paper 935/94

"Don't cut education Ralph. Protect it!," 5 signed coupons in support of education cuts, Alberta Liberal Party advertisement

Sessional Paper 936/94

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

Letter, dated March 30, 1994, to churches in Edmonton Presbytery from John Wright, Chairperson of Edmonton Presbytery, regarding recent Government policies

Sessional Paper 937/94

"Do Albertans Have Any Compassion?", sermon delivered by Rev. L. Bruce Miller at Robertson-Wesley United Church, April 10, 1994

Sessional Paper 938/94

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo:

Re-inventing Parliament, A Conference on Parliamentary Reform, February 25 and 26, 1994, Department of Political Science, University of Lethbridge, and the Canada West Foundation

Sessional Paper 939/94

Hon. Mr. Day, Minister of Labour, pursuant to the Public Service Employee Relations Act, cP-33, s77(2):

Public Service Employee Relations Board, Annual Report 1992-93 Sessional Paper 97/94

Hon. Mr. Day, Minister of Labour:

Alberta Labour Relations Board, Annual Report 1992-93

Sessional Paper 940/94

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Day, Minister of Labour, announced that April 17 to 23, 1994 is Volunteer Week.

Mrs. Hewes, Hon. Deputy Leader of the Opposition, commented on the statement.

Member's Statements

Mr. Bracko, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement paying tribute to the finalists in the Excellence in Teaching Program.

Mr. Brassard, Hon. Member for Old-Didsbury, made a statement regarding the health care system, long term care and Wedman House.

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, made a statement regarding funding for the Plains Indian Cultural Survival School.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 207 Adult Adoption Act – Mr. Renner

Mr. Clegg tabled copies of all amendments considered by the Committee of the Whole this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 207 (Hon. Member for Medicine Hat) – Agreed to Sessional Paper 650/94

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time and referred to the Committee of the Whole:

Bill 209 Commencement of Actions Act - Mr. Germain

A debate followed.

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

Motions Other Than Government Motions

510. Moved by Mr. Collingwood:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to protect human health and the environment by adopting a policy that reduces the quantity of toxicity of hazardous substances used in production or generated as waste, whenever technically and economically practicable.

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(4), the question being put, the motion was defeated.

Private Bills

Second Reading

Oral notice having been given, Mr. Renner, Chairman, Standing Committee on Private Bills, moved the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Assembly waive Standing Order 8(2)(c) in order to now give consideration to Second reading of Private Bills Pr2, Pr3, Pr8, Pr9, Pr10 and Pr15.

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

The following Bills were read a Second time and referred to Committee of Whole:

- Bill Pr2 Lethbridge Foundation Amendment Act, 1994 Mr. Dunford
- Bill Pr3 Companions of Angela and Francis (Koinonia Association) Act Mr. Bracko
- Bill Pr8 Shaw Communications Inc. Act Mr. Dunford
- Bill Pr9 Tammy Lee Barnes Adoption Act Mrs. Gordon
- Bill Pr10 Janna Adella Marie Kinnee Adoption Act Mr. Collingwood
- Bill Pr15 Silvia Kathleen Miles Adoption Act Mr. Zariwny

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

On motion by Hon. Mrs. Black, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole.

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Acting Speaker resumed the Chair.

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 16 Government Land Purchases Act Repeal Act – Hon. Mr. Dinning

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mrs. Black, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., it was agreed at 5:27 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.

TUESDAY, APRIL 19, 1994 - 8:00 P.M.

Committee of Supply

(Day 1 of Heritage Savings Trust Fund Estimates Consideration, Capital Projects Division)

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, Capital Projects Division, for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1995, 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.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 22 Maintenance Enforcement Amendment Act, 1994 – Mr. Amery

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned.

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 20 Regional Health Authorities Act – Mr. Lund

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Day, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:57 p.m. until Wednesday, April 20, 1994 at 1:30 p.m.

Stanley S. Schumacher, Q.C., Speaker

Title: Tuesday, April 19, 1994