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Province of Alberta**

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Second Session

Twenty-Third Legislature

Thursday, April 21, 1994

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

ROUTINE

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Dalla-Longa, Hon. Member for Calgary-West, presented a petition from 2,962 Calgary residents regarding the maintenance of the Alberta Children's Hospital in Calgary as a full-service, pediatric health care facility.

Mrs. Hewes, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from 160 Edmonton residents 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 2,571 Lethbridge residents regarding the maintenance of the Alberta Children's Hospital in Calgary as a full-service, active hospital.

Mr. Bruseker, Hon. Member for Calgary-North West, presented a petition from 306 Calgary residents regarding the recommendations of the Hyndman report and the Alberta Children's Hospital.

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Answers to questions raised during Committee of Supply consideration of the Estimates of the Department of Public Works, Supply and Services, March 2, 1994

Sessional Paper 652/94

Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Education:

1,000 references and 10 sample articles representing a variety of research on kindergarten and Early Childhood Services

Sessional Paper 943/94

Microcomputers in Alberta Schools, 1993

Sessional Paper 944/94

Alberta Education, Main Estimates 1993-94, Wednesday, October 20, 1993, Response to M.L.A. Questions

Sessional Paper 945/94

Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Community Development:

Alberta Seniors Benefit, Consultation with Seniors, Summary Report, April 1994

Sessional Paper 946/94

Hon. Mrs. Black, Minister of Energy:

Energy Alberta 1993, A Review of Alberta Energy Resources in 1993

Sessional Paper 947/94

Public Utilities Board, Annual Report 1993

Sessional Paper 948/94

Mr. Decore, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Motion, moved by Alderman Bob Hawkesworth of the City of Calgary, regarding inner city acute care/trauma services, April 18, 1994

Sessional Paper 950/94

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

"Don't cut education Ralph. Protect it!," 500 signed coupons in opposition to education cuts, Alberta Liberal Party advertisement

Sessional Paper 949/94

Oral Question Period

During Oral Question Period, Mr. N. Taylor, Hon. Member for Redwater, filed the following:

Letter, dated April 12, 1994, from Hon. Mrs. Black, Minister of Energy, to Mr. Dalla-Longa, Hon. Member for Calgary West, regarding information on Alberta's investment in the Lloydminster Bi-Provincial Upgrader, with attached Joint Venture Agreement, Second Amending Agreement, dated August 11, 1992
Sessional Paper 951/94

Members' Statements

Mrs. Laing, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow, made a statement regarding winners of the Excellence in Teaching Awards.

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, made a statement regarding academic freedom.

Mr. Hlady, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, made a statement regarding Syncrude Canada.

Projected Government Business

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(5), Mr. Mitchell, Hon. Opposition House Leader, asked a question pertaining to the order of Government Business to be brought before the Assembly for the following week.

Hon. Mr. Day, Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government Business for the week of April 25 to April 28, 1994:

Monday, April 25, 1994	Aft.	- Government Bills and Orders
		Second Reading
		Bill 19, School Amendment Act, 1994
		Bill 20, Regional Health Authorities Act
		Bill 15, Alberta Energy and Utilities Board Act
		Bill 21, Alcohol and Drug Abuse Amendment Act, 1994
		Bill 22, Maintenance Enforcement Amendment Act, 1994
		Bill 27, Rural Gas Act

	Eve.	- Committee of Supply Alberta Lottery Fund Second Reading As per Order Paper Committee of the Whole As per Order Paper Third Reading As per Order Paper
Tuesday, April 26, 1994	(4:30 p.m.)	- Government Bills and Orders Second Reading As per Order Paper
	Eve.	- Government Bills and Orders Second Reading Bill 24, Appropriation Act, 1994 Committee of the Whole Bill 18, Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act Bill 1, Labour Boards Amalgamation Act Third Reading As per Order Paper
Wednesday, April 27, 1994	Eve.	- Government Bills and Orders Committee of the Whole Bill 25, Appropriation (Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, Capital Projects Division) Act, 1994 As per Order Paper Second Reading As per Order Paper

Thursday, April 28, 1994

Aft. - **Government Bills and Orders**

Third Reading

Bill 26, Appropriation (Lottery Fund) Act, 1994

Committee of the Whole

As per Order Paper

Speaker's Ruling – Anticipation

Yesterday, April 20, 1994, the Honourable Opposition House Leader raised a point of order relating to a question by the Honourable Member for Little Bow to the Honourable Minister of Environment about the McGregor reservoir and dam. The Honourable Opposition House Leader's point of order was that the question could have been addressed during the estimates of the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund Capital Projects Division scheduled for yesterday evening and accordingly violated the rule against anticipation. The Chair gave a preliminary ruling and indicated that the Chair would further review the matter of Heritage Fund estimates.

It is clear from Standing Order 23(e) that Members are not to anticipate any matter for consideration on that day. Beauchesne, at paragraph 409(12), contains a similar provision specific to Question Period. The issue is canvassed more fully in Beauchesne paragraphs 512 to 514. The Chair has been unable to find any previous Speaker's ruling on anticipation relating to the Heritage Fund estimates.

As the Chair indicated yesterday, Heritage Fund Capital Estimates are somewhat different than main estimates. There are 6 Ministers who could be questioned about the Heritage Fund capital estimates. Clearly, it would be inappropriate to have a general restriction on all questions to those Ministers on the grounds of anticipation. There must be some greater flexibility with respect to what constitutes anticipation when these estimates are up for debate. In order to be anticipation, a question would have to relate directly to a specific project within the Minister's responsibility under the Heritage Fund Capital estimates or relate to the Heritage Fund itself.

With respect to the question yesterday by the honourable Member for Little Bow, the Chair notes that there are projects in the Heritage Fund Estimates under the authority of the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development relating to irrigation rehabilitation and expansion and private irrigation development. The Chair notes that the Honourable Member's question was to the Minister of Environmental Protection. There is a project in the Heritage Fund Estimates relating to Water Management Systems under the Minister of Environmental Protection but the Chair could not presume to know whether the dam project raised by the Honourable Member for Little Bow would be under that vote or not. Accordingly the Chair affirms yesterday's ruling that the question did not breach the rule against anticipation.

In matters of anticipation concerning the Heritage Fund Estimates, when it is not clear whether the question is covered in the specific votes which are not expressly outlined, the Chair relies upon Ministers to indicate when such a question is covered in the estimates. As always, the Chair welcomes and relies upon the assistance of Members to enforce the rules of this House.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Private Bills

Third Reading

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

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| 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 |

Committee of Supply

(Day 3 of Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund Estimates Consideration, Capital Projects Division)

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

(Assembly in Committee)

And after sometime spent therein, the Acting 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, reports as follows and requests leave to sit again:

Resolved that there be granted to Her Majesty for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1995, a sum from the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, Capital Projects Division, not exceeding the following for the Departments and purposes indicated:

Agriculture, Food and Rural Development

\$	4,800,000	Farming for the Future
	18,000,000	Irrigation Rehabilitation and Expansion
	250,000	Private Irrigation Development Assistance
	<u>3,712,000</u>	Grazing Reserves Enhancement
	26,762,000	

Community Development

\$	4,000,000	Urban Park Development
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Environmental Protection

\$	16,300,000	Water Management Systems Improvement
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Health

\$	2,800,000	Applied Cancer Research
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Labour

\$	750,000	Occupational Health and Safety Research and Education
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The question being put, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Day, Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:12 p.m. until Monday, April 25, 1994 at 1:30 p.m.

Stanley S. Schumacher, Q.C.,
Speaker

Title: Thursday, April 21, 1994