



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 43

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Second Session

Twenty-Third Legislature

Wednesday, May 4, 1994

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

ROUTINE

Presenting Petitions

Mr. N. Taylor, Hon. Member for Redwater, presented a petition from 516 St. Albert and Redwater residents regarding the inclusion of the Sturgeon Hospital within the Edmonton Region.

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, presented a petition from 1,556 Albertans regarding the inclusion of the Sturgeon Hospital within the Edmonton Region.

Mr. Bracko, Hon. Member for St. Albert, presented a petition from Albertans regarding the inclusion of the Sturgeon Hospital within the Edmonton Region.

Reading and Receiving Petitions

On request by Mr. Decore, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned, petition the Legislative Assembly of Alberta to urge the Government to maintain the Alberta Children's Hospital in Calgary on its current site and as it currently exists as a full service pediatric health care facility.

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

We, the undersigned, urge the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government to rescind the changes implemented by the Alberta Health Drug Benefit Supplement, effective November 1, 1993, and thereby reduce the expenditures imposed by this change.

On request by Mr. Zariwny, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, 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 Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, 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 Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, 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.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Upon recommendation of His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, and notice having been given:

Bill 30 Environmental Protection and Enhancement Amendment Act, 1994 –
Hon. Mr. Evans

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Community Development:

Alberta Seniors Benefit Review Panel Report, submitted to Hon. Mr. Mar,
Minister of Community Development, May 2, 1994

Sessional Paper 990/94

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

Economic and Social Restructuring: The New Zealand Experience, presentation
by Joanna Beresford, New Zealand Educational Institute, to the Alberta
Federation of Labour Convention, Edmonton, Alberta, April 30, 1994

Sessional Paper 992/94

Mr. Langevin, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul:

15 letters, variously dated in January, April and May, 1994, to Mr. Langevin,
Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul, Members of Parliament, and Members
of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta, regarding sexual orientation and the
possible appeal of an Alberta court ruling on sexual orientation

Sessional Paper 991/94

Oral Question Period

During Oral Question Period, Mr. Van Binsbergen, Hon. Member for West
Yellowhead, filed the following:

Unsigned letter, dated February 28, 1994, from the President and Executive
Members of the Berwyn Kindergarten Society, Berwyn, Alberta, regarding
proposed cuts to Early Childhood Services

Sessional Paper 993/94

Privilege

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Deputy Premier, raised a purported point of privilege regarding remarks made this date during Oral Question Period by Mr. Decore, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, with respect to allegations of intervening in the awarding of contracts respecting the construction of the Paddle River Dam.

Mr. Decore, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, commented on the purported point of privilege.

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Deputy Premier, responded to the comments made Mr. Decore, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition.

Hon. Mr. Trynchy, Minister of Transportation and Utilities, raised a purported point of privilege regarding remarks made this date during Oral Question Period by Mr. Decore, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, with respect to allegations of lying and of intervening in the awarding of contracts respecting the construction of the Paddle River Dam.

Mr. Decore, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, commented on the purported point of privilege.

Hon. Mr. Schumacher, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, indicated that the ruling on both issues of privilege would be deferred.

Mr. Decore, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, filed documents relating to the points of privilege:

Alberta Environment memorandums, dated July 19 and August 1, 1984, from Peter Melnychuk, Assistant Deputy Minister, to Hon. Mr. Bradley, Minister of the Environment, regarding the Paddle River Dam (Exhibit D - 272, Examination of Bruce Nicolson, March 19, 1987; Exhibit D-117, Examination of Jake Thiessen, April 24, 1986) and extracts from Examination for Discovery of Bruce Nicolson, page 635, line 15 to page 637, line 22 and page 1061, line 18 to page 1062, line 12

Sessional Paper 994/94

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Motions for Returns

The following Motion for Return was agreed to as amended:

M199. Moved by Mr. Henry:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
All studies and reports obtained or prepared by Alberta Education between March 28, 1993 and March 28, 1994, which indicate that 200 hours of kindergarten are sufficient to prepare children for Grade 1.

Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Education, moved that the Motion for Return be amended as follows:

All studies and reports obtained or prepared by Alberta Education between March 28, 1993 and March 28, 1994, which outlines the variety of research on kindergarten as preparation for Grade 1.

The following Motion for Return was defeated:

M200. Moved by Mr. White:

Any reports and/or documentation pertaining to cost savings from the privatization of the Government-owned helicopter fleet that were compiled between January 1, 1992 and March 29, 1994.

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 Committee of the Whole:

Bill 211 Economic Strategy Act – Mr. Bruseker

A debate followed.

Mr. Chadi, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Roper, moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Day, Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:27 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4, 1994 – 8:00 p.m.

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 15 Alberta Energy and Utilities Board Act – Mr. Smith

A debate followed.

Dr. Percy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud, moved that the motion for Second reading be amended to read:

that Bill 15, the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board Act, be not now read a Second time because the Assembly feels that the Bill does not provide adequate protection for the interests of Alberta consumers.

Debate continued (on amendment).

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

The question being put on the main motion, the motion was agreed to.

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.

Mr. Bracko, Hon. Member for St. Albert, moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

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

Bill 15 Alberta Energy and Utilities Board Act – Mr. Smith

Bill 17 Treasury Department Statutes Amendment Act, 1994 – Hon. Mr. Dinning

Bill 27 Rural Gas Act – Ms Haley

Bill 29 Nova Corporation of Alberta Act Repeal Act – Mr. Hlady

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Evans, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:20 p.m. until Thursday, May 5, 1994 at 1:30 p.m.

Stanley S. Schumacher, Q.C.,
Speaker

Title: Wednesday, May 4, 1994