

# Legislative Assembly Province of Alberta

No. 51

# **VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

**Second Session** 

Twenty-Third Legislature

Wednesday, May 18, 1994

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

# **ROUTINE**

# **Presenting Petitions**

Mr. Henry, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from 221 Albertans regarding an amendment to the Individual Rights Protection Act respecting sexual orientation.

Mr. Bracko, Hon. Member for St. Albert, presented a petition from 654 St. Albert and surrounding area residents regarding the inclusion of the Sturgeon Hospital within the Edmonton region.

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

Ms Hanson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Beverly, presented a petition from 82 Albertans regarding education.

Ms Hanson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Beverly, presented a petition from 99 Albertans regarding seniors' programs.

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, presented a petition from parents of South-east Edmonton residents regarding the maintenance of 400 hours of kindergarten instruction.

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, presented a petition from 500 South-east Edmonton residents regarding the maintenance of the Grey Nuns Hospital in Mill Woods as a full-service, active hospital.

Mr. Yankowsky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Belmont, presented a petition from 180 Alberta seniors regarding seniors' benefit programs.

Mr. Bruseker, Hon. Member for Calgary-North West, presented a petition from 360 residents of Calgary-North West, regarding the maintenance of the Alberta Children's Hospital in Calgary as a full-service, active hospital.

Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, presented a petition from 38 Alberta seniors regarding seniors' benefit programs.

Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, presented a petition from 64 Albertans regarding the maintenance of 400 hours of kindergarten instruction.

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, presented a petition from Albertans regarding the maintenance of 400 hours of kindergarten instruction.

Dr. Nicol, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, presented a petition from 105 Pincher Creek and Crowsnest Pass residents regarding the maintenance of the Alberta Children's Hospital in Calgary as a full-service, active hospital.

Mr. Kirkland, Hon. Member for Leduc, presented a petition from Beaumont and 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 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.

On request by Mr. Bracko, Hon. Member for St. Albert, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned, petition the Legislative Assembly of Alberta to urge the Government to reconsider the inclusion of the Sturgeon General Hospital within the Edmonton Region and to allow the Sturgeon General Hospital to serve its customers from the city of St. Albert, the Municipal District of Sturgeon, the Town of Morinville, the Village of Legal, the Alexander Reserve, the Counties of Athabasca, Barrhead, Lac St. Anne, Parkland and Westlock.

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

We, the undersigned, petition the Legislative Assembly of Alberta to urge the Government to reconsider the inclusion of the Sturgeon General Hospital within the Edmonton Region and to allow the Sturgeon General Hospital to serve its customers from the city of St. Albert, the Municipal District of Sturgeon, the Town of Morinville, the Village of Legal, the Alexander Reserve, the Counties of Athabasca, Barrhead, Lac St. Anne, Parkland and Westlock.

On request by Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned, petition the Legislative Assembly of Alberta to urge the Government to reconsider the inclusion of the Sturgeon General Hospital within the Edmonton Region and to allow the Sturgeon General Hospital to serve its customers from the city of St. Albert, the Municipal District of Sturgeon, the Town of Morinville, the Village of Legal, the Alexander Reserve, the Counties of Athabasca, Barrhead, Lac St. Anne, Parkland and Westlock.

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

We, the undersigned, petition the Legislative Assembly of Alberta to urge the Government to provide quality kindergarten education for our children by maintaining a minimum of 400 hours of instruction per child per school year and to guarantee this right by legislation.

On request by Mrs. Hewes, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, 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 and to ensure that every Albertan will have the opportunity for input and involvement in future plans to restructure the educational system in Alberta.

# **Tabling Returns and Reports**

# Hon. Mr. Dinning, Provincial Treasurer:

Return to Order of the Assembly No. 189 asked for by Mr. Chadi on March 23, 1994:

Copies of all business plans submitted by Burns Foods (1985) Ltd. to the Government, between September 3, 1993 and March 7, 1994, with respect to the purchase of the assets of Gainers Inc. by Burns Foods.

Sessional Paper 189/94

Hon. Mr. Dinning, Provincial Treasurer, pursuant to the Insurance Act, cI-5, s344(2):

Alberta Automobile Insurance Board, Annual Report 1993

Sessional Paper 115/94

#### Hon. Mr. Dinning, Provincial Treasurer:

Alberta Liberal Caucus News, September 27, 1993, "Little-Noticed Amendments Give Klein Government Power to Completely Control Finances of Universities, Colleges and Hospitals"

Sessional Paper 1031/94

#### Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Education:

Guide to Regionalization, Alberta Education, Revised May 2, 1994

Sessional Paper 1032/94

Response Guide for Use in the Roles and Responsibilities in Education Consultation Process, June 30, 1994, to Mr. Tannas, Chairman, Implementation Team

Sessional Paper 1033/94

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

11 letters, variously dated and undated, to Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Education, and Ms Hanson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Beverly, regarding education and Early Childhood Services

Sessional Paper 1034/94

# Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods:

193 letters, variously dated and undated, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Health, regarding the Grey Nuns Hospital in Mill Woods as a full-service, active hospital

Sessional Paper 1035/94

# ORDERS OF THE DAY

#### **1.** Moved by Mr. Decore:

Be it resolved that the allegation of breach of privilege made by the Deputy Premier and the Minister of Transportation against the Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition on May 4, 1994, be referred to the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections, Standing Orders and Printing, hereinafter referred to as the Committee, and that adequate financial and human resources be provided to that Committee so that the Hon. Member against whom the allegations have been made can call witnesses, cross-examine witnesses, require the administration of oath thereto, and provide for appropriate legal counsel for the hearing, and further that the Committee determine such further rules and procedures to ensure that the Member is not deprived of the safeguards and privileges which every man enjoys in any court of the land, and further that the matters to be referred to the Committee shall be the following.

- (a) On May 4, 1994, did the Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition breach the privilege of the Deputy Premier by stating the following: Mr. Speaker, the Paddle River scam has disclosed that two Ministers, that one and that one, interfered with contract awarding, interfered with the regular process of awarding contracts?
- (b) On May 4, 1994, did the Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition breach the privilege of the Minister of Transportation by stating the following: Mr. Speaker, the Paddle River scam has disclosed that two Ministers, that one and that one, interfered with contract awarding, interfered with the regular process of awarding contracts?

Debate continued on the amendment moved by Hon. Mr. Day, Thursday, May 12, 1994, which read as follows:

delete all the words after the words "Be it resolved that the" and insert the following words, - "prima facie case of privilege which was found to exist when the Chair of the Legislative Assembly made its ruling on Wednesday, May 11, 1994, be referred to the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections, Standing Orders and Printing."

The question being put, the amendment was agreed to.

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

For the motion: 65

Abdurahman Bracko Cardinal
Ady Bruseker Carlson
Amery Burgener Chadi
Beniuk Calahasen Clegg

Collingwood Jonson Sapers Sekulic Coutts Kirkland Day Laing Smith Decore Langevin Soetaert Dickson Leibovici Stelmach Dinning Magnus Tannas

Doerksen Mar Taylor (Cypress-Medicine Hat)
Dunford Massey Taylor (Redwater)

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Friedel McClellan Thurber
Fritz McFarland Trynchy
Gordon Mirosh Van Binsbergen

Mitchell White Hanson Havelock Wickman Nicol Woloshyn Henry Paszkowski Yankowsky Herard Percy Hewes Pham Zariwny Zwozdesky Hierath Renner

Jacques Rostad

Against the motion: 0

# Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Day, Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., at 5:20 p.m. the Assembly adjourned until 8:00 p.m.

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## **Government Motions**

## **22.** Moved by Hon. Mr. Day:

Be it resolved that the Report of the Select Special Auditor General Search Committee presented to the Legislative Assembly on Thursday, May 5, 1994 (Sessional Paper 656/94) be recommitted to the Committee and that the Committee for such purposes be revived to continue its original mandate pursuant to Government Motion No. 22, passed by the Assembly Tuesday, November 9, 1993.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

# **Private Bills**

# **Third Reading**

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill Pr1 Mandy Anderson Adoption Act - Mr. Jacques

Bill Pr4 Concordia College Amendment Act, 1994 - Mr. Sekulic

Bill Scott Peter Lavery Adoption Act - Mr. Herard Pr7

Bill Pr12 Travis Trevor Purdy Adoption Act - Mr. Vasseur

Bill Pr14 Jody Anne van Overmeeren Adoption Act – Mr. Bruseker

# **Government Bills and Orders**

# **Third Reading**

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

Bill School Amendment Act, 1994 - Hon. Mr. Jonson

A debate followed.

Ms Burgener, moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to. The names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 35

Ady Fritz Magnus McClellan Amery Gordon Burgener Haley McFarland Calahasen Havelock Pham Cardinal Herard Renner Clegg Hierath Stelmach Coutts Hlady Tannas Day Jacques

Taylor (Cypress-Medicine Hat)

Dinning Jonson Thurber Doerksen Trynchy Laing Fischer Langevin Woloshyn

Friedel Lund Against the motion: 16

Abdurahman	Hanson	Nicol
Beniuk	Henry	Percy
Bruseker	Kirkland	Vasseur
Chadi	Massey	White
Dickson	Mitchell	Zariwny
Germain		·

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill	1	Labour Boards Amalgamation Act – Hon. Mr. Klein	
Bill	15	Alberta Energy and Utilities Board Act - Mr. Smith	
Bill	17	Treasury Department Statutes Amendment Act, 1994 – Hon. Mr. Dinning	
Bill	21	Alcohol and Drug Abuse Amendment Act, 1994 - Mrs. Laing	
Bill	23	Provincial Offences Procedure Amendment Act, 1994 – Mrs. Fritz	
Bill	27	Rural Gas Act – Ms Haley	
Bill	29	Nova Corporation of Alberta Act Repeal Act – Mr. Hlady	
Bill	32	Fuel and Tobacco Tax Statutes Amendment Act, 1994 – Hon. Mr. Dinning	

# **Second Reading**

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

Bill 35 Seniors Benefit Act – Hon. Mr. Mar

A debate followed.

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Health, moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

# Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Day, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 12:03 a.m. Thursday, May 19, 1994 until 1:30 p.m.

Stanley S. Schumacher, Q.C., Speaker

Title: Wednesday, May 18, 1994