



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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Wednesday, June 1, 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 Albertans regarding the possible appeal of an Alberta court ruling on sexual orientation.

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

Mr. Henry, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from Albertans regarding the Notwithstanding Clause (Section 33, Constitution Act, 1982) and the Individual Rights Protection Act.

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, presented a petition from 200 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.

Mr. Vasseur, Hon. Member for Bonnyville, presented a petition from 580 Albertans regarding plans to restructure the educational system.

Mr. N. Taylor, Hon. Member for Redwater, presented a petition from Albertans regarding the inclusion of the Sturgeon Hospital within the Edmonton region.

Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, a petition regarding the maintenance of kindergarten instruction at its current level.

Dr. Nicol, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, presented a petition from Red Deer residents regarding the maintenance of the Alberta Children's Hospital in Calgary as a full-service, pediatric health care facility.

Mr. Dalla-Longa, Hon. Member for Calgary-West, presented a petition from 2,078 southern Alberta residents regarding the maintenance of the Alberta Children's Hospital in Calgary as a full-service, pediatric health care facility.

Mr. Coutts, Hon. Member for Pincher Creek-Macleod, presented a petition from Albertans regarding the maintenance of the Alberta Children's Hospital in Calgary as a full-service, pediatric health care facility.

Mr. Yankowsky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Belmont, presented a petition from 17 Alberta seniors regarding seniors' benefits and funding arrangements for seniors' housing.

Mr. Yankowsky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Belmont, presented a petition from 14 Alberta seniors regarding seniors' benefits and funding arrangements for seniors' housing.

Mr. Kirkland, Hon. Member for Leduc, on behalf of Mr. Zariwny, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 530 Albertans regarding funding cuts to education.

Reading and Receiving Petitions

On request by Mr. Dalla-Longa, Hon. Member for Calgary-West, 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 Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, 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 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.

On request by Ms Hanson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Beverly, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government to reconsider cuts made to Social Assistance and in the future to consult broadly with clients, labour and professionals to determine where savings can be made that will not harm Alberta families.

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. Henry, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, on behalf of 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.

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 Dr. Percy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud, 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. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, gave oral notice of his intention to move the following motion under Standing Order 40:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly recognize May 30, 1994 to June 4, 1994 as National Access Awareness Week, and strive to ensure all Government buildings are fully accessible to all Albertans.

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, gave oral notice of her intention to move the following motion under Standing Order 40:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly of Alberta urge the Government to investigate the lockout at Lafarge Canada Inc.'s cement plant at Exshaw regarding the number of workplace accidents, potential environmental damage and the economic impact resulting from the employment of inexperienced replacement workers, and to take appropriate action.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Ady, Minister of Advanced Education and Career Development, pursuant to the Students Finance Act, cS-24, s5(2):

Student Finance Board, Annual Report 1993

Sessional Paper 14/94

Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Education:

School Business and School Finance and Facilities, Financial and Statistical Report of Alberta School Jurisdictions, Divisions and Districts: September 1, 1991 to August 31, 1992; Counties: January 1 to December 31, 1992

Sessional Paper 1068/94

Return to Order of the Assembly No. M183 asked by Mr. Van Binsbergen on March 30, 1994:

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.

Sessional Paper 183/94

Return to Order of the Assembly No. M190 asked by Mr. Henry on April 27, 1994:

All professional development activities, including conferences, seminars, and training sessions attended by the Deputy Minister, Assistant Deputy Ministers and Division Directors from the Department of Education for the period April 1, 1993 to February 28, 1994.

Sessional Paper 190/94

Return to Order of the Assembly No. M199 asked by Mr. Henry on May 4, 1994:

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.

Sessional Paper 199/94

Achievement Testing Program Provincial Report, June 1993 Administration, Grade Level 3 Language Learning, Grade 6 Social Studies, Grade 9 Science

Sessional Paper 1069/94

Hon. Mr. Dinning, Provincial Treasurer, pursuant to the Conflicts of Interest Act, cC-22.1, s16:

Report pursuant to Section 31(6) of the Legislative Assembly Act for the period April 1, 1992 to February 28, 1993 (Payments made to Members of the Legislative Assembly and Persons directly associated with Members of the Legislative Assembly)

Sessional Paper 110/94

Hon. Mr. Dinning, Provincial Treasurer, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s43(4):

Report pursuant to Section 43(4) of the Legislative Assembly Act, year ended March 31, 1993 (Payments in respect to of Members of the Legislative Assembly serving on boards, commissions, committees or other bodies)

Sessional Paper 117/94

Hon. Dr. West, Minister responsible for the Alberta Educational Communications Corporation, pursuant to the Alberta Educational Communications Corporation Act, cA-18, s12(2):

Alberta Educational Communications Corporation, April 1, 1992 to March 31, 1993

Sessional Paper 26/94

Mr. Brassard, Chairman, Social Care Facilities Review Committee, pursuant to the Social Care Facilities Review Committee Act, cS-15, s16:

Alberta Social Care Facilities Review Committee, Annual Report 1993

Sessional Paper 68/94

Mr. Yankowsky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Belmont:

Lodge Foundation Seniors Survey, Sturgeon Foundation, Leduc Foundation,
Greater Edmonton Foundation, June 1994

Sessional Paper 1070/94

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Thurber, Minister of Public Works, Supply and Services, made a statement regarding the fiftieth anniversary of "D-Day", June 6, 1994.

Mr. N. Taylor, Hon. Member for Redwater, commented on the statement.

Hon. Mr. Day, Minister of Labour, made a statement regarding the opening of the International Qualifications Assessment Service, June 1, 1994.

Mr. Decore, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, commented on the statement.

Privilege

Ms Abdurahman, Hon. Member for Clover Bar-Fort Saskatchewan, raised a purported point of privilege regarding the disclosure of private phone records by Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Deputy Premier.

The Speaker indicated he would take the matter under advisement and report back to the Assembly.

Mr. N. Taylor, Hon. Member for Redwater, withdrew his intention to raise a purported point of privilege regarding remarks made by the Deputy Premier in relation to the conduct of the 1988 Liberal leadership campaign.

Motions Under Standing Order 40

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to move the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly recognize May 30, 1994 to June 4, 1994 as National Access Awareness Week, and strive to ensure all Government buildings are fully accessible to all Albertans.

A debate followed.

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

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly to move the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly of Alberta urge the Government to investigate the lockout at Lafarge Canada Inc.'s cement plant at Exshaw regarding the number of workplace accidents, potential environmental damage and the economic impact resulting from the employment of inexperienced replacement workers, and to take appropriate action.

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

On motion by Mr. Bruseker, Hon. Member for Calgary-North West, unanimous consent of the Assembly was granted to waive Standing Order 8(3) to proceed immediately on the Order Paper to Government Bills and Orders.

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 31 Municipal Government Act – Mrs. Gordon

Bill 40 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 1994 – Hon. Mr. Rostad

Royal Assent

His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, having entered the Assembly and being seated on the Throne,

The Speaker addressed His Honour in the following words:

May it please Your Honour:

The Legislative Assembly has, at its present sitting, passed certain Bills to which, and in the name of the Legislative Assembly, I respectfully request Your Honour's assent.

The Clerk of the Assembly then read the titles of the Bills that had been passed as follows:

- 18 Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act
- 20 Regional Health Authorities Act
- 22 Maintenance Enforcement Amendment Act, 1994
- 30 Environmental Protection and Enhancement Amendment Act, 1994
- 31 Municipal Government Act
- 33 Fatal Accidents Amendment Act, 1994
- 34 Alberta Housing Act

- 35 Seniors Benefit Act
- 36 Teachers' Retirement Fund Amendment Act, 1994
- 37 Credit Union Amendment Act, 1994
- 38 Professional Statutes Amendment Act, 1994
- 39 Alberta Health Care Insurance Amendment Act, 1994
- 40 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 1994

To these Bills, Royal Assent was announced by the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly in the following words:

In Her Majesty's name, His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor doth assent to these Bills.

His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor then retired from the Assembly.

Government Motions

27. Moved by Hon. Mr. Day:

Be it resolved that when the Assembly adjourns to recess the Spring Sitting of the Second Session of the 23rd Legislature, it shall stand adjourned until a time and date for the Fall Sitting of the Second Session of the 23rd Legislature, as determined by the Speaker after consultation with the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mrs. Black, Deputy Government House Leader, and pursuant to Government Motion No. 27, agreed to by the Assembly June 1, 1994, the Assembly adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Stanley S. Schumacher, Q.C.,
Speaker

Title: Wednesday, June 1, 1994