



**Legislative Assembly  
Province of Alberta**

No. 6

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

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Wednesday, February 22, 1995

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

**Presenting Petitions**

Mr. Bracko, Hon. Member for St. Albert, presented a petition from 42 Albertans regarding hours of kindergarten instruction.

Ms Hanson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands-Beverly, presented a petition from 182 Albertans regarding hours of kindergarten instruction.

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, presented a petition from 15 Albertans regarding hours of kindergarten instruction.

**Reading and Receiving Petitions**

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

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government to ensure all Alberta school boards provide the opportunity for each eligible child to receive a minimum of 400 hours of Early Childhood Services instruction per year.

We also request the Assembly urge the Government of Alberta to allow Alberta school boards to use money from the Alberta School Foundation Fund to fund 400 hours or more of Early Childhood Services (ECS) determined by the local community, so that there are no ECS user fees for 400 hour programs and so that all Alberta children have an equal opportunity or "level playing field" to succeed and compete in life by having equal access to basic educational resources.

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

We, the undersigned, petition the Legislative Assembly of Alberta to urge the Government to ensure that no hospital beds are closed in southwestern Alberta by an unelected Regional Health Authority without adequate consultation with residents.

On request by Mr. Dalla-Longa, Hon. Member for Calgary-West, the following petition was read and received:

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We also request the Assembly urge the Government of Alberta to allow Alberta school boards to use money from the Alberta School Foundation Fund to fund 400 hours or more of Early Childhood Services (ECS) determined by the local community, so that there are no ECS user fees for 400 hour programs and so that all Alberta children have an equal opportunity or "level playing field" to succeed and compete in life by having equal access to basic educational resources.

## **Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees**

Mr. Hierath, Chairman, Select Standing Committee on Legislative Offices, presented the following report:

Report of the Select Standing Committee on Legislative Offices, February 1995, regarding the reappointment of the Ombudsman, Mr. Harley A. Johnson, for consideration by the Legislative Assembly

Sessional Paper 633/95

## **Notices of Motions**

Mr. Hierath, Chairman, Select Standing Committee on Legislative Offices, gave oral notice of the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly concur in the recommendation of the Select Standing Committee on Legislative Offices passed on January 18, 1995 to recommend to His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor that Mr. Harley A. Johnson be reappointed as Ombudsman for the Province of Alberta.

## **Introduction of Bills**

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

Bill 6 Balanced Budget and Debt Retirement Act — Hon. Mr. Dinning

## **Tabling Returns and Reports**

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

News release, dated February 21, 1995, from the University of Calgary Students' Union, entitled "Student Leaders Warn of Continued Erosion to Quality of Education" and attached document, Perspectives on Quality Education, January 26, 1995

Sessional Paper 634/95

Hon. Mr. Paszkowski, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, pursuant to the Veterinary Profession Act, cV-3.1, s7(4):

Alberta Veterinary Medical Association, Annual Report 1994

Sessional Paper 23/95

Hon. Mr. Paszkowski, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development:

Report to the Alberta Legislative Assembly, Investment and Trade Mission by Honourable Walter Paszkowski, United States and Mexico, January 24 to February 4, 1995

Sessional Paper 635/95

## **Oral Question Period**

During Oral Question Period, Mr. Havelock, Hon. Member for Calgary-Shaw, filed the following:

Toronto Globe and Mail, Friday, February 17, 1995, page A4, "Labour's alternative budget would raise spending, taxes"

Sessional Paper 636/95

Communiqué, dated February 21, 1995, Reform Party of Canada, "Reformers unveil Taxpayers' Budget"

Sessional Paper 637/95

During Oral Question Period, Hon. Mr. Dinning, Provincial Treasurer, filed the following:

Grant Mitchell's Financial Plan, 1995-96 to 1996-97

Sessional Paper 638/95

During Oral Question Period, Dr. Percy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud, filed the following:

Tax table covering 1986 to 1992, entitled "Taxes, Taxes, Taxes . . . and Klein, Klein, Klein"

Sessional Paper 639/95

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

### **Written Questions**

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

Q146, Q147, Q148, Q149, Q150, Q151, Q152, Q153, Q154, Q155, Q156, Q157, Q158.

### **Motions for Returns**

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

M159, M160, M161, M162, M163, M164, M165, M166, M167, M168, M169, M170, M171, M172, M173, M174, M175, M176, M177, M178, M179, M180, M181, M182, M183, M184.

### **Public Bills and Orders**

#### **Other Than Government Bills and Orders**

#### **Second Reading**

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

Bill 202 School (Early Childhood Services) Amendment Act, 1995 —  
Mr. Mitchell

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was defeated. The names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 22

Abdurahman	Henry	Sekulic
Bracko	Hewes	Soetaert
Bruseker	Kirkland	Taylor (Redwater)
Chadi	Leibovici	Van Binsbergen
Collingwood	Massey	White
Dickson	Mitchell	Zariwny
Germain	Nicol	Zwozdesky
Hanson		

Against the motion: 36

Ady	Haley	McFarland
Black	Havelock	Mirosh
Brassard	Herard	Oberg
Calahasen	Hierath	Paszkowski
Clegg	Jacques	Pham
Coutts	Jonson	Renner
Day	Kowalski	Severtson
Dinning	Laing	Stelmach
Fischer	Lund	Taylor (Cypress-Medicine Hat)
Forsyth	Magnus	Thurber
Friedel	Mar	West
Gordon	McClellan	Yankowsky

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

Bill 203 Family Day Amendment Act, 1995 — Mrs. Forsyth

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned.

## **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Day, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:26 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1995 — 8:00 P.M.

## **Government Motions**

**14.** Moved by Hon. Mr. Dinning:

Be it resolved that the Assembly approve in general the fiscal policies of the Government.

A debate followed.

Hon. Mr. Day moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

## **Consideration of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech**

Moved by Mr. Brassard and seconded by Mr. Amery:

That an humble address be presented to His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor as follows:

To His Honour the Honourable Gordon Towers, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Alberta:

We, Her Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly, now assembled, beg leave to thank Your Honour for the gracious speech Your Honour has been pleased to address to us at the opening of the present session.

A debate followed.

Mr. Renner, Hon. Member for Medicine Hat, moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

## **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Day, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:49 p.m. until Thursday, February 23, 1995 at 1:30 p.m.

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