



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 9

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Third Session

Twenty-Third Legislature

Tuesday, February 28, 1995

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

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Langevin, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul, presented a petition from 28 St. Paul, Glendon and Two Hills residents regarding sexual orientation and the Individual Rights Protection Act (IRPA).

Ms Abdurahman, Hon. Member for Clover Bar-Fort Saskatchewan, presented a petition from 193 Medicine Hat residents regarding a minimum of 400 hours of Early Childhood Services instruction per year.

Mr. Wickman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, presented a petition from 69 St. Paul and Cold Lake residents regarding a minimum of 400 hours of Early Childhood Services instruction per year.

Mr. Kirkland, Hon. Member for Leduc, presented a petition from 215 Albertans regarding a minimum of 400 hours of Early Childhood Services instruction per year.

Mr. Yankowsky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Belmont, presented a letter from an Albertan regarding a minimum of 400 hours of Early Childhood Services instruction per year.

Mr. Coutts, Hon. Member for Pincher Creek-Macleod, presented a petition from 31 residents of the Municipality of Crowsnest Pass regarding a minimum of 400 hours of Early Childhood Services instruction per year.

Reading and Receiving Petitions

On request by Mr. Sekulic, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, 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 Dr. Percy, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud, the following petition was read and received:

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Notices of Motions

Pursuant to Standing Order 34(2)(a), Hon. Mrs. Black, Deputy Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following Written Questions and Motions for Returns to be dealt with Wednesday, March 1, 1995:

Written Questions: Q149, Q150, Q151.

Motions for Returns: M164, M166, M172, M173, M175, M180, M181.

Hon. Mr. Day, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of his intention to move, pursuant to Standing Order 30, that the Assembly adjourn to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, namely the need to ensure fairness in expenditure reductions proposed in the Federal Budget, and required regulatory changes to the agriculture and energy sectors of the Canadian economy.

Introduction of Bills

Notice having been given:

Bill 15 Charitable Fund-Raising Act — Mr. Coutts

On motion by Hon. Mr. Day, Government House Leader, the following Bill was placed on the Order Paper under Government Bills and Orders:

Bill 15 Charitable Fund-Raising Act — Mr. Coutts

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo:

Memorandum, dated April 27, 1994, from Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, to Mr. Havelock, Chairman, Select Standing Committee on Law and Regulations, regarding government regulations

Sessional Paper 666/95

Hon. Dr. West, Minister responsible for the Racing Commission, pursuant to the Racing Commission Act, cR-1, s10(2):

Alberta Racing Commission, Annual Report 1993-94

Sessional Paper 135/95

Hon. Dr. West, Minister of Transportation and Utilities, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52:

Alberta Transportation and Utilities, Annual Report 1993-94

Sessional Paper 137/95

Hon. Mr. Evans, Minister of Justice and Attorney General:

Letter, dated January 10, 1995, from Mary Huerlimann-Christie, Chair, ECS-LAC, Canmore, to Hon. Mr. Evans, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, regarding a minimum of 400 hours of kindergarten programming per child per school year.

Sessional Paper 667/95

Mr. Bracko, Hon. Member for St. Albert:

Letter, dated November 7, 1994, from Dave Caron, Chairman, Board of Trustees, St. Albert Catholic Schools, District 3, to Mr. Bracko, Hon. Member for St. Albert, regarding a minimum of 400 hours of kindergarten programming per child per school year.

Sessional Paper 668/95

Oral Question Period

During Oral Question Period, Mrs. Hewes, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Goldbar, filed the following:

Table, average tax paid by households headed by a person 65 years of age or older

Sessional Paper 669/95

Alberta's Income Tax Structure, Con Duemler, Edmonton, January 12, 1995

Sessional Paper 670/95

Letter, dated January 28, 1995, from Con Duemler, Edmonton, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding benefits to seniors

Sessional Paper 671/95

During Oral Question Period, Mr. Germain, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray, filed the following:

Total Payments to Progressive Conservative MLAs for Year Ended March 31, 1994 (includes salary, benefits and expenses)

Sessional Paper 672/95

Members' Statements

Mr. Wickman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, made a statement regarding his recent conviction for impaired driving.

Dr. L. Taylor, Hon. Member for Cypress-Medicine Hat, made a statement regarding the recent inauguration of the Institute of Pharmaco-economics.

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, made a statement regarding performance indicators used by the Department of Advanced Education and Career Development to measure Alberta colleges and universities.

Motion for Adjournment for an Emergency Debate

Hon. Mr. Day, Government House Leader, requested leave to move, pursuant to Standing Order 30, that the Assembly adjourn to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, namely the need to ensure fairness in expenditure reductions proposed in the Federal Budget, and required regulatory changes to the agriculture and energy sectors of the Canadian economy.

A debate followed on urgency.

During debate, Mr. Germain, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray, filed the following:

Alberta Hansard, May 28, 1990, pp. 1453-1455 and July 5, 1990, p. 2405
Sessional Paper 673/95

The Speaker ruled that the request for leave was not in order.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Public Bills and Orders

Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

On the motion 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.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(2)(b), debate adjourned, Mr. N. Taylor speaking.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

501. Moved by Mr. Hierath:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly request the Government to request the Federal Government to amend the Canadian Wheat Board Act so that producers of wheat and barley will have the option to market their grain on the North American continent either through the Canadian Wheat Board or by private export, and that this option be extended by November 1, 1995. If the aforementioned time-line is not met, the Government of Alberta is urged to conduct a province-wide plebiscite for the producers of wheat and barley.

Debate continued on the amendment, moved by Dr. Nicol, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, on February 14, 1995, which read:

striking out

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and by adding after "private export"
provided that
and by adding at the end, after "wheat and barley"
approves this plan

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(4), the question being put, the amendment was agreed to. The question being immediately put on the motion as amended, the amended motion was agreed to unanimously.

502. Moved by Mr. Mitchell:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly refer all regulations enacted pursuant to Acts of the Legislature which received Royal Assent subsequent to June 15, 1993 to the Standing Committee on Law and Regulations (hereinafter described as "The Committee"). The Committee shall review such regulations said to include but not be limited to the following questions:

1. is the regulation consistent with delegated authority provided in the relevant statute;
2. is the regulation necessarily incidental to the purpose of the statute;
3. is the regulation reasonable in efficient provision of service to Albertans?

The Committee shall report to the Legislature on or before May 1, 1995.

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(2)(c), debate adjourned, Dr. Nicol speaking.

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.

Dr. Percy moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mrs. Black, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., it was agreed at 5:10 p.m. that when the Assembly reconvened at 8:00 p.m. it would be in Committee of the Whole, and the Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1995 — 8:00 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Committee resolved itself into Committee of the Whole.

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 7 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 1995 — Hon. Mr. Dinning

Committee of Supply

(Day 1 of Main Estimates Consideration)

(Assembly in Committee)

And after sometime spent therein, the Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair and Mrs. Forsyth reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the Department of Energy, reports progress thereon, and requests leave to sit again.

The question being put, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Evans, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:10 p.m. until Wednesday, March 1, 1995 at 1:30 p.m.

Title: Tuesday, February 28, 1995