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Province of Alberta**

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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Wednesday, March 8, 1995

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

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Bruseker, Hon. Member for Calgary-North West, presented a petition from 229 Calgary and area residents regarding hours of kindergarten instruction.

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, presented a petition from 309 Calgary residents regarding hours of kindergarten instruction.

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, presented a petition from Edmonton and area residents regarding hours of kindergarten instruction.

Reading and Receiving Petitions

Mr. Renner, Chairman, Standing Committee on Private Bills, moved that, further to the report of the Standing Committee on Private Bills that was concurred in by the Assembly yesterday, the following petitions now be deemed to be read and received:

of the Missionary Church for the Missionary Church Amalgamation Authorization Act,

of the City of Edmonton for the City of Edmonton Authorities Repeal Act,

of the Alberta Stock Exchange for the Alberta Stock Exchange Amendment Act, 1995,

of the Galt School of Nursing Alumnae Society of Alberta for the Galt Scholarship Fund Continuance Act,

of David Luckwell and H. L. Burke Enterprises Ltd. for the First Canadian Casualty Insurance Corporation Amendment Act, 1995,
of Colin Chor Wee Chew for the Colin Chor Wee Chew Legal Articles Act,
of Concordia College for the Concordia College Amendment Act, 1995,
of Lavinia Henderson, Administrator, Town of Milk River, for the Milk River and District Foundation Act,
of the University of Calgary and the University of Alberta for the University of Calgary and the University of Alberta Charitable Annuity Act, and
of the Calgary Regional Health Authority for the Calgary Regional Health Authority Charitable Annuity Act.

On request by Mr. Van Binsbergen, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead, 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. Wickman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, 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.

On request by Mr. Vasseur, Hon. Member for Bonnyville, 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.

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 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.

Notices of Motions

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, gave oral notice of her intention to move the following motion under Standing Order 40:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly recognize today as International Women's Day and to discuss the current status of Alberta women on this important anniversary.

Introduction of Bills

Notice having been given:

Bill 16 Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 1995 — Hon. Mr. Day

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Mitchell, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Letter, dated March 7, 1995, from L.D. Clark, President, St. Albert Fire Fighters Union, to Members of the Legislative Assembly, regarding Bill 3, Managerial Exclusion Act

Sessional Paper 706/95

Letter, dated March 7, 1995, from R. Wayne Hudson, Alberta Fire Fighters Association Secretary Treasurer, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding Second reading of Bill 3, Managerial Exclusion Act

Sessional Paper 707/95

Mr. Chadi, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Roper:

7 signed letters, undated, from various Albertans to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding privatization of correctional centres

Sessional Paper 708/95

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

7 signed letters, undated, from various Albertans to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding privatization of correctional centres

Sessional Paper 709/95

National Defence, 1995 Budget Impact Settlement, Hon. Mr. Collenette, P.C., M.P., Minister of National Defence and Veterans Affairs, February 1995

Sessional Paper 710/95

Ms Abdurahman, Hon. Member for Clover Bar-Fort Saskatchewan:

7 signed letters, undated, from various Albertans to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding privatization of correctional centres

Sessional Paper 711/95

Letter, dated March 7, 1995, from Hon. Mr. Young, Minister of Transport, to Ms Abdurahman, Hon. Member for Clover Bar-Fort Saskatchewan, regarding brake problems with General Motors vehicles

Sessional Paper 712/95

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

Drawing from Sean Blake regarding hours of kindergarten instruction

Sessional Paper 713/95

Drawing from Patricia Hagan regarding hours of kindergarten instruction

Sessional Paper 714/95

Mr. Bruseker, Hon. Member for Calgary-North West:

7 signed letters, undated, from various Albertans to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding privatization of correctional centres

Sessional Paper 715/95

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Community Development, announced that March 8, 1995, is International Women's Day.

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

Motions Under Standing Order 40

The Speaker ruled that the motion previously given under Notices of Motions by Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, be amended by deleting the following:

and to discuss the current status of Alberta women on this important anniversary.

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly for consideration of the following motion as amended by the Speaker:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly recognize today as International Women's Day.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Questions were accepted:

Q146. (Mr. Collingwood):

With respect to the Natural Resources and Sustainable Development Policy Committee, between the period September 1, 1993 to December 1, 1994, how many times did the Committee meet and how many of those meetings were completely in camera; how many presentations were made to the Committee, and how many were made in camera?

Q148. (Mr. Collingwood):

With respect to the Oldman River Dam, from the inception of the project to December 31, 1994, what was the total cost of construction, including mitigation works; what was the total cost of mitigation works; what was the cost of each mitigation program; and what were the main activities carried out under each mitigation program?

Q152. (Mr. N. Taylor):

With respect to the Alberta private woodlot program, what was spent in the 1993-94 fiscal year and how much has been budgeted for the 1994-95 fiscal year; what proportion was budgeted in each of these fiscal years by the Provincial Government and what proportion by the Federal Government; and how many people were employed to run the woodlot program as of April 1 for these years?

Q153. (Mr. Collingwood):

How many energy audits and retrofits of government buildings were conducted each year between January 1, 1990 and December 31, 1994; what did the retrofits cost; what are the annual energy savings realized in each case, and how many government buildings have still to receive an energy audit?

Q156. (Mr. Bruseker for Dr. Nicol):

How many mule deer and whitetail deer were killed by firearms and bows between January 1, 1993 and January 1, 1994?

Q158. (Ms Hanson):

What is the total number of children who had/have status with the Child Welfare System for the following periods: April 1, 1991 to March 31, 1992; April 1, 1992 to March 31, 1993; April 1, 1993 to March 31, 1994; April 1, 1994 to February 13, 1995; and what is the breakdown of the reasons for these children being taken into the Child Welfare System for each of these periods?

The following Written Questions were accepted as amended:

Q147. (Mr. Collingwood):

How many underground storage tanks, identified under the Management of Underground Storage Tanks Program, were removed between January 1, 1994 and December 31, 1994 and how many were replaced?

Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Environmental Protection, moved that the Written Question be amended to read as follows:

How many underground storage tanks, identified under the Management of Underground Storage Tanks Program *which is administered by the Petroleum Tank Management Association of Alberta (PTMAA)*, were removed between January 1, 1994 and December 31, 1994 and how many were replaced?

Q154. (Mr. Collingwood):

How many inspections were carried out between September 1, 1993 and December 31, 1994 of auto recyclers and other establishments that handle ozone-depleting substances to ensure compliance with regulations under the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act; what proportion is this of the total number of such establishments in the province; how many infringements were found and what action was taken or penalty imposed in each case?

Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Environmental Protection, moved that the Written Question be amended to read as follows:

How many *investigations* were carried out between September 1, 1993 and December 31, 1994 of auto recyclers and other establishments that handle ozone-depleting substances to ensure compliance with regulations under the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act and what action was taken or penalty imposed in each case?

Q155. (Mr. N. Taylor):

With respect to the region covered by the Interim Timber Harvesting Guidelines for Public Land in the White Area in the Northeast Region of Alberta, what is the total area of grazing dispositions and what is the area for which range development plans have been approved; what is the area of commercially valuable timber in the lands in the categories referred to in the first part of this question; what is the area that has been designated in the northeast region for sustained yield timber management and what proportion is on lands referred to in the first part of this question?

Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Environmental Protection, moved that the Written Question be amended to read as follows:

With respect to the region covered by the Interim Timber Harvesting Guidelines for Public Land in the White Area in the Northeast Region of Alberta, what is the total area of grazing dispositions and what is the area for which range development plans have been approved; what is the area that has been designated in the northeast region for sustained yield timber management and what proportion is on lands referred to in the first part of this question?

Q157. (Mr. Bruseker for Mrs. Soetaert):

What is the total number of women incarcerated in provincial correctional centres for the fiscal period April 1, 1994 to February 1, 1995, because they are unable to pay fines; how many are native; what is the average length of time of incarceration because of their inability to pay fines; and what is the cost to Alberta taxpayers for this type of incarceration?

Hon. Mr. Evans, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, moved that the Written Question be amended to read as follows:

What is the total number of women *admitted* in provincial correctional centres for the fiscal period April 1, 1994 to February 1, 1995, because they are unable to pay fines; how many are native; what is the average *number of days served* because of their inability to pay fines; and what is the cost to Alberta taxpayers for this type of incarceration?

Motions for Returns

The following Motions for Returns were accepted:

M160. Moved by Mr. Collingwood:

A list of companies and other bodies that, to the knowledge of the Department of Environmental Protection, infringed the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act between September 1, 1993 and December 31, 1994, with details of each infringement and the penalty imposed, if any.

M168. Moved by Mr. Sekulic:

Copies of any amended phase I loan agreements between the Government and Pratt & Whitney Canada Inc. concluded between January 1, 1994 and February 13, 1995.

Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister without Portfolio (Economic Development and Tourism) tabled the following:

Return to Order of the Assembly No. M168 asked for by Mr. Sekulic on March 7, 1995:

Copies of any amended phase I loan agreements between the Government and Pratt & Whitney Canada Inc. concluded between January 1, 1994 and February 13, 1995.

Sessional Paper 168/95

M170. Moved by Mr. N. Taylor:

A list of the date and location of inspections made between January 1, 1993 and December 31, 1994 to determine whether logging on private land is having a detrimental affect on the environment, along with details of any breaches of legislation and of reprimands or fines imposed.

The following Motions for Returns were accepted as amended:

M161. (Mr. Collingwood):

The names of the consulting companies operating collectively as the Alberta Heritage Rivers Consortium which is coordinating the study for the selection of candidate Heritage Rivers, and a copy of each of their contracts showing their mandate.

Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Environmental Protection, moved that the Motion for Return be amended to read as follows:

The name of the consulting company operating collectively as the Alberta Heritage Rivers Consortium which is coordinating the study for the selection of candidate Heritage Rivers, and a copy of the contract issued to the consortium.

M165. Moved by Mr. Sekulic on behalf of Dr. Percy:

Copies of any loan or amended loan agreements between the Government, Millar Western Pulp Ltd., Millar Western Pulp (Whitecourt) Ltd. and Millar Western Industries Ltd. concluded between January 1, 1993 and February 13, 1995.

Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister without Portfolio (Economic Development and Tourism) moved that the Motion for Return be amended to read as follows:

Copies of any loan or amended loan agreements between the Government, Millar Western Pulp Ltd., Millar Western Pulp (Whitecourt) Ltd. and Millar Western Industries Ltd. *effective June 1, 1994.*

M171. Moved by Mr. Collingwood:

Copies of all contracts between the Government and contractors involved in phase 3 of the construction of the Paddle River Dam, and any other documents sent or received by the Government pertaining to the construction of this phase.

Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Environmental Protection, moved that the Motion for Return be amended to read as follows:

Copies of all monthly summaries of equipment reports involved in phase 3 of the construction of the Paddle River Dam, and Ministerial correspondence relating to this equipment usage pertaining to the construction of this phase.

M174. Moved by Mr. N. Taylor:

The names of companies or operators that were charged with unlawful forestry practices, including breaches of Forest Management Agreements and Operating Ground Rules, with details of the charge and the nature and size of the penalty imposed, from January 1, 1991 until December 31, 1994.

Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Environmental Protection, moved that the Motion for Return be amended to read as follows:

An annual summary of penalties assessed against Commercial Timber Operators for breaches of the Forests Act and Regulations, or of the Alberta Timber Harvest Planning and Operating Ground Rules, showing the number of operators against whom penalties were assessed, the number of penalties assessed, the total amount assessed and the average penalty size, for the period January 1, 1991 to December 31, 1994.

A debate followed on amendment.

Debate adjourned (on amendment).

The following Motions for Returns were rejected:

M163. Moved by Mr. Sekulic on behalf of Dr. Percy:

Copies of the latest ten year business plan of the Alberta Special Waste Management Joint Venture System prepared by the Operating Committee of the Alberta Special Waste Management System Joint Venture Board, as required under article 611 of the Joint Venture Agreement for the construction, ownership, and operation of the Alberta Special Waste Management System.

A debate followed.

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

For the motion: 20

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| Abdurahman | Hanson | Sekulic |
| Bracko | Henry | Soetaert |
| Bruseker | Hewes | Taylor (Redwater) |
| Chadi | Kirkland | Van Binsbergen |
| Collingwood | Massey | White |
| Decore | Percy | Zwozdesky |
| Dickson | Sapers | |

Against the motion: 41

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| Amery | Friedel | Oberg |
| Black | Fritz | Paszkowski |
| Brassard | Gordon | Pham |
| Burgener | Haley | Renner |
| Calahasen | Havelock | Severtson |
| Cardinal | Hierath | Smith |
| Clegg | Jacques | Stelmach |
| Coutts | Jonson | Tannas |
| Dinning | Laing | Taylor (Cypress-Medicine Hat) |
| Doerksen | Langevin | Thurber |
| Dunford | Lund | West |
| Evans | Mar | Woloshyn |
| Fischer | McClellan | Yankowsky |
| Forsyth | McFarland | |

M167. Moved by Mr. Sekulic:

Copies of the Government Deregulation Draft Action Plan (November 29, 1993) and the Economic Development and Tourism Client Group Consultations (October 6, 1993) prepared by the Department of Economic Development and Tourism.

M169. Moved by Mr. N. Taylor:

Copies of recommendations from the Standing Policy Committee on Natural Resources and Sustainable Development to the Minister of Environmental Protection and/or the Lieutenant Governor in Council regarding unregulated logging of timber from private land and out-of-province sales made between September 1, 1993 and December 31, 1994.

A debate followed.

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

For the motion: 16

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| Abdurahman | Dickson | Sapers |
| Bracko | Hewes | Sekulic |
| Bruseker | Kirkland | Taylor (Redwater) |
| Chadi | Leibovici | Van Binsbergen |
| Collingwood | Percy | Zwozdesky |
| Decore | | |

Against the motion: 38

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| Amery | Gordon | Oberg |
| Black | Haley | Paszkowski |
| Brassard | Havelock | Pham |
| Calahasen | Herard | Renner |
| Cardinal | Hierath | Rostad |
| Clegg | Jacques | Severtson |
| Coutts | Jonson | Smith |
| Doerksen | Kowalski | Stelmach |
| Dunford | Laing | Taylor (Cypress-Medicine Hat) |
| Evans | Lund | Thurber |
| Fischer | Mar | West |
| Friedel | McClellan | Woloshyn |
| Fritz | McFarland | |

The following Motions for Returns were not taken up:

M178, M179, M182.

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

M159, M162, M174, M176, M177, M178, M179, M182, M183, M184.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Evans, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., it was agreed at 5:24 p.m. that when the Assembly reconvened at 8:00 p.m. they would be in Committee of the Whole, and the Speaker left the Chair.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 1995 — 8:00 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the Chair.

The following Bills were reported:

Bill 8 Appropriation (Interim Supply) Act, 1995 — Hon. Mr. Dinning

Bill 9 Appropriation (Lottery Fund) Interim Supply Act, 1995 — Hon.
Mr. Dinning

Committee of Supply

(Day 6 of Main Estimates Consideration)

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the Department of Municipal Affairs, 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 10:26 p.m. until Thursday, March 9, 1995 at 1:30 p.m.

Title: Wednesday, March 8, 1995