

Legislative Assembly Province of Alberta

No. 30

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Third Session

Twenty-Third Legislature

Wednesday, April 5, 1995

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

Reading and Receiving Petitions

On request by Mr. Vasseur, Hon. Member for Bonnyville, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta not sell the rights of water to any company, country or monopoly without first conducting a referendum for the people to decide the issue.

On request by Dr. Nicol, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to de-insure the performance of induced abortions under the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan Act and use the community-based resources that are already in place that offer positive alternatives to abortion.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Health, pursuant to the Public Health Act, cP-27.1, s6(2):

Public Health Advisory and Appeal Board, Annual Report 1993-94 Sessional Paper 81/95

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

Letter, dated January 28, 1995, from W.B. Borgstede, St. Albert, to Mrs. Gordon, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Stettler, regarding lottery fund allocations for third world development

Sessional Paper 832/95

Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora:

Letter, unsigned, dated March 27, 1995, from the Executive, Ophthalmological Society of Alberta, to Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Health, regarding the utilization of therapeutic pharmaceutical agents (TPAs)

Sessional Paper 833/95

Letter, dated March 21, 1995, from Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Health, to Dr. W.J. Pidde, Ophthalmological Society of Alberta, regarding the utilization of therapeutic pharmaceutical agents (TPAs)

Sessional Paper 834/95

Dr. Nicol, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East:

54 letters, undated, variously signed, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and Hon. Mr. Day, Minister of Labour, regarding "right-to-work" legislation

Sessional Paper 835/95

Hon. Mr. Schumacher, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Conflicts of Interest Act, cC-22.1, s23(10), 26(1):

Investigation into a Matter involving Mr. Vasseur, Hon. Member for Bonnyville, April 5, 1995

Sessional Paper 2A/95

Oral Question Period

During Oral Question Period, Mr. Dalla-Longa, Hon. Member for Calgary-West, filed the following:

"Leadership necessary in solving tax inequity", Commerce Comments, April 1995, Volume 13, Issue 4

Sessional Paper 836/95

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Questions were accepted:

Q188. (Mrs. Soetaert):

What is the total number of public service employees that have been laid off between July 1, 1993 and February 1, 1994 for each department, and how many of these employees are women?

Q189. (Mrs. Soetaert):

For the period April 1, 1994 to February 1, 1995, what is the total number of women employed in each government department, crown corporation, boards, and of these totals, how many of these women are in management positions in each sector?

Q198. (Dr. Percy):

To what extent is the \$293 million reduction in the Workers' Compensation Board unfunded liability between December 31, 1992 and December 31, 1993 the result of actuarial adjustments?

Q199. (Dr. Percy):

To what extent is the \$293 million reduction in the Workers' Compensation Board unfunded liability between December 31, 1992 and December 31, 1993 the result of a decline in injuries and lost time claims?

The following Written Question was accepted as amended:

Q187. (Ms Hanson):

How many Supports for Independence clients have been transferred to the Student Finance Board for the period September 1, 1993 through to January 1, 1995; how many were completing high school equivalencies; how many were pursuing post secondary education; how many were taking vocational training; and what is the average amount of grant/loan disbursed per student and the average duration of study?

Hon. Mr. Day, Government House Leader, moved that the Written Question be amended to read:

How many Supports for Independence clients have been transferred to the Student Finance Board for the period *April 1, 1994* through to *March 31, 1995*; how many were completing high school equivalencies; how many were pursuing post secondary education; how many were taking vocational training; and what is the average amount of grant/loan dispersed per student and the average duration of study?

The following Written Question was ordered to stand:

Motions for Returns

Q206.

The following Motions for Returns were accepted:

M195. Moved by Dr. Percy:

Copies of any loan agreements, Alberta guarantee agreements and Alberta indemnity agreements between the Government, Alberta Treasury Branches and Universal Industries Ltd. concluded between December 1, 1992 and February 13, 1995.

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

Return to Order of the Assembly No. M195 asked for by Dr. Percy on April 5, 1995:

Copies of any loan agreements, Alberta guarantee agreements and Alberta indemnity agreements between the Government, Alberta Treasury Branches and Universal Industries Ltd. concluded between December 1, 1992 and February 13, 1995.

Sessional Paper 195/95

M197. Moved by Mr. Collingwood:

The list of all organizations and activities that will be funded with money raised from the auction in the United States of permits for hunting an elk and bighorn sheep in Alberta, referred to by the Minister of Environmental Protection in the Legislature on February 27, 1995 (Hansard p. 198), and the amount that each organization will receive.

M204. Moved by Mr. Sekulic:

A breakdown of the projections for net revenue or expenditures of other funds and agencies for the 1996/97 and 1997/98 fiscal years as set out on page 15 of the 1995 provincial budget.

The following Motions for Returns were defeated:

M191. Moved by Mr. Collingwood:

Copies of any tenders or contracts pertaining to air support for forest fire suppression entered into by the Department of Environmental Protection between January 1, 1994 and March 10, 1995.

M192. Moved by Ms Hanson:

A list of all private companies who have contracted with the Department of Family and Social Services between April 1, 1993 and February 1, 1995; a description of the services provided; the amount of the contract; and whether or not the contract went to tender.

M193. Moved by Dr. Percy:

Copies of any loan agreements, Alberta guarantee agreements and Alberta indemnity agreements between the Government, Alberta Treasury Branches and North Saskatchewan River Boat Ltd. concluded between December 1, 1992 and February 13, 1995.

M194. Moved by Dr. Percy:

Any studies or reports prepared by, or on behalf of, the Government between January 1, 1993 and February 13, 1995 assessing the feasibility of levying provincial income tax on the basis of taxable income as compared to a percentage of federal income tax payable.

M201. Moved by Mr. Collingwood:

A copy of the latest approved ten year business plan for 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: 12

Bracko Kirkland Soetaert
Bruseker Massey Taylor (Redwater)
Collingwood Percy Van Binsbergen
Hanson Sekulic Vasseur

Against the motion: 38

Adv Gordon Oberg Amery Haley Pham Brassard Herard Renner Burgener Hierath Rostad Cardinal Hlady Severtson Clegg Jonson Smith Coutts Kowalski Stelmach Day Laing Tannas Trynchy Dinning Langevin Dunford Magnus West Fischer Mar Woloshyn Friedel Yankowsky McClellan

Fritz McFarland

M203. Moved by Dr. Percy:

Copy of any appraisals prepared by or on behalf of the Government between January 1, 1993 and March 15, 1995 with respect to assessing the market value of the Province's investment in Vencap Equities Ltd.

M205. Moved by Mr. N. Taylor:

A list of penalties in excess of \$1,000 that were 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 name of the operator, details of the charge and the nature and amount of the penalty assessed, from January 1, 1991 until December 31, 1994.

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

M202, M207, M208, M209, M210, M211, M212, M213, M214, M215, M216, M217, M218, M219, M220, M221, M222.

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 207 Maintenance Enforcement Amendment Act, 1995 — Mrs. Soetaert

A debate followed.

Mr. Renner moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed.

Adjournment

On motion by Mr. Woloshyn, Acting Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., it was agreed at 5:20 p.m. that when the Assembly reconvened at 8:00 p.m. they would be in Committee of Supply, and the Speaker left the Chair.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, 1995 — 8:00 P.M.

Committee of Supply

(Day 2 of Lottery Fund Estimates Consideration)

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration a certain resolution of the Alberta Lottery, reports as follows, and requests leave to sit again:

Resolved that a sum not exceeding the following be granted to Her Majesty for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1996, for the Departments and purposes indicated:

Minister responsible for Lotteries and Gaming

\$ 125,075,000 Lottery Fund Payments

Mr. Speaker I wish to table the resolution voted on this date by the Committee of Supply for the official records of the Assembly.

Sessional Paper 837/95

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

Government Motions

20. Moved by Hon. Mr. Day:

Be it resolved that, when the Assembly adjourns on Wednesday, April 12, 1995, at the regular hour of adjournment, it shall stand adjourned for four sitting days until Monday, April 24, 1995, at 1:30 p.m.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Upon motion of Hon. Mr. Day, Government House Leader, the Assembly granted unanimous consent to revert to the Introduction of Bills.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

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

- Bill 29 Appropriation Act, 1995 Hon. Mr. Dinning
- Bill 30 Appropriation (Lottery Fund) Act, 1995 Hon. Mr. Dinning

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Day, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:26~p.m. until Thursday, April 6, 1995, at 1:30~p.m.

Title: Wednesday, April 5, 1995