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**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

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Tuesday, April 11, 1995

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

**Presenting Petitions**

Mr. Vasseur, Hon. Member for Bonnyville, presented a petition from Albertans regarding hours of kindergarten programming.

Dr. Nicol, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, presented a petition from 61 Lethbridge and area resident regarding hours of kindergarten programming.

**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, April 12, 1995:

Written Questions: Stand and retain their places.

Motions for Returns: Stand and retain their places.

Mr. Mitchell, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, 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 crisis in health care.

## **Introduction of Bills (First Reading)**

Notice having been given:

Bill 32 Municipal Government Amendment Act, 1995 — Mr. Magnus

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

Bill 32 Municipal Government Amendment Act, 1995 — Mr. Magnus

## **Tabling Returns and Reports**

### **Speaker's Ruling — Tablings**

The Chair has noticed over the past week or two a tendency on the part of Members to editorialize when tabling documents during the Routine Proceedings. The Chair wishes to avoid a situation where either the volume of tablings or the time spent in the Chamber on tablings becomes such that tablings have to be done through the Clerk's Office as is the case in some jurisdictions.

Regardless of whether a Minister is tabling an annual report or a Member is tabling a letter from a constituent, the tabling should consist merely of a brief, almost mechanical, description of the document being tabled. Members should resist the urge to embellish, expound upon, decorate, editorialize about, emphasize, ruminate, extrapolate, annotate ... I think Members get the general impression in regard to their tablings.

A Member may always follow up on a Tabling in Question Period.

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Health:

Alberta Health news release, dated April 5, 1995, entitled "Alberta Health Minister to Ask for Definition of Comprehensiveness"

Sessional Paper 857/95

Communiqué, dated April 11, 1995, entitled "Provincial/Territorial Health Ministers call for Clarification of Partnership Role with Federal Government in Health Care"

Sessional Paper 858/95

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

Alberta Liberal Caucus News, dated April 11, 1995, entitled "Premier Klein's Comments on Privatization of Health Care"

Sessional Paper 859/95

Alberta Liberal Caucus News, dated April 11, 1995, entitled "Comparison between Private and Public Health Care Expenditure"

Sessional Paper 860/95

Hon. Mrs. Black, Minister of Energy:

Public Utilities Board, Annual Report 1994

Sessional Paper 861/95

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

Letter, unsigned, dated March 24, 1995, to Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Health, regarding the lack of hospital beds

Sessional Paper 862/95

Letter, unsigned, dated April 5, 1995, to Ms Abdurahman, Hon. Member for Clover Bar-Fort Saskatchewan, regarding hospital fundraising

Sessional Paper 863/95

Memorandum, dated April 7, 1995, from Lakeland Regional Health Authority, regarding the renaming of the hospitals as health centres

Sessional Paper 864/95

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

Telephone report, dated April 11, 1995, of 7 calls received by the Calgary-Buffalo constituency office regarding concerns about two-tiered health care

Sessional Paper 865/95

Report entitled "Why is the Government Trying to Withhold Information from Victims of Crime?"

Sessional Paper 866/95

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

Two petitions from the Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues regarding a request of the Lotteries Review Committee concerning access to licenses for casinos and bingos to raise funds

Sessional Paper 867/95

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

Letter, dated March 26, 1995, from Dr. Darren Larsen, Rural Family Medicine, Sundre, to Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Health, regarding the lack of opportunity for physician input into health care restructuring

Sessional Paper 868/95

Letter, dated March 28, 1995, from Mrs. Audrey Sweigard, Grande Prairie, to Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, regarding patient care and hospital funding

Sessional Paper 869/95

## **Oral Question Period**

During Oral Question Period, Mr. Collingwood, Hon. Member for Sherwood Park, filed the following:

Alberta Hansard, March 22, 1995, p. 746

Sessional Paper 870/95

Letter, dated April 10, 1995, from Shauna Kryba, Application Coordinator, Regulatory Approvals Centre, Environmental Protection, regarding reduced monitoring requirement applications

Sessional Paper 871/95

## **Members' Statements**

Mr. Bracko, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement paying tribute to educators in general and specifically to 125 teachers who recently received Excellence in Teaching awards.

Dr. Oberg, Hon. Member for Bow Valley, read a statement from fourteen year old Jennifer Northcott regarding the hazards of substance abuse, especially cigarette smoking.

Ms Abdurahman, Hon. Member for Clover Bar-Fort Saskatchewan, made a statement regarding the universality of health care.

## **Motion for Adjournment for an Emergency Debate**

Mr. Mitchell, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, requested leave to moved, pursuant to Standing Order 30, that the Assembly adjourn to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, namely the crisis in health care.

The Speaker ruled 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 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.

Mrs. Hewes moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed.

### **Motions Other Than Government Motions**

**508.** Moved by Mrs. Hewes:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to ensure that seniors' benefits provided by the Government will not be decreased for any individual after that person reaches the age of 65 years.

A debate followed.

Ms Burgener, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, moved the motion be amended by:

striking out

not be decreased

and substituting

remain at an appropriate level

### **Speaker's Ruling — Amendment to Motion Other Than Government Motion 508**

Calgary-Currie has moved an amendment to Motion 508. The Chair has reviewed this amendment. Beauchesne para. 567 states that the object of an amendment may be either to modify a question in such a way as to increase its acceptability or to present to the Assembly a different proposition as an alternative to the original.

According to Beauchesne 578 and 579, an amendment may not negative the motion or introduce foreign matter.

In the view of the Chair, this amendment does present a somewhat different proposition as an alternative to the original in accordance with paragraph 567, but it does so without negating the original or introducing a foreign matter and, therefore, the Chair finds the amendment is in order.

Debate continued on amendment.

Mr. Henry, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, moved the motion be subamended by adding the following after "65 years":

, which will be that level in place when that individual reached their sixty-fifth birthday.

Mr. Henry moved adjournment of the debate on subamendment, which was agreed to.

## **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 Acting Speaker resumed the Chair.

The following Bills were reported:

- Bill 24 Hospitals Amendment Act, 1995 — Mrs. Gordon
- Bill 25 Teachers' Pension Plans Act — Hon. Mr. Ady
- Bill 26 Energy Statutes Amendment Act, 1995 — Mr. Coutts

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

- Bill 20 Electoral Boundaries Commission Amendment Act, 1995 — Hon. Mr. Evans

### **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mrs. Black, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:23 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 1995 — 8:00 P.M.

## **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 1 Alberta Taxpayer Protection Act — Hon. Mr. Klein

A debate followed.

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

For the motion: 42

Ady	Forsyth	Oberg
Amery	Friedel	Paszkowski
Black	Gordon	Percy
Brassard	Herard	Pham
Burgener	Hierath	Sekulic
Calahasen	Hlady	Severtson
Chadi	Kirkland	Soetaert
Clegg	Laing	Stelmach
Coutts	Langevin	Taylor (Cypress-Medicine Hat)
Day	Lund	West
Dinning	Magnus	White
Doerksen	McFarland	Wickman
Dunford	Mirosh	Woloshyn
Evans	Nicol	Yankowsky

Against the motion: 0

The following Bills were read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 1 Alberta Taxpayer Protection Act — Hon. Mr. Klein  
Bill 5 Public Health Amendment Act, 1995 — Ms Calahasen

### **Third Reading**

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 6 Balanced Budget and Debt Retirement Act — Hon. Mr. Dinning  
Bill 10 Alberta Heritage Scholarship Amendment Act, 1995 — Hon. Mr. Ady  
Bill 11 Students Finance Amendment Act, 1995 — Mrs. Forsyth  
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 10:21 p.m. until Wednesday, April 12, 1995, at 1:30 p.m.

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