

Legislative Assembly Province of Alberta

No. 55

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Fourth Session

Twenty-Third Legislature

Thursday, August 15, 1996

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

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, presented a petition from 670 Calgarians regarding the Calgary General Hospital remaining open and operational.

Mr. Coutts, Hon. Member for Pincher Creek-Macleod, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Ady, Minister of Advanced Education and Career Development, presented a petition from 320 Cardston and area residents regarding changes to the 1995-1996 Electoral Boundaries Commission report in respect of the proposed Cardston-Taber constituency.

Mr. Coutts, Hon. Member for Pincher Creek-Macleod, presented a petition from 146 residents of Stavely, Alberta, and area, regarding changes to the 1995-1996 Electoral Boundaries Commission report in respect of the proposed Livingston-Macleod constituency.

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, presented a petition from Edmonton residents urging the government to maintain universal Medicare.

Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, presented a petition from 291 Albertans requesting the government to develop a drug approval process related to HIV/AIDS.

Reading and Receiving Petitions

On request by Mr. Dunford, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-West, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned, petition the Legislative Assembly of Alberta to urge the government to repeal the Section of Order in Council 319/96 which allows for the transportation of open liquor bottles in a vehicle, as we feel that this regulation makes it too easy for individuals to drink while driving and will unduly increase the incidence of accidents causing death and injury to Albertans.

On request by Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, that a petition he presented yesterday be read and received, a related petition was read in error. The petition of the Member for Calgary-Buffalo was not in order to be read and received.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 49 Gas Utilities Amendment Act, 1996 - 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 49 Gas Utilities Amendment Act, 1996 - Mr. Magnus

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Document entitled "Tory Deficits Leading to Health care Crisis... "

Sessional Paper 1226/96

Letter, dated April 16, 1996, from Dr. M. G. Elleker, Chair, Medical Staff Advisory Board, Capital Health Authority, regarding the Board's obligation to ensure quality care at University of Alberta Hospital

Sessional Paper 1227/96

Mrs. Laing, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow:

Financial Statements, March 31, 1996, Office of the Auditor General, Alberta Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission

Sessional Paper 24A/96

Hon. Mr. Dinning, Provincial Treasurer:

Alberta Treasury Branches board of director's By-Law No. 2 relating to conflicts of interest and loans to Directors and Officers of Alberta Treasury Branches, approved by the Board of Directors of Alberta Treasury Branches June 14, 1996, approved by the Provincial Treasurer of Alberta July 17, 1996

Sessional Paper 1228/96

First Quarter Update, 1996-97 Quarterly Budget Report, Government of Alberta Sessional Paper 1229/96

Alberta Treasury Branches 58th Annual Report, 1996

Sessional Paper 1230/96

Report of the Audit Committee, pursuant to the Deficit Elimination Act, cD-6.5 s8, regarding Consolidated financial statements of the Province of Alberta for the year ended March 31, 1996

Sessional Paper 1231/96

Report on Building a Strong Foundation, Annual Report of the Government of Alberta, 1995-96

Sessional Paper 1232/96

Second Annual Report on the performance of the Government of Alberta, Measuring Up, 1995-96 Results

Sessional Paper 1233/96

Consolidated Financial Statements, Government of Alberta Telephones Commission, December 31, 1995

Sessional Paper 1234/96

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

Letter, dated August 9, 1996, from Dr. J. Guy Gokiert, President, Alberta Medical Association, regarding concerns faced by medical staff in the Capital Health Authority

Sessional Paper 1235/96

Mr. Sekulic, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning:

Letter, dated July 30, 1996, from Mr. Sekulic, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning to the Premier, regarding the need for a Northeast Edmonton Community Health Centre

Sessional Paper 1236/96

Hon. Mr. Ady, Minister of Advanced Education and Career Development:

Letter, dated July 10, 1996, from Village of Glenwood Mayor, Doral L. Lybbert, to the Electoral Boundaries Commission, regarding Alberta's electoral boundaries redistribution

Sessional Paper 1237/96

Letter, dated July 8, 1996, from Village of Springhill Mayor, Lloyd Kunkel, to the Electoral Boundaries Commission, regarding Alberta's electoral boundaries redistribution

Sessional Paper 1238/96

Letter, dated July 12, 1996, from Mel Cottle, Superintendent of Schools, Westwind Regional Division #9, to the Electoral Boundaries Commission, regarding Alberta's electoral boundaries redistribution

Sessional Paper 1239/96

Letter, dated July 12, 1996, from M. Vern Quinton, Municipal Administrator, Municipal District of Cardston No. 6, to Hon. Mr. Ady, Minister of Advanced Education and Career Development, regarding Alberta's electoral boundaries redistribution

Sessional Paper 1240/96

Twenty-First Annual Report, Alberta Council on Admissions and Transfer, April 1, 1995 - March 31, 1996

Sessional Paper 1241/96

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

Article, dated January 22, 1995, Calgary Sun, entitled "Klein says cutbacks not at fault in death"

Sessional Paper 1242/96

Article, dated March 4, 1995, Edmonton Journal, entitled "Girl endures severe pain as surgery twice delayed"

Sessional Paper 1243/96

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Article, dated August 12, 1995, entitled "...with health care? 'Absolutely none'" Sessional Paper 1244/96

Article, dated July 19, 1995, Edmonton Journal, entitled "Klein defends talk of two-tiered medicine"

Sessional Paper 1245/96

Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier:

Article, dated February 9, 1995, Edmonton Sun, entitled "Too many hospitals--Grits"

Sessional Paper 1246/96

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert:

Article, dated March 12, 1995, entitled "Tory MLA questions Klein's health care cuts"

Sessional Paper 1247/96

Article, undated, entitled "Be cautious with health reforms -- Langevin" Sessional Paper 1248/96

Mrs. Balsillie, Hon. Member for Redwater:

Article, dated May 30, 1993, Edmonton Journal, entitled "Klein looks to bingo to ease cuts"

Sessional Paper 1249/96

Transcript, dated August 14, 1996, from CHED Radio, Edmonton, regarding comments by Dr. Oberg, Hon. Member for Bow Valley Sessional Paper 1250/96

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

Article, dated September 21, 1995, Edmonton Sun, entitled "Recovery Room!" Sessional Paper 1251/96

Article, dated January 13, 1996, Calgary Herald, entitled "Lack of information on health restructuring angers MLA"

Sessional Paper 1252/96

Transcript, dated August 16, 1995, of radio interview of Mr. Mitchell, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition by Dave Rutherford Sessional Paper 1253/96

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

Calgary Sun article, dated May 1, 1994, entitled "Absentee Judge gets flak" Sessional Paper 1254/96

Mr. Vasseur, Hon. Member for Bonnyville:

Alberta Hansard, February 22, 1995, p 163

Sessional Paper 1255/96

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

Article, undated, Edmonton Journal, entitled "Health cut too quickly - Jonson" Sessional Paper 1256/96Article, dated August 16, 1994, Calgary Herald, entitled "Klein blames hospital workers for health-care risks"

SessionalPaper 125796

Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Labour:

Article, undated, regarding Mr. Mitchell, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition Sessional Paper 1258/96

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

Article, dated September 26, 1995, Barrhead Leader, entitled "Kowalski slams province of poor health planning"

Sessional Paper 1259/96

Article, dated September 19, 1995, entitled "Klein prescribes health care remedy" Sessional Paper 1260/9

Mr. White, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mayfield:

Article, dated 10/2/95, entitled "Health system as good as ever" Sessional Paper 1261/96

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

Statement, dated August 15, 1996, regarding rural resident's difficulties with the health care system

Sessional Paper 1262/96

Mr. Van Binsbergen, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead:

Letter, dated August 1, 1966, from Mr. Van Binsbergen, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead to Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health, regarding home care for Ann Nelson

Sessional Paper 1263/96

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

Statement, dated February 15, 1996, from Edmonton resident regarding difficulties experienced with the health care system

Sessional Paper 1264/96

Statement, dated January 26, 1996, regarding a Red Deer resident's difficulties with the health care system

Sessional Paper 1265/96

Statement, dated January 19, 1996, regarding a constituent's difficulties with the health care system

Sessional Paper 1266/96

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Letter, dated August 15, 1996, from Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, to the Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding difficulties with the health care system

Sessional Paper 1267/96

Mr. Wickman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford:

Case study of a young woman's difficulties with the health care system Sessional Paper 1268/96

Case study of an elderly constituent's difficulties with a long term care facility Sessional Paper 1269/96

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

Letter, dated January 30, 1996, from Sam S. Schock to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding difficulties experienced with the health care system Sessional Paper 1270/96

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert:

Letter to the editor, undated, from Donna Halprin, Trail, B.C., regarding difficulties her mother experienced with the health care system

Sessional Paper 1271/9

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

Letter, dated August 7, 1996, from Bonnie Cessford to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding difficulties her mother experienced with the health care system Sessional Paper 1272/96

Mr. Kirkland, Hon. Member for Leduc:

Letter, dated April 24, 1996, from Arlene Tough to Linda Callioux, Administrator, Leduc Health Centre, regarding difficulties her mother-in-law experienced with the health care system

Sessional Paper 1273/96

Letter, undated, from Bonnie Horton and Barb Schofield to Mr. Kirkland, Hon. Member for Leduc, regarding their father's difficulties with the health care system

Sessional Paper 1274/96

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

Letter, dated February 21, 1996, from Mr. Mitchell, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, to Mr. Campbell Miller, Chairperson, Capital Health Authority, regarding difficulties experienced by Betty Fox-Hames with the health care system

Sessional Paper 1275/96

Chronology concerning Mrs. Palachuk mother's difficulties with the health care system

Sessional Paper 1276/96

Members' Statements

Mr. Hlady, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, made a statement congratulating Alberta's Olympic Athletes.

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, made a statement regarding the death of Marjorie Darby and funding reductions to the health care system.

Ms Burgener, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, made a statement regarding consultations between the Senior Citizens Advisory Council and senior citizens in Grande Prairie.

Projected Government Business

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(5), Mr. Bruseker, Hon. Opposition House Leader, asked a question pertaining to the order of Government Business to be brought before the Assembly for the following week.

Hon. Mr. Day, Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government Business for the week of August 19 to August 22, 1996:

Monday, August 19	Aft	Government Bills and Orders
		Committee of the Whole
		Bill 46, Electoral Divisions Act
		Bill 41, Water Act
		Second Reading
		Bill 49, Gas Utilities Amendment Act, 1996
	Eve	Committee of Supply
		Supplementary Supply Estimates, Day 1
		Government Bills and Orders
		Second Reading
		Committee of the Whole or
		Third Reading
		As per Order Paper
Tuesday, August 20	(4:30 p.m.) -	Government Bills and Orders
		Second Reading
		Committee of the Whole or
		Third Reading
		As per Order Paper

	Eve	Committee of Supply
		Supplementary Supply Estimates, Day 2
		Government Bills and Orders
		Second Reading
		Committee of the Whole or
		Third Reading
		As per Order Paper
		Revert to Introduction of Bills
		Bill 48, Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 1996 (No. 2)
Wednesday, August 21	Eve	Government Bills and Orders
		Second Reading
		Bill 48, Appropriation
		(Supplementary Supply) Act, 1996
		(No. 2)
		Committee of the Whole or
		Third Reading
		As per Order Paper
Thursday, August 22	Aft	Committee of the Whole
		Bill 48, Appropriation
		(Supplementary Supply) Act, 1996
		(No. 2)
		Third Reading
		As per Order Paper

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Hon. Mr. Dinning, Provincial Treasurer, delivered certain Messages from His Honour the Honourable Administrator.

The Speaker read the Messages to the Assembly (the Members standing).

The Provincial Treasurer then tabled a copy of the Supplementary Supply Estimates:

General Revenue Fund, 1996-97

Sessional Paper 1277/96

Government Motions

20. Moved by Hon. Mr. Dinning:

Be it resolved that the Messages of His Honour the Honourable the Administrator, the 1996-97 Supplementary Supply Estimates, and all matters connected therewith, be referred to Committee of Supply.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

21. Moved by Hon. Mr. Dinning:

Be it resolved that, pursuant to Standing Order 58(6), the number of days that the Committee of Supply will be called to consider the 1996-97 Supplementary Supply estimates shall be (2) two days.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

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 46 Electoral Divisions Act — Hon. Mr. Evans

A debate followed.

Hon. Mrs. Black moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Acting Speaker's Statement

Earlier today under Reading and Receiving Petitions, the Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo requested that a petition he tabled yesterday be Read and Received. The petition that was presented by the Hon. Member for St. Albert was read instead. The petition presented by the Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo concerning the Calgary General Hospital was not in order to be Read and Received.

The Chair apologizes for any inconvenience caused by this error.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Evans, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:13 p.m. until Monday, August 19, 1996, at 1:30 p.m.

Title: Thursday, August 15, 1996