

# Legislative Assembly Province of Alberta

No. 56

# **VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

Fourth Session

Twenty-Third Legislature

Monday, August 19, 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 47 Calgarians urging the Government to suspend hospital closures in Calgary until completion of an independent public inquiry.

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

Mr. Yankowsky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Belmont, presented a petition from 24 Albertans regarding Bill 214, Victims of Domestic Violence Act.

## **Reading and Receiving Petitions**

On request by Mr. Van Binsbergen, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to suspend hospital closures in Calgary, and immediately hold an independent public inquiry on health facilities in the city.

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

Notice having been given:

Bill 225 Alberta Health Care Insurance Amendment Act, 1996 - Mr. Mitchell

Bill 221 Disaster Services Amendment Act, 1996 - Mr. McFarland

Bill 47 Reinvestment Act — Hon. Mr. Dinning

- Bill 222 Non-Smokers' Health Act Dr. Oberg
- Bill 223 Lobbyists Registration Act Dr. Percy
- Bill 224 Education Employment Relations Statutes Amendment Act, 1996 Mrs. Burgener

#### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

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

A Report on the Public Hearings on the Proposed Closure of the Calgary General Hospital, May 7 & 8, 1996, by Citizens Hearings on Health Care Sessional Paper 1278/96

Hon. Mr. Dinning, Provincial Treasurer:

News Release and Backgrounders, dated August 19, 1996, regarding the Reinvestment Act

Sessional Paper 1279/96

Revenue Forecasting Review, A Report to Provincial Treasurer Jim Dinning, dated July 25, 1996, by the Revenue Forecasting Review Panel Sessional Paper 1280/96

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

Article, dated June 22, 1996, Calgary Herald, received from Janice E. Lamont, B.A., LL.B., entitled "What Price a Human Life, Mr. Dinning?"

Sessional Paper 1281/96

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

Article, dated August 16, 1996, St. Albert This Week, entitled "Readers' Telepoll" Sessional Paper 1282/96

Letter, dated Mar 15, 1996, from S. Elliott, R.N., P. Josey and J. Kopala to Premier Ralph Klein, regarding Ann Kopala

Sessional Paper 1283/96

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Hon. Mr. Woloshyn, Minister of Public Works, Supply and Services:

Statement regarding remarks made by Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, appearing in Alberta Hansard, April 22, 1996 p. 1249

Sessional Paper 1284/96

Mrs. Hewes, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar:

Letter, dated December 4, 1995, from Carla Henderson to Mrs. Hewes, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, regarding displaced healthcare workers Sessional Paper 1285/96

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Memorandum, dated August 19, 1996, entitled "Health Crisis in Alberta concerning Diane Dooley", from C.K., Ellerslie

Sessional Paper 1286/96

Dr. Oberg, Hon. Member for Bow Valley:

Graph showing cardiac surgeries April 1995 to May 1996

Sessional Paper 1287/96

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

Letter, dated August 16, 1996, from Ireen Slater, S.W., to Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health, regarding concerns with cutbacks in physiotherapy support Sessional Paper 1288/96

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

Letter, undated, to the constituency office of Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, from Anthony Heinrich regarding Mr. Heinrich's father. Sessional Paper 1289/96

Record of Conversation, dated August 16, 1996, between Gisela and an employee of Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, regarding Gisela's husband's kidney cancer

Sessional Paper 1290/96

#### **Ministerial Statements**

Hon. Mr. Thurber, Minister of Municipal Affairs, made a statement congratulating the Korea War Veterans Association of Canada on the occasion of its National Convention being held in Calgary August 23 - 25, 1996.

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, commented on the statement.

#### **Oral Question Period**

During Oral Question Period, Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, tabled the following:

Letter, dated August 16, 1996, from David J. Descent to Mr. Bruseker, Hon. Member for Calgary-North West, regarding the way in which the Loyal Opposition has been conducting its business in the House

Sessional Paper 1291/96

# **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

## **Government Bills and Orders**

#### Second Reading

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

Bill 46 Electoral Divisions Act — Hon. Mr. Evans

A debate followed.

Mr. Langevin, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul tabled the following:

Letter, dated July 29, 1996, from Robert Dion, Mayor, Town of Stavely, to Mr. Coutts, Hon. Member for Pincher Creek-Macleod, regarding a resolution passed at a Special meeting of the Council held July 25, 1996, regarding changes to the 1995-96 Electoral Boundaries Commission report respecting the proposed Livingston-Macleod constituency.

Sessional Paper 1292/96

Mr. Collingwood moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

## Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Day, Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., it was agreed at 5:23 p.m. that when the Assembly reconvened at 8:00 p.m. it would be in Committee of Supply, and the Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

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## **Committee of Supply**

#### (Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein the Acting Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Herard reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the 1996-97 Supplementary Supply Estimates General Revenue Fund, 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.

## **Government Bills and Orders**

#### Second Reading

The following Bill was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

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

## Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Day, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:54 p.m. until Tuesday, August 20, 1996, at 1:30 p.m.

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