

Legislative Assembly Province of Alberta

No. 61

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Fourth Session

Twenty-Third Legislature

Tuesday, August 27, 1996

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

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Hlady, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, presented a petition from 136 Calgarians, regarding Calgary General Hospital remaining open and operational.

Mr. Henry, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from Albertans regarding support for the continued provision of an affordable, high quality, post-secondary education system.

Reading and Receiving Petitions

On request by Mrs. Hewes, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, on behalf of Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, the following petitions were 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.

We, the undersigned, petition the Legislative Assembly of Alberta to urge the Government to maintain a full complement of health services for veterans at the Colonel Belcher Hospital.

Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees

Mr. Renner, Chairman, Select Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented the following report:

Mr. Speaker as Chairman of the Standing Committee on Private Bills, I have the following report to make concerning a Bill the Committee has considered:

The Committee recommends that Bill Pr2, Covenant Bible College Tax Exemption Act, proceed with some amendments. Mr. Speaker, the Committee has recommended substantial amendments to the Bill so that it would, if passed, no longer grant tax exemptions but would incorporate the College in the same manner as other private colleges. One of the amendments is to change the title of the Bill so that the reference to "tax exemption" would be removed. Mr. Speaker, I am tabling the amendments recommended by the Committee and seek the concurrence of the House in this report.

Sessional Paper 1372/96

The question being put, concurrence in the report was granted.

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, August 28, 1996:

Written Questions: Q206, Q207, Q208, Q211.

Motions for Return: M209, M210.

Hon. Mr. Day gave oral notice of the following motion:

Be it resolved that further consideration of any or all of the resolutions, clauses, sections or titles of Bill 41, Water Act, shall be the first business of the Committee and shall not be further postponed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier:

Letter, dated August 27, 1996, from Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, to the Alberta Cerebral Palsy Association, congratulating medalists in the Canadian Paralympics in Atlanta, placing Canada 7th overall

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Letter, dated August 27, 1996, from Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, to the Alberta Sports and Recreation Association for the Blind, congratulating medalists in the Canadian Paralympics in Atlanta, placing Canada 7th overall

Sessional Paper 1363/96

Letter, dated August 27, 1996, from Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, to the Alberta Section Canadian Wheelchair Sports Association, congratulating medalists in the Canada Paralympics in Atlanta, placing Canada 7th overall

Sessional Paper 1364/96

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

Report, dated January, 1996, by Caritas Health Group, entitled "COMPRU" (Craniofacial Osseointegration and Maxillofacial Prosthetic Rehabilitation Unit)

Sessional Paper 1365/96

Letter, dated August 22, 1996, from Lawrence Noel to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding unaddressed health care issues

Sessional Paper 1366/96

Letter, dated August 25, 1996, from Dr. Jan Adam, to Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, regarding Calgary Foothills Hospital soliciting donations to finance hospital projects

Sessional Paper 1367/96

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

The Alberta Association of Architects, Annual Report, 1995

Sessional Paper 137/96

The Association of Professional Engineers, Geologists and Geophysicists of Alberta, Annual Report, 1995-96

Sessional Paper 138/96

Consulting Engineers of Alberta, Annual Report, 1995-96

Sessional Paper 1368/96

Hon. Dr. West, Minister of Economic Development and Tourism:

Alberta Liquor Control Board, Annual Report, 1995-92

Sessional Paper 112/96

Alberta Lotteries, Annual Report, 1995-96

Sessional Paper 1369/96

Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health:

Aspen Regional Health Authority #11, Annual Report, 1995-96

Sessional Paper 75A/96

Calgary Regional Health Authority, Annual Report, 1995-96

Sessional Paper 75B/96

Capital Health Authority, Annual Report, 1995-96

Sessional Paper 75C/96

Headwaters Health Authority, Annual Report, 1995-96

Sessional Paper 75H/96

Keeweetinok Lakes Regional Health Authority No. 15, Annual Report, 1995-96 Sessional Paper 75I/96

Lakeland Regional Health Authority, Annual Report, 1995-96

Sessional Paper 75J/96

Mistahia Health Region, Annual Report and Financial Statements, 1995-96 Sessional Paper 75K/96

Northern Lights Regional Health Authority, Annual Report, 1995-96 Sessional Paper 75L/96

Northwestern Health Services Region, Annual Report and Financial Statements, 1995-96

Sessional Paper 75M/96

Letter, dated August 27, 1996, from Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health, to Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, responding to a question asked on August 20, 1996, by the Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, regarding the Colonel Belcher Hospital and private room fees

Sessional Paper 1370/96

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Letter, dated August 27, 1996 from Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, to Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health, regarding Christine Campbell's partner's difficulties with the health care system

Sessional Paper 1371/96

Oral Question Period

During Oral Question Period, Mrs. Hewes, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, tabled the following:

Letter, dated July 16, 1996, from John Ennis, Portfolio Officer, Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner, to Mr. Con Duemler, Agent, regarding complaints he filed on behalf of a senior about the treatment of senior citizens by the Department of Community Development and the processing of Alberta Seniors Benefits

Sessional Paper 1373/96

During Oral Question Period, Hon. Mr. Paszkowski, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, tabled the following:

Article, dated August 26, 1996, Alberta Report, entitled "The monopolists strike back"

Sessional Paper 1374/96

Members' Statements

 $Mr.\ Henry, Hon.\ Member\ for\ Edmonton-Centre,\ made\ a\ statement\ regarding\ Dutch\ Elm\ Disease.$

Mrs. Laing, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow, made a statement regarding the alleged crises in our health care system.

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, made a statement regarding motor vehicle inspections and the shift in certification requirements for inspectors.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 217 Law of Property Amendment Act, 1996 — Mr. Renner

At 3:28 p.m., unanimous consent of the Assembly was granted to move to the next item of business.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

514. Moved by Mr. Havelock:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to examine the feasibility of establishing a Legal Services Ombudsman to investigate how complaints about lawyers have been handled.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(4), the question being put, the motion was defeated.

515. Moved by Mr. Hlady:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to initiate an immediate study to examine the feasibility of electing judges.

During debate of Motion 515, Mr. Hlady requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to amend his motion by inserting after "immediate"

public review of the judiciary, including a

Debate followed (on amendment).

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(4), the question was put on the amendment, which was defeated.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(4), the question was immediately put on the motion, which was defeated.

Hon. Mr. Jonson, Acting Government House Leader, requested and received unanimous consent to waive Standing Order 8(2)(c), in order to consider Private Bills.

Private Bills

Second Reading

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

Bill Pr2 Covenant Bible College Tax Exemption Act — Mr. Brassard

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, and the Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(3), at 5:30 p.m. the Committee recessed until 8:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 27, 1996 — 8:00 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

(Assembly in Committee - continued)

After some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 47 Reinvestment Act

The following Bills were reported with some amendments:

Bill Pr2 Covenant Bible College Act — Mr. Brassard

Bill 41 Water Act — Hon. Mr. Lund

Mr. Herard, Acting Chairman of Committees tabled copies of all amendments considered by Committee of the Whole on this date for the Official Records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill Pr2 (Hon. Member for Medicine Hat) — Agreed to Sessional Paper 1375/96

Amendment to Bill 41 (Hon. Member for Sherwood Park) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 1389/96

Amendment to Bill 41 (Hon. Member for Sherwood Park) — Defeated Sessional Paper 1376/96

Amendment to Bill 41 (Hon. Member for Sherwood Park) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 1377/96

Amendment to Bill 41 (Hon. Member for Sherwood Park) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 1378/96

Amendment to Bill 41 (Hon. Member for Sherwood Park) — Defeated Sessional Paper 1379/96

Amendment to Bill 41 (Hon. Member for Sherwood Park) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 1380/96

Amendment to Bill 41 (Hon. Member for Sherwood Park) — Defeated Sessional Paper 1381/96

Amendment to Bill 41 (Hon. Member for Sherwood Park) — Defeated Sessional Paper1382/96

Amendment to Bill 41 (Hon. Member for Sherwood Park) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 1383/96

Amendment to Bill 41 (Hon. Member for Sherwood Park) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 1384/96

Amendment to Bill 47 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Whitemud) — Defeated Sessional Paper 1385/96

Amendment to Bill 47 (Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 1386/96

Amendment to Bill 41 (Hon. Member for Sherwood Park) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 1387/96

Amendment to Bill 41 (Hon. Member for Sherwood Park) — Defeated Sessional Paper 1388/96

Third Reading

Unanimous consent was granted to waive Standing Order 73(1) in order to proceed with Third Reading of Bill Pr2 Covenant Bible College Act.

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

- Bill 41 Water Act Hon. Mr. Lund
- Bill 44 Motor Vehicle Accident Claims Amendment Act, 1996 Hon. Mr. Evans
- Bill 46 Electoral Divisions Act Hon. Mr. Evans
- Bill 47 Reinvestment Act Hon. Mr. Dinning
- Bill Pr2 Covenant Bible College Act Mr. Brassard

Adjournment

Pursuant to Government Motion No. 24 agreed to by the Assembly on August 20, 1996, and on motion by Hon. Mr. Day, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:32 p.m.

Title: Tuesday, August 27, 1996