



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 3

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

First Session

Twenty-Fourth Legislature

Wednesday, April 16, 1997

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

The Speaker offered a prayer and moment of silence was observed in recognition of the death of former Member, Mr. Frederick Alexander Kidd, Hon. Member for Banff, 1975 to 1979, who passed away on March 22, 1997; and Dr. Hugh Horner, Hon. Member for Lac Ste. Anne and Barrhead, 1967 to 1979, who passed away on March 25, 1997.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, presented a petition from 4572 post-secondary students, faculty and community members throughout Alberta regarding a cap of 20% for costs associated with post-secondary institutions.

Notices of Motions

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, gave oral notice of her intention to move, pursuant to Standing Order 30, that the Assembly adjourn to discuss a matter of urgent importance, namely the refusal of Canada Safeway Ltd. to return to the bargaining table to negotiate a settlement to the labour dispute with its unionized employees.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Government House Leader, unanimous consent of the Assembly was granted to waive Standing Order 38(1)(b) allowing the introduction of the following Bills:

Bill 201 Parenting After Separation Act — Mr. Yankowsky

Bill 202 Crown Contracts Dispute Resolution Act — Mr. Jacques

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Magnus, Hon. Member for Calgary-North Hill, pursuant to the Certified General Accountants Act, cC-3.6, s9(2):

Certified General Accountants Act, Annual Report 1996

Sessional Paper 3/97

Mr. Magnus, Hon. Member for Calgary-North Hill, pursuant to the Certified Management Accountants Act, cC-3.8, s9(2):

Strategy for the 21st Century, Society of Management Accountants of Alberta, Annual Report 1995-96

Sessional Paper 4/97

Mr. Magnus, Hon. Member for Calgary-North Hill, pursuant to the Chartered Accountants Act, cC-5.1, s9(2):

Change through Leadership, Institute of Chartered Accountants of Alberta, Annual Report 1996

Sessional Paper 5/97

Mr. Magnus, Hon. Member for Calgary-North Hill, pursuant to the Chiropractic Profession Act, cC-9.1, s7(4):

College of Chiropractors of Alberta, Annual Report 1995

Sessional Paper 6/97

Mr. Magnus, Hon. Member for Calgary-North Hill, pursuant to the Dental Disciplines Act, cD-8.5, s8(4):

Alberta Dental Association, Annual Report 1995-96

Sessional Paper 7/97

Mr. Magnus, Hon. Member for Calgary-North Hill, pursuant to the Dental Disciplines Act, cD-8.5, s8(4):

Alberta Dental Hygienists' Association, Annual Report for the year ending June 1996

Sessional Paper 8/97

Mr. Magnus, Hon. Member for Calgary-North Hill, pursuant to the Dental Disciplines Act, cD-8.5, s8(4):

Alberta Dental Assistants Association, Annual Report June 1996
Sessional Paper 9/97

Mr. Magnus, Hon. Member for Calgary-North Hill, pursuant to the Forestry Profession Act, cF-15.5, s6(4):

Alberta Registered Professional Foresters Association, Annual Report 1995-96
Sessional Paper 10/97

Mr. Magnus, Hon. Member for Calgary-North Hill, pursuant to the Occupational Therapy Profession Act, cO-2.5, s5(4):

Alberta Association of Registered Occupational Therapists, Annual Report 1995-96
Sessional Paper 11/97

Mr. Magnus, Hon. Member for Calgary-North Hill, pursuant to the Opticians Act, cO-8, s12.1(2):

Alberta Opticians Association, Annual Report 1995
Sessional Paper 12/97

Mr. Magnus, Hon. Member for Calgary-North Hill, pursuant to the Psychology Profession Act, cP-25.01, s7(2):

Psychologists Association of Alberta, Annual Report 1995-96
Sessional Paper 13/97

Mr. Magnus, Hon. Member for Calgary-North Hill, pursuant to the Safety Codes Act, cS-0.5, s22(3):

Safety Codes Council, Annual Report 1995
Sessional Paper 14/97

Mr. Magnus, Hon. Member for Calgary-North Hill, pursuant to the Veterinary Profession Act, cV-3.1, s7(4):

Alberta Veterinary Medical Association, 90th Annual Report 1996, 1906 to 1996
... a Year of Change
Sessional Paper 15/97

Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Creek:

Letter, dated April 11, 1997, from Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Creek, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding a request for the Auditor General to conduct a full investigation of the Government's financial involvement with the Millar Western pulp mill project

Sessional Paper 16/97

Letter, dated April 4, 1997, from Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Creek, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding a request for the Auditor General to conduct a special investigation into the Government's involvement with Millar Western Pulp (Whitecourt) Ltd.

Sessional Paper 17/97

Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Education, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52:

Alberta Education, Annual Report and 2nd Annual Results Report 1995-96

Sessional Paper 19/97

Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Education:

Letter, dated April 10, 1997, from Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, to Mr. Talib Rajwani, regarding winning the international debating and speaking competition and attached Edmonton Journal article

Sessional Paper 18/97

Hon. Mr. Paszkowski, Minister of Transportation and Utilities, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52:

Alberta Transportation and Utilities, Annual Report 1995-96

Sessional Paper 20/97

Hon. Mr. Paszkowski, Minister of Transportation and Utilities on behalf of Hon. Mr. Woloshyn, Minister of Public Works, Supply and Services, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52:

Alberta Public Works, Supply and Services, Annual Report 1995-96

Sessional Paper 21/97

Hon. Dr. Taylor, Minister Responsible for Science, Research and Information Technology, pursuant to the Alberta Research Council Act, cA-35.1, s23(2):

Alberta Research Council, Annual Report 1996

Sessional Paper 22/97

Hon. Dr. Taylor, Minister Responsible for Science, Research and Information Technology, pursuant to the Science and Research Authority Act, cS-5.5, s11(2):

Alberta Science and Research Authority, Annual Report 1995-96

Sessional Paper 23/97

Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Advanced Education and Career Development, pursuant to the Students Finance Act, cS-24, s5(2):

Alberta Students Finance Board, Annual Report 1996

Sessional Paper 24/97

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

Report dated February 27, 1997 of a meeting between representatives for 40 Calgary public school councils

Sessional Paper 25/97

182 letters to Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Education, from Calgary parents concerned about special education programs and the restricted criteria for the programs' funding

Sessional Paper 26/97

Hon. Mrs. Black, Minister of Economic Development and Tourism, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52:

Alberta Economic Development and Tourism, Annual Report 1995-96

Sessional Paper 27/97

Hon. Mrs. Black, Minister of Economic Development and Tourism:

Alberta Lotteries, Annual Report 1995-96

Sessional Paper 28/97

Alberta Liquor Control Board, Seventy-second Annual Report 1995-96

Sessional Paper 29/97

Alberta Opportunity Company, Annual Report 1995-96

Sessional Paper 30/97

Alberta Tourism Partnership, Corporate Report Spring 1997

Sessional Paper 31/97

Hon. Mrs. Black, Minister of Economic Development and Tourism, pursuant to the Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research Act, cA-26, s22:

Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research, Triennial Report 1996

Sessional Paper 32/97

Hon. Mrs. Black, Minister of Economic Development and Tourism, pursuant to the Motion Picture Development Act, cM-19.1, s14(2):

Alberta Motion Picture Development Corporation, Annual Report 1995-96

Sessional Paper 33/97

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar:

Letter, dated April 17, 1997, from Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, to Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Labour, regarding the appointment of a mediator to resolve the Canada Safeway Ltd. labour dispute

Sessional Paper 34/97

Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Municipal Affairs, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52 and the Alberta Housing Act, cA.-30.1, s31:

Alberta Municipal Affairs, Annual Report 1995-96
Sessional Paper 35/97

Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier:

Alberta Public Affairs Bureau, Annual Report 1995-96
Sessional Paper 36/97

Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Family and Social Services, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52:

Alberta Family and Social Services, Annual Report 1995-96
Sessional Paper 37/97

Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Family and Social Services on behalf of Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52:

Alberta Health, Annual Report 1995-96
Sessional Paper 38/97

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52:

Alberta Treasury, Annual Report 1995-96
Sessional Paper 39/97

Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52:

Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, Annual Report 1995-96
Sessional Paper 40/97

Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, pursuant to the Agriculture Financial Services Act, cA-12.5, s14(2):

Agriculture Financial Services Corporation, Annual Report 1995-96
Sessional Paper 41/97

Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, pursuant to the Marketing of Agricultural Products Act, cM-5.1, s14(2):

Alberta Agricultural Products Marketing Council, Annual Report 1995-96
Sessional Paper 42/97

Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development:
Alberta Dairy Control Board, Annual Report 1995-96
Sessional Paper 43/97
Surface Rights Board, 25th Annual Report 1996
Sessional Paper 44/97

Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Labour, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52:
Alberta Labour, Annual Report 1995-96
Sessional Paper 45/97

Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Labour, pursuant to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, cF-18.5, s81:
Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy, Annual Report 1995-96
Sessional Paper 46/97

Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Labour:
Alberta Boilers Safety Association, Annual Report 1996
Sessional Paper 47/97

Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Labour, pursuant to the Workers' Compensation Act, cW-16, s87(3)(4):
Workers' Compensation Board - Alberta, Annual Report 1995, Protecting the Rights of Alberta's Workers and Employers
Sessional Paper 48/97

Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Labour:
Workers' Compensation Board - Alberta, Financial Statements of year ended December 31, 1995
Sessional Paper 49/97

Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Environmental Protection, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52:
Alberta Ministry of Environmental Protection, Annual Report 1995-96
Sessional Paper 50/97

Hon. Dr. West, Minister of Energy, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, c L-10.1, s52:
Alberta Ministry of Energy: Alberta Department of Energy; Alberta Energy and Utilities Board, Annual Report 1995-96
Sessional Paper 51/97

Hon. Mr. Havelock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52:

Alberta Justice, Annual Report 1995-96

Sessional Paper 52/97

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52:

Alberta Community Development, Annual Report for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1996

Sessional Paper 53/97

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development:

News release, dated April 13-19, 1997, regarding National Volunteer Week, April 13-19, 1997

Sessional Paper 54/97

2 letters, dated April 8, 1997, and a letter, dated April 13, 1997, from Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development, congratulating the 3 three JUNO Award winners from Alberta: Ms Terri Clark, Mr. Jeth Weinrich, and Mr. Paul Brandt

Sessional Paper 55/97

Letter, dated March 18, 1997, from Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development, to Mr. Kevin Martin, congratulating his winning of the 1997 Labatt Brier in Calgary

Sessional Paper 56/97

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Federal and Intergovernmental Affairs, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52:

Alberta Federal and Intergovernmental Affairs, Twenty-third Annual Report to March 31, 1996

Sessional Paper 57/97

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Federal and Intergovernmental Affairs:

Metis Settlements Appeal Tribunal (MSAT), Annual Report 1996

Sessional Paper 58/97

Speaker's Ruling — Oral Question Period

Honourable Members, as a result of the distribution of seats between parties from the March 11, 1997, provincial general election, there are a few matters that have had to be reviewed concerning Question Period and Member's Statements. It seems appropriate to comment on these matters before we start the first Question Period of the new Legislature.

A number of the issues have been discussed by House Leaders. The Chair has met with all three House Leaders and wants to thank them all for their efforts. There are a few administrative matters that remain unresolved after those meetings and discussions. The Chair now wishes to clarify those points and generally advise Members of the practices that will be followed.

First, the practice in Question Period of one main question and two supplementary questions without preamble will continue.

With respect to the order of questions, it seems to be agreed by all three House Leaders that the first three main questions, each with two supplementaries, will be asked by the Leader of the Official Opposition or his delegate. There is some difference of opinion as to who should have the fourth question as both the Government House Leader and the New Democrat House Leader submit it should be the Leader of the New Democrat Party or her delegate. The Official Opposition House Leader submits that a Private Member on the Government side should have the fourth question with the Third Party having the fifth. After reviewing and researching the matter, it accords more with the traditions and precedents of this House for the Leader of the Third Party to have the fourth main question (with two supplementaries) and a private Member on the Government side to have the fifth main question. Member's interested in this matter may wish to refer to Speaker Carter's rulings of June 13, 1986, and June 1, 1989. After the first five main questions of the day and the supplementaries have been asked, the Chair will recognize Members in a fair and representative manner.

In terms of identifying who will be asking questions, the practice will continue of submitting lists of those Members wanting to ask questions to the Speaker no later than 1 o'clock every afternoon the House sits.

With respect to Member's Statements which occur on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons under Standing Order 7(4), there has been no agreement between House Leaders about making changes to the Standing Orders. As the distribution of seats has changed in the Assembly there is some change required in the order of these statements. Accordingly, on Tuesdays and Thursdays, two Private Members on the Government side may make statements and one Member from the Official Opposition. Every fourth week or eighth day for Member's Statements, a Member from the New Democrats may make a statement.

The Chair is attempting to accommodate all parties in the interests of fairness in accordance with the practices and traditions of this House. Events may necessitate returning to these subjects at some later date.

Before starting upon our first Question Period, the Chair wants to remind all Members that an appropriate level of order and decorum hopefully will be respected at all times. In terms of the rules for Question Period, Members may wish to acquaint or re-acquaint themselves with *Beauchesne's*, Chapter 10, paragraphs 407 - 420 and especially paragraph 408, which emphasizes that brevity is a virtue in both questions and answers. Thank you.

Oral Question Period

During Oral Question Period, Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, tabled the following related to Millar Western Pulp Ltd.:

Whitecourt Crown Loan Agreement; Amended and Restated Crown Loan Agreement; Whitecourt Priority Agreement; Unanimous Shareholders' Agreement, and Option Agreement

Sessional Paper 59/97

Motion for Adjournment for an Emergency Debate

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, requested leave to move, pursuant to Standing Order 30, that the Assembly adjourn to discuss a matter of urgent importance, namely the refusal of Canada Safeway Ltd. to return to the bargaining table to negotiate a settlement to the labour dispute with its unionized employees.

A debate followed on urgency.

The Speaker ruled that the request for leave was not in order.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions and Motions for Returns

The Speaker advised the Assembly that, pursuant to Standing Order 8(3), Written Questions and Motions for Returns would normally be dealt with, but as these were on Notice only on the Order Paper, they could not be addressed today.

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Government House Leader, unanimous consent of the Assembly was granted to waive Standing Order 73(1) allowing for the Second reading consideration of the following Bill:

Bill 201 Parenting After Separation Act — Mr. Yankowsky

A debate followed.

During debate, Mrs. Burgener, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, tabled the following:

Alternate Methods of Resolving Family Law Matters, Alberta Experience
Sessional Paper 60/97

Debate continued.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

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

Bill 201 Parenting After Separation Act — Mr. Yankowsky

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:13 p.m., until 8:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16, 1997 — 8:00 P.M.

Consideration of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech

Mr. Shariff moved the following motion, seconded by Ms O'Neill:

That an humble address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor as follows:

To His Honour Mr. H. A. "Bud" Olson, the Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Alberta:

We, Her Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly, now assembled, beg leave to thank Your Honour for the gracious speech Your Honour has been pleased to address to us at the opening of the present session.

A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:25 p.m. until Thursday, April 17, 1997 at 1:30 p.m.

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