



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 4

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

First Session

Twenty-Fourth Legislature

Thursday, April 17, 1997

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

Presenting Petitions

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, presented a petition from 77 members of St. Albert Alliance Church regarding the removal and banning of all VLTs (video lottery terminals) in Alberta.

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, presented a petition from 98 Calgarians regarding the Calgary General Hospital or Bow Valley site remaining open and operational.

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, presented a petition from 1,033 Calgarians regarding a vote on the Calgary General Hospital or Bow Valley site remaining a full service acute care hospital.

Mrs. Paul, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, presented a petition from 16 members of the All Saints Lutheran Church regarding the banning of VLTs (video lottery terminals) in Alberta.

Notices of Motions

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, gave oral notice of her intention to move the following motion under Standing Order 40:

Be it resolved that this Assembly recognize and congratulate Albertans retired Supreme Court Justice William Stevenson, medical pioneer Bernard Snell, philanthropist Jenny Belzberg and singer kd lang, for receiving Canada's highest single honour, the Order of Canada.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 203 Off-highway Vehicle Amendment Act, 1997 — Mr. McFarland on behalf of Mr. Coutts

Bill 204 Provincial Court Amendment Act, 1997 — Ms Forsyth

Bill 205 Protection from Second-hand Smoke in Public Buildings Act — Ms Fritz

Bill 206 Occupiers' Liability Amendment Act, 1997 — Mr. Renner

Bill 207 Alberta Health Care Accountability and Entitlement Act — Mr. Mitchell

Bill 208 Kananaskis Park Act — Mr. Mitchell

Bill 209 School Amendment Act, 1997 — Ms Haley

Bill 210 Disaster Services Amendment Act, 1997 — Mr. McFarland

Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands:

Memorandum from McManus Thomson, Barristers and Solicitors, to the Alberta Securities Commission, dated January 9, 1997 regarding HRG Health Resource Group Inc. with attached Alberta Form 20 Report

Sessional Paper 61/97

Ms Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

Studies in Social Work, Special Issue, Lesbian and Lesbian Families: Multiple Reflections, volume 63, number 3, June 1993 - excerpts

Sessional Paper 62/97

Role of the Father in Child Development, third edition, edited by Michael E. Lamb - excerpts

Sessional Paper 63/97

Interventions for Children of Divorce: Custody, Access, and Psychotherapy, second edition, by William F. Hodges - excerpts

Sessional Paper 64/97

Series Preface, Interventions for Children of Divorce Custody, Access, and Psychotherapy, second edition, by William F. Hodges - excerpts

Sessional Paper 65/97

Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier:

7 letters, dated February 28, 1997, from Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, to the seven Albertans awarded the Order of Canada: kd lang, Mr. Harold S. Millican, Bernard Snell, Mr. Charles Richard Stelck, Hon. Mr. William Alexander Stevenson, Mr. A. Richard Johnston and Mrs. Jenny Belzberg

Sessional Paper 66/97

Letter, dated April 17, 1997, from Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, to Mr. Nick Dehoog, President, Fort McMurray Oil Barons, congratulating their winning the Alberta Junior Hockey League Championship

Sessional Paper 67/97

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry:

Letter, dated April 17, 1997, from Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry, to Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Labour, regarding Workers' Compensation Board records received

Sessional Paper 68/97

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

4 letters, dated April 17, 1997, from Mr. Mitchell, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, congratulating four Albertans awarded the Order of Canada: kd lang, Dr. Bernard Snell, Supreme Court Justice William Stevenson and Jenny Belzberg

Sessional Paper 69/97

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Education, made a statement regarding the transition from high school to post-secondary institutions or the workforce, and supporting the implementation of a Career and Technology Studies program (CTS).

Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, commented on the statement.

Oral Question Period

During Oral Question Period, Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health, tabled the following:

HRG Health Resource Group Inc., Executive Summary, a Plan for the Organization and Delivery of Complementary Health Services in Canada, April 1997 and accompanying requesting letter to Mr. Jim Saunders, President, Health Resources Group

Sessional Paper 70/97

Members' Statements

Ms O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement regarding Volunteer Week, April 13-19, 1997, and the vital role of the volunteer sector.

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, made a statement regarding the history and importance of the Calgary General Hospital.

Mr. Boutilier, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray, made a statement congratulating the Fort McMurray Oil Barons for winning the AJHL (Alberta Junior Hockey League).

Projected Government Business

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(5), Mr. Sapers, Official 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. Havelock, Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government Business for the week of April 21 to April 24, 1997:

Monday, April 21	P.M.	- Budget Address - 4:00 p.m.
	Eve.	- Government Motion 12 Leader of the Opposition, reply to Budget
		Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne
Tuesday, April 22	(4:30)	- Government Bills and Orders Second Reading Bill 1, Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Amendment Act, 1997 — Hon. Mr. Klein

	Eve.	- Government Bills and Orders Committee of Supply Supplementary Supply, Day 1
Wednesday, April 23	Eve.	- Government Bills and Orders Committee of Supply Supplementary Supply, Day 2 Revert to Introduction of Bills Supplementary Appropriation Bill
Thursday, April 24	P.M.	- Government Bills and Orders Committee of Supply Main Estimates - Transportation Second Reading Supplementary Appropriation Bill

Supplementary to Oral Question Period

As a supplementary to an issue raised during Oral Question Period, Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, tabled the following:

Alberta Treasury Branches News Release, dated November 26, 1996, entitled
Alberta Treasury Branches Launches New Direction for the Future
Sessional Paper 71/97

Third Quarter Update, 1996-97 Quarterly Budget Report, dated February 11,
1997, highlighting Treasury Branches Deposits Fund
Sessional Paper 72/97

Motions Under Standing Order 40

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly for consideration of the following motion:

Be it resolved that this Assembly recognize and congratulate Albertans retired Supreme Court Justice William Stevenson, medical pioneer Bernard Snell, philanthropist Jenny Belzberg and singer kd lang, for receiving Canada's highest single honour, the Order of Canada.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Consideration of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech (Day 1)

Moved by Mr. Shariff and 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.

Ms Sloan moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Day, Acting Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 4:48 p.m. until Monday, April 21, 1997, at 1:30 p.m.

Title: Thursday, April 17, 1997