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Province of Alberta**

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

First Session

Twenty-Fourth Legislature

Wednesday, May 7, 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. Tom Lysons, Hon. Member for Vermilion-Viking, 1975 to 1986, who recently passed away.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Klapstein, Hon. Member for Leduc, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Woloshyn, Minister of Public Works, Supply and Services, presented a petition from 32 residents of Stony Plain regarding the banning of VLT (video lottery terminal) gambling in Alberta.

Mr. Klapstein, Hon. Member for Leduc, presented a petition from 82 residents of Leduc regarding the banning of VLT (video lottery terminal) gambling in Alberta.

Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees

Ms Graham, Chair, Select Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented the following report:

Mr. Speaker, in accordance with Standing Order 94, I have reviewed the petitions that were presented Monday, May 5, 1997 on my behalf by the Deputy Chair of the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills and can advise the House that all but 2 of the petitions comply with Standing Orders 85 to 89.

The Select Standing Committee on Private Bills has considered the remaining petitions and recommends to the Assembly that Standing Orders 89(1)(b) and 89(2) be waived for the petition for Canadian Union College Amendment Act, 1997 and the Altasure Insurance Company Act, subject to petitioners completing the necessary advertising before the Committee hears the petitioners.

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

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 12 Mines and Minerals Amendment Act, 1997 — Mr. Boutilier

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Government House Leader, the following Bill was placed on the Order Paper under Government Bills and Orders:

Bill 12 Mines and Minerals Amendment Act, 1997 — Mr. Boutilier

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Municipal Affairs:

Credit Counselling Services of Alberta Ltd., overview report
Sessional Paper 203/97

Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development:

Office of the Farmers Advocate of Alberta, Annual Report 1996
Sessional Paper 204/97

Hon. Mr. Havelock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, pursuant to the Victims' Programs Assistance Act, cV-3.5, s11(2):

Victims' Programs Assistance Committee, Annual Report 1996-97
Sessional Paper 205/97

Oral Question Period

During Oral Question Period, Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Family and Social Services, tabled the following:

Summary sheet of findings for children who died while receiving Child Protection Services
Sessional Paper 206/97

During Oral Question Period, Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Creek, tabled the following:

Alberta Form 20, Securities Act, report under section 108(1) of the Securities Act, dated May 25, 1995, regarding purchase of Bre-X Minerals Ltd. securities by Alberta Treasury

Sessional Paper 207/97

During Oral Question Period, Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, tabled the following:

Memorandum, dated January 20, 1997, fro the Staff Housing Coordinator, to Rangers-in-Charge, listing housing units the Revolving Fund had requested be declared as surplus

Sessional Paper 208/97

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Speaker's Ruling — Written Questions and Motions for Returns

Hon. Members, prior to getting involved in what we are now going to do, this is the first time that newly elected Hon. Members will undergo this experience which occurs periodically during the session, usually once a week. I'd just like to remind all Hon. Members of the rules that we will follow.

I want to quote from Hansard, pages 2442 and 2443 of October 19, 1994. If all Hon. Members would look at their Order Paper, and if you look at today's Order Paper on page 2 under Written Questions.

"... the Chair will rule that when a Member's written question is called, the Member must actually move: written question number so and so standing on the Order paper in my name be accepted. Someone from the Government should then say whether the Government accepts, rejects, or moves an amendment to the written question. Written questions would then be treated like motions for returns, that is, they can be accepted, rejected, amended, and debated as necessary ..."

Written Questions

The following Written Questions were accepted:

WQ9. Moved by Mr. Dickson:

What is the total annual amount spent by the Government to calculate, process, and communicate Alberta Health Care Insurance premium subsidies and exemptions for senior citizens, low income working Albertans, and social assistance recipients, including, but not restricted to: salaries, wages, benefits, postage, envelopes, forms, telephones, office space, communications, terminals, systems support, systems processing time, and support overhead?

WQ10. Moved by Mr. Dickson:

What is the total annual amount spent by the Government to bill, process, and collect, Alberta Health Care Insurance premiums including, but not restricted to: salaries, wages, benefits, postage, envelopes, forms, telephones, office space, communications, terminals, systems support, systems processing time, and support overhead?

The following Written Questions were accepted as amended:

WQ1. Moved by Mr. Sapers:

With respect to the Province's hosting of the 1996 Annual Premiers' Conference at Jasper, Alberta, what are the names of the corporate sponsors of the event, the nature of their donations to the conference, and the value of the donations?

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Federal and Intergovernmental Affairs, moved the motion be amended to read:

With respect to the Province's hosting of the 1996 Annual Premiers' Conference at Jasper, Alberta, what are the names of the corporate sponsors of the event and the nature of their donations to the conference?

WQ2. Moved by Mr. White:

How many unannounced spot checks were conducted between January 1, 1993 and December 31, 1996, to assess compliance with the Government's Timber Harvest Planning and Operating Ground Rules, other than reforestation, and, in each case, what was the date of inspection, what items were checked, what infringements were discovered and what action was taken or penalty imposed, if any?

Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Environmental Protection, moved the motion be amended to read:

How many *field site visits* were conducted between *May 1, 1993 and April 30, 1996*, to assess compliance with the Government's Timber Harvest Planning and Operating Ground Rules, other than reforestation, *and what was the summary of findings including infringements and action taken, if any?*

Mr. White, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, moved a subamendment to the amendment, the motion as amended to read:

How many *field site visits* were conducted between *May 1, 1993 and April 30, 1996?*

WQ3. Moved by Mr. White:

How many unannounced spot checks were conducted between January 1, 1993 and December 31, 1996, to assess compliance with the Government's reforestation standards and, in each case, what was the date of inspection, what items were checked, what infringements were discovered and what action was taken or penalty imposed, if any?

Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Environmental Protection, moved the motion be amended to read:

How many *field site visits* were conducted between *May 1, 1993 and April 30, 1996*, to assess compliance with the Government's reforestation standards and *what was the summary of findings including infringements and action taken, if any?*

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

WQ6, WQ7, WQ8, WQ13, WQ14, WQ15, WQ16, WQ17, WQ18, WQ23.

Motions for Returns

The following Motion for Return was accepted as amended:

MR4. Moved by Ms Olsen:

Copies of the Federal/Provincial Firearms Agreement and any correspondence or memoranda between the Federal Government and the Department of Justice and Attorney General with respect to the agreement, including copies of any requests for payments made pursuant to the agreement.

Hon. Mr. Havelock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, moved the motion be amended to read:

Copies of the *latest ratified* Federal/Provincial Firearms *Financial* Agreement and correspondence or memoranda between the Federal Government and the Department of Justice and Attorney General with respect to the agreement, including copies of any requests for payments made pursuant to the agreement.

The following Motion for Returns was rejected:

MR5. Moved by Ms Olsen:

Copies of the internal audits referred to in the expenditures section of the Public Accounts for the Department of Justice and Attorney General for the fiscal years 1992/93, 1993/94, 1994/95, 1995/96, and for the Departments of the Solicitor General and Attorney General for the fiscal year 1991/92.

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

MR11, MR12, MR19, MR20, MR21, MR22, MR24, MR25, MR26, MR27, MR28, MR29, MR30, MR31, MR32.

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 202 Crown Contracts Dispute Resolution Act — Mr. Jacques

Mrs. Gordon, Deputy Chairman of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by the Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 202 (Hon. Member for Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Wapiti) — Agreed to

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Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 204 Provincial Court Amendment Act, 1997 — Ms Forsyth

A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., it was agreed at 5:19 p.m. that when the Assembly reconvened at 8:00 p.m. they would be in Committee of Supply, and the Speaker left the Chair.

Committee of Supply (Day 14 — Main Estimates)

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Acting Speaker assumed the Chair and Mr. Tannas reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions, reports as follows, and requests leave to sit again:

Resolved that a sum not exceeding the following be granted to Her Majesty for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1998, for the Departments and purposes indicated:

Agriculture, Food and Rural Development

\$ 301,359,000	Operating Expenditure
<u>1,051,000</u>	Capital Investment
302,410,000	

Education

\$ 1,635,637,000	Operating Expenditure
1,224,000	Capital Investment
<u>118,000,000</u>	Non-budetary Disbursements
1,758,861,000	

Energy

\$ 71,021,000	Operating Expense
<u>1,315,000</u>	Capital Investment
72,336,000	

Mr. Speaker, I would like to table a copy of a resolution agreed to this day by the Committee of Supply for the official records of the Assembly:

Be it resolved that Ms Leibovici be appointed to the Designated Supply Subcommittee dealing with the estimates of the Department of Family and Social Services to replace Ms Olsen

Sessional Paper 210/97

The question being put, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

On the motion that the following Bill be now read a Second time:

Bill 1 Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Amendment Act, 1997
— Hon. Mr. Klein

Hon. Mr. Havelock, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent to waive Standing Order 32(2), to reduce the time between division bells to one minute.

The question being put, with Mr. Tannas in the Chair, the motion was agreed to. The names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 32

Amery	Havelock	McFarland
Broda	Herard	Renner
Cao	Hierath	Severtson
Cardinal	Jonson	Shariff
Clegg	Klapstein	Stelmach
Coutts	Laing	Stevens
Doerksen	Langevin	Strang
Dunford	Lund	Taylor
Evans	Magnus	West
Graham	Mar	Yankowsky
Hancock	Marz	

Against the motion: 7

Bonner	MacDonald	Nicol
Dickson	Massey	Sloan
Leibovici		

The following Bills were read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 1 Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Amendment Act, 1997
— Hon. Mr. Klein

Bill 8 Historical Resources Amendment Act, 1997 — Mr. Johnson

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:58 p.m. until Thursday, May 8, 1997, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Wednesday, May 7, 1997