



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 21

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

First Session

Twenty-Fourth Legislature

Tuesday, May 20, 1997

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

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, May 21, 1997:

Written Questions: WQ14, WQ15, WQ16, WQ17, WQ18, WQ23.

Motions for Returns: MR19, MR20, MR21, MR22, MR24.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 10 Local Authorities Election Amendment Act, 1997 — Hon. Ms Evans

Bill 15 Protection for Persons in Care Amendment Act, 1997 — Mr. Tannas

Bill 16 Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 1997 — Hon. Mr. Havelock

Bill 17 Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, 1997 — Hon. Ms Evans

Bill 18 Natural Resources Conservation Board Amendment Act, 1997 —
Ms O'Neill

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

Bill 15 Protection for Persons in Care Amendment Act, 1997 — Mr. Tannas

Bill 18 Natural Resources Conservation Board Amendment Act, 1997 —
Ms O'Neill

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier:

Letter, dated May 16, 1997, from Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, to the Right Honourable Jean Chrétien, Prime Minister of Canada, regarding comments made by Hon. David Dingwall, Federal Minister of Health, concerning the planned opening of a private health care facility in Calgary

Sessional Paper 274/97

Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health:

Letter, dated May 15, 1997, from Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health, to Hon. David Dingwall, Federal Minister of Health, concerning Health Resources Group of Calgary

Sessional Paper 275/97

Mr. Magnus, Chair, Council on Professions and Occupations, pursuant to the Chiropractic Profession Act, cC-9.1, s7(4):

College of Chiropractors of Alberta, Annual Report 1996

Sessional Paper 276/97

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands:

Letter, dated May 15, 1997, from Darlene Zloklikovits, Chairperson, Alberta Injured Workers' Society (AIWS), to Ms Betty Screpnok, Chair, Workers' Compensation Board, regarding an independent inquiry into mandatory classes through BGS Enterprises, owned by Ms Betty Screpnok, required for receiving WCB benefits

Sessional Paper 277/97

Members' Statements

Mr. Shariff, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, made a statement regarding National Safe Kids Week, May 23 to 30, 1997, and the incidence of injuries involving children.

Mr. Mitchell, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, made a statement regarding Rio Terrace School being awarded Green School Status, Jade School Status, Emerald School Status, and Earth School Status for their environmental projects.

Mr. Klapstein, Hon. Member for Leduc, made a statement recognizing the Leduc Composite High School six-member senior Reach Team competing at the national level (Evan Solmer, Colin McIntyre, Tahib Tadeusz, Joanne Brownlee, Danny Jackson, and Neil Jackie), and congratulating the Leduc/Nisku Economic Development Authority on receiving accreditation by the American Economic Development Council.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

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 assumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 204 Provincial Court Amendment Act, 1997 — Ms Forsyth

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 204 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood) —
Defeated

Sessional Paper 278/97

Amendment to Bill 204 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 279/97

Second Reading

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

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

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(2)(b), debate adjourned, Mr. Dickson speaking.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

504. Moved by Mr. Mitchell:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to evaluate its health care policy against the provisions of the Canada Health Act.

A debate followed.

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

For the motion: 12

Blakeman	Gibbons	Pannu
Bonner	Leibovici	Sloan
Carlson	Mitchell	Soetaert
Dickson	Nicol	White

Against the motion: 41

Black	Haley	Pham
Boutilier	Herard	Renner
Broda	Hierath	Severtson
Cao	Jacques	Shariff
Clegg	Johnson	Smith
Coutts	Jonson	Stelmach
Day	Klapstein	Stevens
Doerksen	Langevin	Strang
Ducharme	Lougheed	Tarchuk
Dunford	Lund	Taylor
Forsyth	Magnus	Thurber
Friedel	Mar	Woloshyn
Gordon	Melchin	Yankowsky
Graham	O'Neill	

505. Moved by Mr. Doerksen:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to develop a province-wide plan linking trails and to encourage responsible recreational use of such trails.

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(2)(c), debate adjourned, Mr. Doerksen speaking.

Government Motions

18. Moved by Hon. Mr. Havelock:

Be it resolved that:

1. A Select Special Ombudsman Search Committee of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta be appointed, consisting of the following members, namely:
 - Mr. Langevin, Chairman
 - Mr. Hierath
 - Ms O'Neill
 - Mrs. Fritz
 - Mr. Sapersfor the purpose of inviting applications for the position of Ombudsman and to recommend to the Assembly the applicant it considers most suitable for appointment to that position.
2. The Chairman and Members of the Committee shall be paid in accordance with the schedule of Category "A" Committees provided in Members' Services Committee Order 10/89.
3. Reasonable disbursements by the Committee for advertising, staff assistance, equipment and supplies, rent, travel, and other expenditure necessary for the effective conduct of its responsibilities shall be paid, subject to the approval of the Chairman.
4. In carrying out its responsibilities, the Committee may, with the concurrence of the head of the department, utilize the services of members of the public service employed in that department or the staff employed by the Assembly.
5. The Committee may, without leave of the Assembly, sit during a period when the Assembly is adjourned.
6. When its work has been completed, the Committee shall report to the Assembly if it is then sitting. During a period when the Assembly is adjourned, the Committee may release its report by depositing a copy with the Clerk and forwarding a copy to each Member of the Assembly.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 13 Trespass to Premises Act — Hon. Mr. Havelock

A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mrs. Black, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., it was agreed at 5:22 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.

TUESDAY, MAY 20, 1997 — 8:00 P.M.

Committee of Supply (Day 20 — Main Estimates)

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some further time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Shariff, Acting Chairman of Committee, 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:

Legislative Assembly

\$22,386,620	Support to the Legislative Assembly Operating Expense
\$9,336,000	Office of the Auditor General Operating Expense
\$483,000	Office of the Auditor General Capital Investment
\$1,175,400	Office of the Ombudsman Operating Expense
\$6,265,770	Office of the Chief Electoral Officer Operating Expense
\$168,490	Office of the Ethics Commissioner Operating Expense
\$950,429	Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner Operating Expense

Federal and Intergovernmental Affairs

\$27,140,000	Operating Expense
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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 13 Trespass to Premises Act — Hon. Mr. Havelock

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

Bill 11 Registries Statutes Amendment Act, 1997 — Mrs. Laing

A debate followed.

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

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)

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

The following Bill was reported:

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

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

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

Mrs. Laing, Acting 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 8 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre) — Debate
adjourned

Sessional Paper 280/97

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mrs. Black, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:12 p.m. until Wednesday, May 21, 1997, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Tuesday, May 20, 1997