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Province of Alberta**

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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Wednesday, June 4, 1997

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

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Broda, Hon. Member for Redwater, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, presented a petition from 42 constituents regarding the banning of VLT (video lottery terminal) gambling in Alberta.

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, presented a petition from 99 Albertans regarding equitable access to long term care in the publicly funded health care system.

Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees

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

Mr. Speaker, the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills has had certain Bills under consideration and wishes to report as follows:

The Committee recommends that the following Bills proceed:

Bill Pr1 TD Trust Company and Central Guaranty Trust Company Act —
Mrs. Burgener

Bill Pr2 The Bank of Nova Scotia Trust Company, Montreal Trust Company of Canada and Montreal Trust Company Act — Mr. Jacques

Bill Pr6 Canadian Union College Amendment Act, 1997 — Mrs. Gordon

The Committee recommends that the following Bills proceed with some amendments:

Bill Pr3 Trans Global Insurance Company Act — Ms Tarchuk

Bill Pr4 Trans Global Life Insurance Company Act — Ms Tarchuk

Bill Pr5 Kenneth Garnet McKay Adoption Termination Act — Mr. Mitchell

Bill Pr7 Altasure Insurance Company Act — Ms Kryczka

As part of this report I will be filing copies of the amendments proposed for these Bills.

Mr. Speaker, I request the concurrence of the Assembly in these recommendations.

Sessional Paper 394/97

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

Notices of Motions

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, gave oral notice of her intention to raise a purported point of privilege following Oral Question Period pursuant to Standing Order 15.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Havelock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General:

Response to Written Question No. WQ6 asked for by Ms Olsen on May 14, 1997:

How many times *from April 1, 1993 to March 31, 1997* has the Government retained outside legal counsel to conduct criminal prosecutions, and how much was paid *in total to* those lawyers?

Sessional Paper 395/97

Return to Order of the Assembly No. MR4 asked for by Ms Olsen on May 7, 1997:

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.

Sessional Paper 396/97

Mrs. Burgener, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie:

Letter, dated June 3, 1997, from Dr. A.E. Morris, Director, Continuing Education, Calgary Board of Education, to Mrs. Burgener, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, regarding the requirement for a performance bond payment at Viscount Bennett Centre

Sessional Paper 397/97

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods:

3 letters, dated May 12, 1997, from Alice Krueger, Rudolf Klingbeil, and Alma Klingbeil, to Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, regarding the closure of 25 beds in Millwoods Shepherd's Care Centre

Sessional Paper 398/97

Oral Question Period

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

Study of Plant Operations and Maintenance Costs for Alberta Schools: Based on the 1995-96 Fiscal Year, dated October 25, 1996, report completed for School Finance and Facilities, Alberta Education, by FMT Resources

Sessional Paper 399/97

Custodial Pilot Project: An Analysis and Statistical Comparison of Inhouse and Privatized Custodial Care: Attachment 1, dated April 1997, report completed by the Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local 474, and the Edmonton Public School Board

Sessional Paper 400/97

Privilege

Oral notice having been given earlier today, Wednesday, June 4, 1997, and pursuant to Standing Order 15, Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, raised a purported point of privilege regarding her ability to introduce a Private Members' Public Bill.

The Speaker advised the Assembly he would take the matter under advisement and rule on the issue early next week.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

WQ36, WQ71, WQ72, WQ73, WQ74, WQ75, WQ76, WQ77, WQ78, WQ79.

Motions for Returns

The following Motions for Returns were accepted:

MR27. Moved by Mr. Zwozdesky:

Copies of the Alberta Treasury Branches' management response to the Flynn Report, entitled "Alberta Treasury Branches: General Review and Recommendations for Changes, December 1994," as cited on page 1 of the Mazankowski Report, entitled "Treasury Branches' Working Group Report, February 1995."

MR28. Moved by Mr. Zwozdesky:

Copies of all loan guarantee and amended loan guarantee agreements between the Government and Skimmer Oil Separators Ltd./Cambridge Environmental Systems Inc. from January 1, 1992 to April 30, 1997.

MR32. Moved by Mr. Zwozdesky:

Copies of all studies prepared by or for the Government between January 1, 1993 and April 30, 1997 assessing the feasibility of implementing a flat tax regime in Alberta.

The following Motion for Returns was accepted as amended:

MR30. Moved by Mr. Zwozdesky:

Copies of all loan guarantee and amended loan guarantee agreements between the Government and Ribbon Creek Alpine Village, Pocaterra Development Corporation and Kananaskis Alpine Resort Inc. for the period January 1, 1986 to April 30, 1997.

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, moved the motion be amended to read:

Copies of all loan guarantee and amended loan guarantee agreements between the Government and Ribbon Creek Alpine Village, Pocaterra Development Corporation and Kananaskis Alpine Resort Inc. for the period January 1, 1986 to April 30, 1997 *for which all parties to the agreements consent to the release of the agreements so that no potential legal liability is imposed on the taxpayer.*

The following Motions for Returns were rejected:

MR26. Moved by Mr. Zwozdesky:

Copies of the external study on the net cash proceeds accruing to the Government from the sale of Alberta Treasury Branches operations as referred to on page 4 of the Flynn Report, entitled "Alberta Treasury Branches: General Review and Recommendations for Changes, December 1994."

MR29. Moved by Mr. Zwozdesky:

Copies of all loan and amended loan agreements between the Government and Centennial Food Corporation from January 1, 1989 to April 30, 1997.

A debate followed.

During debate, Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, tabled the following:

Letter, dated September 13, 1993, from Nashir VasANJI, Vice President and General Manager-Manufacturing, Centennial Food Corp., to Mr. David B. Parker, Financial Analyst, Loans and Guarantees, Alberta Treasury, regarding the disclosure of financing between Centennial Food Corp. and Alberta Treasury

Sessional Paper 401/97

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

For the motion: 12

Bonner	Leibovici	Olsen
Carlson	MacDonald	Soetaert
Dickson	Massey	White
Gibbons	Nicol	Zwozdesky

Against the motion: 48

Amery	Graham	O'Neill
Boutilier	Haley	Oberg
Broda	Hancock	Paszkowski
Burgener	Herard	Renner
Cao	Hlady	Severtson
Cardinal	Jacques	Shariff
Clegg	Johnson	Smith
Coutts	Jonson	Stevens
Day	Klapstein	Strang
Doerksen	Kryczka	Tannas
Ducharme	Lund	Tarchuk
Fischer	Magnus	Taylor
Forsyth	Mar	Trynchy
Friedel	Marz	West
Fritz	McFarland	Woloshyn
Gordon	Melchin	Yankowsky

MR31. Moved by Mr. Zwozdesky:

Copies of all loan guarantee and amended loan guarantee agreements between the Government and North Saskatchewan River Boat Ltd. for the period January 1, 1992 to April 30, 1997.

A debate followed.

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

For the motion: 10

Bonner	Massey	Olsen
Carlson	Mitchell	Soetaert
Dickson	Nicol	Zwozdesky
Leibovici		

Against the motion: 47

Amery	Haley	Oberg
Boutilier	Hancock	Paszkowski
Broda	Herard	Renner
Burgener	Hlady	Severtson
Cao	Jacques	Shariff
Cardinal	Johnson	Smith
Clegg	Jonson	Stelmach
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Forsyth	Marz	Trynchy
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Fritz	Melchin	Yankowsky
Graham	O'Neill	

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

MR33, MR34, MR35, MR37, MR38, MR39, MR40, MR41, MR42, MR43, MR44, MR45, MR46, MR47, MR48, MR49, MR50, MR51, MR52, MR53, MR54, MR55, MR56, MR57, MR58, MR59, MR60, MR61, MR62, MR63, MR64, MR65, MR66, MR67, MR68, MR69, MR70.

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

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

Second Reading

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

Bill 208 Kananaskis Park Act — Mr. Mitchell

A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:22 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4, 1997 — 8:00 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

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

Bill 23 Agricultural Service Board Amendment Act, 1997 — Mr. Marz

Bill 24 Tobacco Tax Amendment Act, 1997 — Mr. Strang

Bill 27 Child Welfare Amendment Act, 1997 — Ms Forsyth

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:21 p.m. until Thursday, June 5, 1997, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Wednesday, June 4, 1997