



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 2

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Second Session

Twenty-Fourth Legislature

Wednesday, January 28, 1998

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

The Speaker offered a prayer and a moment of silence was observed in recognition of the death of former Member, Mr. John Drobot, Hon. Member for St. Paul, 1982 to 1993, who passed away on January 17, 1998.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Renner, Hon. Member for Medicine Hat, presented a petition from 3,341 Albertans regarding the limiting of funding to private schools at the current (1996/97) level of \$1,815 per student.

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, presented a petition from 259 constituents regarding the limiting of funding to private schools at the current (1996/97) level of \$1,815 per student.

Notices of Motions

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

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly express its disappointment with the lack of leadership provided by the Premier and the Minister of Public Works in refusing to get tough with Maple Leaf Foods Inc., thereby allowing the systematic dismantling of their Edmonton meat-packing plant.

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

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly recognize and congratulate Vietnamese and Chinese people in Alberta who are today celebrating the start of the Year of the Tiger.

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

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly recognize and congratulate the COMPRU clinic at the Misericordia Community Hospital on its recent program achievements.

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 Alberta Patients' Bill of Rights — Mr. Mitchell

Bill 202 Child Welfare Amendment Act, 1998 — Ms Sloan

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Expense claims relating to temporary residence, mileage, travel, committee fees, and an open letter to constituents dated January 28, 1998, regarding other records pertaining to constituency records, purchase orders and receipts being available for review in the constituency office

Sessional Paper 3/98

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

Expense claims relating to temporary residence, mileage, travel, committee fees, and an open letter to constituents dated January 28, 1998, regarding other records pertaining to constituency records, purchase orders and receipts being available for review in the constituency office

Sessional Paper 4/98

Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora:

Expense claims relating to temporary residence, mileage, travel, committee fees, and an open letter to constituents dated January 28, 1998, regarding other records pertaining to constituency records, purchase orders and receipts being available for review in the constituency office

Sessional Paper 5/98

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert:

Expense claims relating to temporary residence, mileage, travel, committee fees, and an open letter to constituents dated January 28, 1998, regarding other records pertaining to constituency records, purchase orders and receipts being available for review in the constituency office

Sessional Paper 6/98

Mr. White, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder:

Expense claims relating to temporary residence, mileage, travel, committee fees, and an open letter to constituents dated January 28, 1998, regarding other records pertaining to constituency records, purchase orders and receipts being available for review in the constituency office

Sessional Paper 7/98

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Expense claims relating to temporary residence, mileage, travel, committee fees, and an open letter to constituents dated January 28, 1998, regarding other records pertaining to constituency records, purchase orders and receipts being available for review in the constituency office

Sessional Paper 8/98

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

Expense claims relating to temporary residence, mileage, travel, committee fees, and an open letter to constituents dated January 28, 1998, regarding other records pertaining to constituency records, purchase orders and receipts being available for review in the constituency office

Sessional Paper 9/98

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, gave notice that Government Members would also be tabling their expense claims at a future date.

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

Open letter to constituents dated January 28, 1998, regarding his request to the Legislative Assembly Office for copies of expense claims relating to temporary residence, mileage, travel, committee fees, and stating that other records pertaining to constituency records, purchase orders and receipts were available for review in the constituency office

Sessional Paper 10/98

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Expense claims relating to temporary residence, mileage, travel, committee fees, and an open letter to constituents dated January 28, 1998, regarding other records pertaining to constituency records, purchase orders and receipts being available for review in the constituency office

Sessional Paper 11/98

Letter dated December 2, 1997, from Jayanti Negi, Executive Director, Millwoods Centre for Immigrants, to Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, requesting an increase in the minimum wage

Sessional Paper 12/98

Ms Paul, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs:

Expense claims relating to temporary residence, mileage, travel, committee fees, and an open letter to constituents dated January 28, 1998, regarding other records pertaining to constituency records, purchase orders and receipts being available for review in the constituency office

Sessional Paper 13/98

Investing for Growth: A Strategic Development Plan for Alberta's Tourism Industry, July 31, 1997, by Travel Alberta - excerpt pages 12 and 13 highlighting industry performance measures under the terms of the fee-for-service contract

Sessional Paper 14/98

Letter dated December 4, 1997, from Peter C. Crerar, Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, Travel Alberta, to Mr. Bruce Wilson, Executive Director, Tourism Development Agency, Alberta Economic Development, regarding industry performance measures and future funding based upon a return on investment (ROI)

Sessional Paper 15/98

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood:

Expense claims relating to temporary residence, mileage, travel, committee fees, and an open letter to constituents dated January 28, 1998, regarding other records pertaining to constituency records, purchase orders and receipts being available for review in the constituency office

Sessional Paper 16/98

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

Expense claims relating to temporary residence, mileage, travel, committee fees, and an open letter to constituents dated January 28, 1998, regarding other records pertaining to constituency records, purchase orders and receipts being available for review in the constituency office

Sessional Paper 17/98

Mr. Gibbons, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning:

Expense claims relating to temporary residence, mileage, travel, committee fees, and an open letter to constituents dated January 28, 1998, regarding other records pertaining to constituency records, purchase orders and receipts being available for review in the constituency office

Sessional Paper 18/98

Dr. Nicol, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East:

Open letter to constituents dated January 28, 1998, regarding his request to the Legislative Assembly Office for copies of expense claims relating to temporary residence, mileage, travel, committee fees, and stating that other records pertaining to constituency records, purchase orders and receipts were available for review in the constituency office

Sessional Paper 19/98

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

Expense claims relating to temporary residence, mileage, travel, committee fees, and an open letter to constituents dated January 28, 1998, regarding other records pertaining to constituency records, purchase orders and receipts being available for review in the constituency office

Sessional Paper 20/98

Ms Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

Expense claims relating to temporary residence, mileage, travel, committee fees, and an open letter to constituents dated January 28, 1998, regarding other records pertaining to constituency records, purchase orders and receipts being available for review in the constituency office

Sessional Paper 21/98

Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora:

Alberta Liberal Opposition pamphlet dated February 1997, entitled "Education for a Better Future: A Strategy and a Solution from Your Alberta Liberal MLAs"

Sessional Paper 22/98

Pamphlet dated January 1998, entitled "Edmonton: Smart Education"

Sessional Paper 23/98

Motions Under Standing Order 40

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly for consideration of the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly express its disappointment with the lack of leadership provided by the Premier and the Minister of Public Works in refusing to get tough with Maple Leaf Foods Inc., thereby allowing the systematic dismantling of their Edmonton meat-packing plant.

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

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

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly recognize and congratulate Vietnamese and Chinese people in Alberta who are today celebrating the start of the Year of the Tiger.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to unanimously.

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

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly recognize and congratulate the COMPRU clinic at the Misericordia Community Hospital on its recent program achievements.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to unanimously.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions and Motions for Returns

The Deputy 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.

Deputy Speaker's Statement — Written Questions and Motions for Returns

While we're on the subject of Written Questions and Motions for Returns, I would like to remind all Honourable Members of the process to be followed when these items of business are called on Wednesdays. I quote the Speaker's ruling of October 1994 which appears in Hansard on pages 2442 and 2443:

".....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..."

As for amendments to Written Questions and Motions for Returns, should any be proposed, the Chair would like to refresh everyone's memory of the procedure that was established last year following some confusion on this issue, a procedure which seems to have worked out rather well. Members are reminded that under Standing Order 42, amendments must be in writing, and the practice is to have 90 copies prepared for distribution. As these items of business are set down well in advance on the Order Paper and there is ample time to consider amendments, when amendments are going to be proposed to Motions for Returns and Written Questions, they should be approved by Parliamentary Counsel as to form no later than the Tuesday before they are to be moved. The proposed amendment should be provided to the sponsor of the Written Question or Motion for Returns so that he or she is able to address it on the respective Wednesday and have ample time to discuss the amendment with the responsible Minister if necessary. This exchange of information should occur before 11:00 a.m. on the Wednesday that the Written Question or Motion for Returns is to be dealt with.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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 Alberta Patients' Bill of Rights — Mr. Mitchell

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:16 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28, 1998 — 8:00 P.M.

Consideration of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech

Mr. Coutts moved the following motion, seconded by Mr. Cao:

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.

Debate adjourned.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:52 p.m. until Thursday, January 29, 1998, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Wednesday, January 28, 1998