



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 6

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Second Session

Twenty-Fourth Legislature

Wednesday, February 4, 1998

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 19 constituents regarding an amendment to the Legislative Assembly Act which would make it mandatory for the Government to hold two sittings of the Legislative Assembly each year.

Notices of Motions

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, gave oral notice of his intention to move, pursuant to Standing Order 30, that the Assembly adjourn to discuss a matter of urgent importance, namely the shortage of hospital emergency beds in the province.

Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, gave oral notice of his intention to move the following motion under Standing Order 40:

Be it resolved that this Assembly congratulate the University of Alberta Law School for being selected as the site for the Civil Law Institute, a research initiative of the Canadian Bar Association, and recognize the efforts of June Ross, the Academic Director of the Institute.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Dr. West, Minister of Energy:

1997 Alberta Progress Report on the National Action Program on Climate Change (NAPCC), dated November 1997

Sessional Paper 64/98

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood:

Choices, Chances, and Child Care in Alberta: Results from a Provincial Survey of Daycare Parents, prepared for the Greater Edmonton Area Child and Family Resource Association by Sylvia Church, 1997-98 Chairperson, dated January 1998

Sessional Paper 65/98

Mr. Renner, Hon. Member for Medicine Hat:

Letter dated February 4, 1998, from Mr. Renner, Hon. Member for Medicine Hat, to Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, regarding instruction to the Legislative Assembly Office to prepare a statement that would provide detailed MLA expenses as listed in the Report of Selected Payments to Members and Former Members of the Legislative Assembly and Persons Directly Associated with Members of the Legislative Assembly, for the Year Ended March 31, 1997

Sessional Paper 66/98

Ms Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

Children's Advocate Child Welfare Review, entitled "In Need of Protection: Children and Youth in Alberta" excerpt pages 149 to 157 highlighting the abuse/maltreatment of children in care

Sessional Paper 67/98

Children's Advocate Annual Report 1995-96 excerpt page 16 highlighting the need to track and monitor all deaths of children that occurred while in receipt of protection services

Sessional Paper 68/98

Children's Advocate Annual Report 1996-97 excerpt pages 22 and 23 highlighting the need to track all deaths of children that occurred while in receipt of Child Welfare services

Sessional Paper 69/98

Children's Advocate Quarterly Report: Systemic Advocacy Activities, dated June 1997 excerpt page 2 highlighting Child Welfare Program issues - monitoring the deaths of children in care

Sessional Paper 70/98

Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Family and Social Services:

Letter dated February 4, 1998, from Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Family and Social Services, to Kathleen Huber, Public Education Coordinator, Canadian National Institute for the Blind, commending the special efforts to recognize people who are blind and visually impaired during White Cane Week from February 1 to 7, 1998

Sessional Paper 71/98

Letter dated February 4, 1998, from Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Family and Social Services, to Ray Goyette, President, Canadian Council of the Blind - Alberta Division, commending the special efforts to recognize people who are blind and visually impaired during White Cane Week from February 1 to 7, 1998

Sessional Paper 72/98

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

Edmonton Glenora Issue Summary, dated January 10, 1998, regarding public education funding

Sessional Paper 73/98

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo:

Letter dated January 12, 1998, from Brian Edy, Conference Chair, Dignity Foundation, to registrants of the "Catch Them Before They Fall" Conference held in Calgary, Alberta on November 28 to 29, 1997, with attached compilation of suggestions that were brought forward during conference sessions

Sessional Paper 74/98

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Newfoundland Chapter 18, An Act to Amend the Human Rights Code, Assented to December 11, 1997, page 1 highlighting amendments to the Code to include sexual orientation

Sessional Paper 75/98

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development, made a statement offering support and encouragement to the 46 Alberta athletes joining the 152 member Team Canada at the 1998 Winter Olympics, beginning February 7, 1998, in Nagano, Japan.

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, commented on the statement.

Oral Question Period

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

Edmonton Journal article entitled “New stats contradict Minister: Liberals say five kids who died in Government care were abused or neglected” dated August 5, 1997

Sessional Paper 76/98

Children who died in child welfare care: April 1, 1997 to January 15, 1998, from Alberta Family and Social Services Communications, highlighting case number 10 of a 17 year-old girl who died January 6, 1998, of an undetermined cause

Sessional Paper 77/98

Motion for Adjournment for an Emergency Debate

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, requested leave to move, pursuant to Standing Order 30, that the Assembly adjourn to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, namely the shortage of hospital emergency beds in the province.

A debate followed on urgency.

The Speaker ruled that the request for leave was not in order.

Motions Under Standing Order 40

Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly for consideration of the following motion:

Be it resolved that this Assembly congratulate the University of Alberta Law School for being selected as the site for the Civil Law Institute, a research initiative of the Canadian Bar Association, and recognize the efforts of June Ross, the Academic Director of the Institute.

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

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

WQ1, WQ2, WQ3, WQ4, WQ5, WQ6, WQ9, WQ10.

Motions for Returns

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

MR7, MR8, MR11, MR12, MR13, MR14, MR15, MR16.

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 201 Alberta Patients' Bill of Rights — Mr. Mitchell

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: 18

Barrett	Leibovici	Paul
Blakeman	MacDonald	Sapers
Bonner	Massey	Sloan
Carlson	Mitchell	Soetaert
Dickson	Olsen	White
Gibbons	Pannu	Zwozdesky

Against the motion: 43

Amery	Haley	McFarland
Boutilier	Hancock	Melchin
Broda	Havelock	O'Neill
Calahasen	Herard	Paszkowski
Cao	Hlady	Renner
Clegg	Jacques	Severtson
Coutts	Johnson	Shariff
Day	Jonson	Stelmach
Ducharme	Klapstein	Stevens
Dunford	Kryczka	Strang
Evans	Laing	Tannas
Fischer	Langevin	Taylor
Forsyth	Magnus	Thurber
Friedel	McClellan	Yankowsky
Fritz		

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

Bill 202 Child Welfare Amendment Act, 1998 — Ms Sloan

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 5:17 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1998 — 8:00 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

The following Bill was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 7 Rural Gas Amendment Act, 1998 — Mr. Strang

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

Bill 5 Canadian Airlines Corporation Amendment Act, 1998 — Ms Graham

A debate followed.

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

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

Bill 8 Agriculture Statutes (Penalties) Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Stelmach

Bill 9 Marketing of Agricultural Products Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Stelmach

Bill 11 Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mrs. McClellan

Consideration of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech

(Day 4)

Moved by Mr. Coutts and 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. Hancock, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:35 p.m. until Thursday, February 5, 1998, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Wednesday, February 4, 1998