



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 8

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Second Session

Twenty-Fourth Legislature

Monday, February 9, 1998

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

Presenting Petitions

Ms O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert, presented a petition from 11,000 constituents requesting an investigation of transportation alternatives in order to protect the current natural state of the area under consideration for the St. Albert west by-pass alignment road.

Reading and Receiving Petitions

On request by Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to freeze per pupil grants of public money to private schools at \$1,815 per funded student.

On request by Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to reduce the grants of public money to private schools to \$0.

On request by Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government to introduce amendments to the Legislative Assembly Act in such a manner as to make it mandatory for the Government to hold two sittings of the Legislature each year, in the Spring and the Fall.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 15 Gaming and Liquor Amendment Act, 1998 — Mrs. Laing

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

Bill 15 Gaming and Liquor Amendment Act, 1998 — Mrs. Laing

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development:

Public service announcement, dated February 9, 1998, entitled "Canadian Birkebeiner provides fun for cross-country skiers of all ages"

Sessional Paper 93/98

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

Voter Turn-out by Constituency, 1997 Provincial Election: Ranked from Highest to Lowest, from the Report of the Chief Electoral Officer, November 1996
General Enumeration and Tuesday, March 11, 1997 General Election

Sessional Paper 94/98

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

Letter dated February 9, 1998, from Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Creek, to Colleen Ring offering congratulations on her efforts to promote Random Acts of Kindness Week

Sessional Paper 95/98

Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Environmental Protection:

Response to Written Question No. WQ2 asked for by Mr. White on May 7, 1997:

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

Sessional Paper 96/98

Response to Written Question No. WQ3 asked for by Mr. White on May 7, 1997:

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?

Sessional Paper 97/98

Response to Written Question No. WQ13 asked for by Ms Carlson on May 21, 1997:

How many companies were required to submit monitoring reports to Alberta Environmental Protection between January 1, 1996 and December 31, 1996, what was the average number of records that each company submitted, how many staff (full time equivalents) were responsible for reviewing the data and in how many cases were infringements identified?

Sessional Paper 98/98

Response to Written Question No. WQ14 asked for by Mr. White on May 21, 1997:

What are the estimated or recorded volumes of coniferous and deciduous timber, respectively, harvested from private land each timber year between May 1, 1993 and April 30, 1996, and what percentage of unprocessed logs were exported each timber year?

Sessional Paper 99/98

Response to Written Question No. WQ15 asked for by Mr. White on May 21, 1997:

In response to direct public requests, how many inspections on private land were conducted after timber harvesting activity had occurred between January 1, 1995 and December 31, 1996, in how many cases was environmental or other damage found, and what action was taken, if any?

Sessional Paper 100/98

Response to Written Question No. WQ16 asked for by Ms Carlson on May 21, 1997:

How many unannounced spot checks of pulp mills were conducted between January 1, 1993 and December 31, 1996, to assess compliance with the Government's 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?

Sessional Paper 101/98

Response to Written Question No. WQ17 asked for by Ms Carlson on May 21, 1997:

How many routine audits of records submitted by industrial companies did Alberta Environmental Protection conduct between January 1, 1993 and December 31, 1996, how many unreported releases and how many other infringements were identified as a result of these audits, and in each case what was the nature of the infringement, what action was taken and what penalty was imposed, if any?

Sessional Paper 102/98

Response to Written Question No. WQ23 asked for by Ms Carlson on May 21, 1997:

With reference to Measuring Up, Second Annual Report on the Performance of the Government of Alberta, June 1996, p. 84, showing that the number of hours exceeding the guideline for sulphur dioxide at industrial monitoring stations has increased each year since 1991, what measures were taken between January 1, 1992 and December 31, 1996, when the guideline was exceeded by each company on each occasion?

Sessional Paper 103/98

Response to Written Question No. WQ36 asked for by Ms Carlson on May 21, 1997:

How many staff (full-time equivalents) in the Department of Environmental Protection worked, respectively, on ambient air, surface and ground water quality monitoring during the years ending December 31, 1992 and December 31, 1996?

Sessional Paper 104/98

Return to Order of the Assembly No. MR19 asked for by Dr. Nicol on May 21, 1997:

Copies of all agreements between the Government and Petroleum Information Canada Limited or Petroleum Information Corporation, of Houston, Texas, regarding the handover, maintenance, marketing and profit sharing agreement of the Land Administration Division's Plan Distribution Service.

Sessional Paper 105/98

Return to Order of the Assembly No. MR20 asked for by Dr. Nicol on May 21, 1997:

Copies of financial statements showing the annual revenues generated by the Land Administration Division's Plan Distribution Service for the 10 years prior to the Service being handed over to the Canadian subsidiary of Petroleum Information Corporation of Houston, Texas.

Sessional Paper 106/98

Return to Order of the Assembly No. MR21 asked for by Ms Carlson on May 21, 1997:

A list showing the number of domestic residences owned by the Province in each provincial park, where permanent termination of the lease was announced in 1996 or 1997 or will be announced in 1997, giving the name of the park, showing the number of domestic residences remaining in each park, and indicating whether the lessee is an employee of the Government or a private contractor.

Sessional Paper 107/98

Return to Order of the Assembly No. MR22 asked for by Ms Carlson on May 21, 1997:

The names and locations of all landfills that received an unannounced spot check by Alberta Environmental Protection staff between September 1, 1996 and January 31, 1997, indicating the date of inspection, the items checked, any infringements discovered and the penalty imposed, if any.

Sessional Paper 108/98

Return to Order of the Assembly No. MR24 asked for by Ms Carlson on May 21, 1997:

A description of the regional consultation process adopted to compile The Status of Alberta Wildlife, a Wildlife Management Division Report, that was published in December 1996, as well as a list of experts consulted, their qualifications, and copies of any written recommendations received.

Sessional Paper 109/98

Hon. Mrs. Black, Minister of Economic Development:

Return to Order of the Assembly No. MR40 asked for by Ms Leibovici on June 11, 1997:

Copies of the 1995/96 and 1996/97 statistical summary or activity reports prepared by the Government for each of the foreign trade offices or delegations, indicating the number of Alberta companies assisted, number of inquiries, contacts, meetings, number of Alberta promotions, and number of trade missions or government meetings.

Sessional Paper 110/98

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

Departmental response to fatality inquiries: Vincent Morgan Potts, Allan James Hill, Zynab Chamseddine, Jacqueline Walker, Cynthia May Elliott, Donald Robert LeClaire, Olivia Calf Robe, and John Ross McKinnon

Sessional Paper 111/98

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

Fairness First, Fair Play, Fair Pay: The Alberta Union of Provincial Employees (AUPE) 21st Annual Convention Booklet, October 17 to 19, 1997

Sessional Paper 112/98

Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health:

Response to Written Question No. WQ9 asked for by Mr. Dickson on May 7, 1997:

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?

Sessional Paper 113/98

Response to Written Question No. WQ10 asked for by Mr. Dickson on May 7, 1997:

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?

Sessional Paper 114/98

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer:

Return to Order of the Assembly No. MR30 asked for by Mr. Zwozdesky on June 4, 1997:

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.

Sessional Paper 115/98

Return to Order of the Assembly No. MR35 asked for by Dr. Nicol on June 11, 1997:

Copies of all financing agreements and amended financing agreements relating to participating first mortgage bonds and series A participating debentures, between the Government and Ridley Grain Ltd. for the period January 1, 1984 to April 30, 1997 not otherwise available to the public and for which all parties to the non-public agreements consent to the release of those agreements so that no potential legal liability is imposed on the taxpayer.

Sessional Paper 116/98

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood:

Letter dated December 22, 1997, from Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood, to Hon. Ms Calahasen, Minister without Portfolio Responsible for Children's Services, regarding concerns in the final recommendations of the Funding Model Committee and requesting information on the reference model utilized by the Committee

Sessional Paper 117/98

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

- Bill 4 Libraries Amendment Act, 1998 — Ms O'Neill
Bill 5 Canadian Airlines Corporation Amendment Act, 1998 — Ms Graham
Bill 6 Dangerous Goods Transportation and Handling Act — Mr. Marz

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

- Bill 13 Alberta Personal Property Bill of Rights — Mr. Hierath

A debate followed.

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

Consideration of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech (Day 6)

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.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mrs. Black, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:13 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1998 — 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 12 Alcohol and Drug Abuse Amendment Act, 1998 — Mrs. Burgener

Bill 13 Alberta Personal Property Bill of Rights — Mr. Hierath

Bill 14 Alberta Science, Research and Technology Authority Act — Hon. Dr. Taylor

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mrs. Black, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:46 p.m. until Tuesday, February 10, 1998, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Monday, February 9, 1998