



**Legislative Assembly  
Province of Alberta**

No. 13

## **VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

Second Session

Twenty-Fourth Legislature

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Wednesday, February 18, 1998

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

### **Notices of Motions**

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, gave oral notice of his intention to move the following motion under Standing Order 40:

Be it resolved that this Assembly recognize that February 22 to March 1, 1998 is Freedom to Read Week.

### **Introduction of Bills (First Reading)**

Notice having been given:

Bill 18 Engineering, Geological and Geophysical Professions Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Woloshyn

### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development:

Information bulletin dated February 18, 1998, entitled "Albertans encouraged to visit libraries during Freedom to Read Week"

Sessional Paper 168/98

Hon. Mr. Paszkowski, Minister of Transportation and Utilities:

Primary Highway Construction and Rehabilitation Program 1998/99 to 2000/01,  
by Alberta Transportation and Utilities

Sessional Paper 169/98

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Budget'98 Alberta Environmental Protection Ministry Business Plan section,  
excerpt page 237 highlighting parks visitation

Sessional Paper 170/98

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

Alberta Treasury Branches memorandum dated May 30, 1990, from D.A. Goebel,  
Assistant Superintendent, Edmonton General Office, to the Chairman, Executive  
Credit Committee, Head Office, regarding Gainers Inc. Term Paper dated May 30,  
1990

Sessional Paper 171/98

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands:

Budget'98 federal-provincial fiscal issues section, excerpt page 391 highlighting  
Alberta's position on fiscal arrangements: "A tax transfer is the best solution to  
the fiscal imbalance" and "No new federal programs in areas of provincial  
responsibility"

Sessional Paper 172/98

Embracing Spirituality, Embracing Sexuality: Exploring Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual  
and Transgender Realities in a Faith Context Conference, March 20 to 22, 1998,  
Grant MacEwan Community College, Edmonton, program and registration form  
highlighting the session entitled "Where's the Sin?" by Professor  
Sterling Bjorndahl

Sessional Paper 173/98

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

Letter undated from Donato Colangelo and Joseph Spano to the Members of the  
Legislative Assembly regarding the loss of over 1,000 jobs, including his own,  
with the closure of Maple Leaf Foods plant in Edmonton

Sessional Paper 174/98

## **Oral Question Period**

During Oral Question Period, Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill  
Creek, tabled the following:

Letter dated August 28, 1997, from Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, to  
Mr. Jim A. Shepherd, President and Chief Operating Officer, Crestbrook Forest  
Industries Ltd., regarding the Al-Pac Pulp Mill Project loan purchase criteria

Sessional Paper 175/98

## Motions Under Standing Order 40

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly for consideration of the following motion:

Be it resolved that this Assembly recognize that February 22 to March 1, 1998 is Freedom to Read Week.

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY

### Written Questions

The following Written Questions were accepted as amended:

**WQ1.** Moved by Ms Carlson:

Between January 1, 1995 and December 31, 1997, how many complaints were received about potential pollution or odours from intensive livestock operations, how many inspections were conducted and what action was taken, including the number of environmental protection orders, and fines, under the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act?

Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Environmental Protection, moved the motion be amended to read:

Between *April 1, 1995* and December 31, 1997, how many *public complaints were received by Pollution Control Division* about potential pollution or odours from intensive livestock operations, how many *investigations* were conducted and what action was taken, including the number of environmental protection orders, and fines, under the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act?

**WQ2.** Moved by Mr. White:

How many staff were employed by Alberta Environmental Protection on January 1, 1993, for forest management and what were the comparable figures on January 1, 1998?

Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Environmental Protection, moved the motion be amended to read:

How many *staff, including permanent and wage, were employed by Alberta Environmental Protection, Land and Forest Service*, on January 1, 1993, and what were the comparable figures on January 1, 1998?

**WQ6.** Moved by Mr. Gibbons:

What is the breakdown of the \$10 million expended under Vote 3.3.1 Assistance to Alberta Social Housing Corporation by individual borrowers, as contained in the Public Accounts 1996/97, Vol. 2, page 94?

Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Municipal Affairs, moved the motion be amended to read:

What is the breakdown of the \$10 million expended under Vote 3.3.1 Assistance to Alberta Social Housing Corporation as contained in the Public Accounts 1996/97, Vol. 2, page 94?

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

WQ5, WQ9, WQ10, WQ17, WQ18, WQ19, WQ24, WQ25, WQ26, WQ27, WQ28, WQ29.

## **Motions for Returns**

The following Motions for Returns were accepted:

**MR7.** Moved by Ms Carlson:

A copy of any surveys conducted by or for the Government between January 1, 1997 and December 31, 1997, to assess the public's reaction to the environment and government environmental policies, showing the questions asked, the manner in which the survey was conducted and the results.

**MR11.** Moved by Dr. Pannu:

Copies of all studies done by the Government on the effect of increased tuition fees on access to post-secondary education for Alberta students.

Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Advanced Education and Career Development, tabled Response to Motion for Returns 11

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The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

MR8, MR12, MR13, MR14, MR15, MR16, MR21, MR22, MR23.

## **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 204 Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 1998 — Mr. Herard

A debate followed.

During debate, Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Labour, tabled the following:

Letter dated February 18, 1998, from Rick LeLacheur, Chairman, Workers' Compensation Board, to Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Labour, detailing the Board of Directors' opposition to specific amendments in Bill 204, Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 1998

Sessional Paper 177/98

Letter dated February 9, 1998, from Catherine H. Yankimec, WCB (Workers' Compensation Board) Administrator, Syncrude, to Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Labour, in opposition to Bill 204, Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 1998

Sessional Paper 178/98

Letter dated February 6, 1998, from Barrie F. McPhalen, President, Alberta Roadbuilders and Heavy Construction Association (ARHCA), to Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Labour, in opposition to Bill 204, Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 1998

Sessional Paper 179/98

Letter dated February 9, 1998, from Lloyd E. Harman, President, Industry Task Force on Alberta Workers' Compensation (ITF), to Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Labour, in opposition to Bill 204, Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 1998 which removes motor vehicle accidents from the Workers' Compensation Act, and requesting the opportunity to make a presentation to a legislative committee

Sessional Paper 180/98

Letter dated February 6, 1998, from Peter L. Miller, Counsel, Imperial Oil Limited, to Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Labour, and Mr. Dieter Brunsch, Vice-President, Workers' Compensation Board, with attached letter from the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers in opposition to Bill 204, Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 1998 which permits employees to recover damages from motor vehicle insurers, and requesting the opportunity to make a presentation to a legislative committee

Sessional Paper 181/98

Letter dated February 13, 1998, from Audrey M. Cormack, President, Alberta Federation of Labour, and Gerrie Dakers, Chair, Trade Union WCB (Workers' Compensation Board) Coalition, in opposition to Bill 204, Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 1998

Sessional Paper 182/98

Letter dated February 17, 1998, from Robert R. Blakely, President, Alberta Building Trades Council, to Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Labour, in support of the ongoing review at the Workers' Compensation Board

Sessional Paper 183/98

Letter dated February 13, 1998, from David J. Manning, President, Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers (CAPP), to Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Labour, in opposition to Bill 204, Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 1998 which removes motor vehicle accidents from the Workers' Compensation Act, and requesting the opportunity to make a presentation to a legislative committee  
Sessional Paper 184/98

Debate continued.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

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

Bill 204 Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 1998 — Mr. Herard

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

Bill 205 Alberta Bill of Responsibilities — Mr. Shariff

A debate followed.

Ms Blakeman moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

## **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., it was agreed at 5:19 p.m. that when the Assembly reconvened at 8:00 p.m. it would be in Committee of Supply, and the Speaker left the Chair.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1998 — 8:00 P.M.

## **Committee of Supply** (Day 2 — Supplementary Estimates)

(Assembly in Committee)

The Chairman called for consideration of the motion proposing the establishment of four subcommittees of the Committee of Supply.

Written notice having been given, Hon. Mr. Havelock, Government House Leader, moved the following motion:

**19.** Moved by Hon. Mr. Havelock:

Be it resolved that further consideration of the motion before the Committee of Supply regarding subcommittees shall be the first business of the Committee and shall not be further postponed.

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

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Government Motion 19 and Standing Order 21(2), at 12:01 a.m. with Mrs. Gordon in the Chair, the question was immediately put on the motion, as amended, proposing the establishment of four subcommittees of the Committee of Supply. The motion as amended was agreed to.

The motion as amended read as follows:

Be it resolved that:

1. Pursuant to Standing Order 57(1), four (4) subcommittees of the Committee of Supply be established by the Committee of Supply with the following names:

Subcommittee A  
Subcommittee B  
Subcommittee C  
Subcommittee D

2. The membership of the respective subcommittees be as follows:

**Subcommittee A**

Gordon (Chair)	Friedel	Massey
Severtson (Deputy Chair)	Hierath	Oberg
Bonner	Hlady	O'Neill
Burgener	Jacques	Pannu
Cardinal	Johnson	Sapers
Ducharme	Lougheed	Zwozdesky
Dunford	Mar	

**Subcommittee B**

Tannas (Chair)	Forsyth	McClellan
Laing (Deputy Chair)	Fritz	Melchin
Barrett	Graham	Olsen
Blakeman	Hancock	Paszkowski
Calahasen	Havelock	Sloan
Dickson	Jonson	Tarchuk
Doerksen	Kryczka	

**Subcommittee C**

Tannas (Chair)	Klapstein	Stevens
Fischer (Deputy Chair)	Marz	Strang
Barrett	MacDonald	Thurber
Cao	McFarland	Trynchy
Clegg	Smith	Woloshyn
Evans	Soetaert	Zwozdesky
Gibbons	Stelmach	

**Subcommittee D**

Gordon (Chair)	Coutts	Pham
Haley (Deputy Chair)	Herard	Sapers
Amery	Langevin	Shariff
Black	Lund	Taylor
Boutilier	Magnus	West
Broda	Pannu	White
Carlson	Paul	

3. The following portions of the main estimates (The "Main Estimates") of expenditure for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1999, unless previously designated by the Leader of the Opposition to be considered by the Designated Supply Subcommittees, be referred to the subcommittees for their reports to the Committee of Supply as follows:

**Subcommittee A**

Advanced Education and Career Development  
Education  
Provincial Treasurer

**Subcommittee B**

Community Development  
Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs  
Transportation and Utilities

**Subcommittee C**

Agriculture, Food and Rural Development  
Labour  
Public Works, Supply and Services



**Subcommittee D**

Economic Development  
Energy  
Science, Research and Information Technology

4. When the Committee of Supply is called to consider the Main Estimates it shall, on the six (6) calendar days after agreement of the motion establishing the subcommittees, excluding Thursdays designated by the Official Opposition, when Main Estimates are under consideration, resolve itself into two (2) of the four (4) subcommittees, both of which shall meet and report to the Committee of Supply.

And after some time spent therein, the Acting Speaker assumed the Chair and Mrs. Gordon reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the 1997-98 Supplementary Supply Estimates, General Revenue Fund, 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 Ministry and purposes indicated:

**Legislative Assembly**

\$350,000      Office of the Auditor General Operating Expense

**Advanced Education and Career Development**

\$35,900,000      Operating Expense

**Community Development**

\$555,000      Transferred to the Capital Investment  
from the Operating Expense

**Education**

\$118,992,000      Operating Expense  
\$70,500,000      Non-budgetary Disbursements

**Family and Social Services**

\$625,000      Transferred to the Capital Investment  
from the Operating Expense

**Health**

\$100,981,000	Operating Expense
\$3,500,000	Transferred to the Operating Expense from the Capital Investment

**Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs**

\$10,000,000	Operating Expense
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**Municipal Affairs**

\$2,200,000	Non-budgetary Disbursements
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**Public Works, Supply and Services**

\$6,600,000	Operating Expense
\$2,500,000	Capital Investment

**Transportation and Utilities**

\$134,762,000	Operating Expense
\$1,000,000	Capital Investment

**Treasury**

\$102,322,000	Non-budgetary Disbursements
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Mr. Speaker, I wish to table a list of those resolutions voted upon by the Committee of Supply pursuant to Standing Orders

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Mr. Speaker, the Committee of Supply has also had under consideration a certain resolution proposing the establishment of four subcommittees of the Committee of Supply and reports approval thereof. I am tabling a copy of this resolution for the official records of the Assembly

Sessional Paper 186/98

The question being put, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to.

**Introduction of Bills (First Reading)**

Hon. Mr. Havelock, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to revert to Introduction of Bills.

Upon recommendation of the Administrator on behalf of His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, and notice having been given:

Bill 16 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 1998 (\$) — Hon. Dr. West on behalf of Hon. Mr. Day

## **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 12:06 a.m. Thursday, February 19, 1998, until 1:30 p.m.

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Hon. Ken Kowalski,  
Speaker

Title: Wednesday, February 18, 1998