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Province of Alberta**

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**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

Second Session

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Tuesday, February 24, 1998

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

**Presenting Petitions**

Mr. Hlady, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, presented a petition from 1,008 Calgary residents in support for the freedom of choice for meeting insurance needs through credit unions.

Mr. Hlady, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, presented a petition from 242 Edmonton residents in support for the freedom of choice for meeting insurance needs through credit unions.

Mr. Hlady, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, presented a petition from 160 Albertans in support for the freedom of choice for meeting insurance needs through credit unions.

Mr. Hlady, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, presented a petition from 11 Albertans in opposition to the freedom of choice for meeting insurance needs through credit unions.

## **Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees**

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

Mr. Speaker, in accordance with Standing Order 94, I have reviewed the petitions that were presented Monday, February 23, 1998, and can advise the House that all of the petitions comply with Standing Orders 85 to 89.

## **Notices of Motions**

Pursuant to Standing Order 34(2)(a), Hon. Mr. Hancock, Deputy Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following Written Questions and Motions for Returns to be dealt with Wednesday, February 25, 1998:

Written Questions:           WQ5, WQ9, WQ10.

Motions for Returns:       MR8, MR12, MR13, MR14.

## **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health, pursuant to the Regional Health Authorities Act, cR-9.07, s13(3):

Aspen Regional Health Authority #11, Annual Report 1996-97  
Sessional Paper 206/98

Lakeland Regional Health Authority #12, Annual Report 1996-97  
Sessional Paper 207/98

Mistahia Regional Health Authority, Annual Report 1996-97  
Sessional Paper 208/98

Peace Regional Health Authority, Annual Report 1996-97  
Sessional Paper 209/98

Keeweenok Lakes Regional Health Authority #15, Annual Report 1996-97  
Sessional Paper 210/98

Northern Lights Regional Health Authority, Annual Report 1996-97  
Sessional Paper 211/98

Northwestern Health Services Region, Annual Report 1996-97  
Sessional Paper 212/98

Capital Health Authority, Annual Report 1996-97  
Sessional Paper 213/98

Crossroads Regional Health Authority, Annual Report 1996-97  
Sessional Paper 214/98

David Thompson Regional Health Authority, Annual Report 1996-97  
Sessional Paper 215/98

East Central Regional Health Authority #7, Annual Report 1996-97  
Sessional Paper 216/98

Calgary Regional Health Authority, Annual Report 1996-97  
Sessional Paper 217/98

Headwaters Health Authority, Annual Report 1996-97  
Sessional Paper 218/98

Palliser Health Authority, Annual Report 1996-97  
Sessional Paper 219/98

Chinook Regional Health Authority, Annual Report 1996-97  
Sessional Paper 220/98

Regional Health Authority #5, Annual Report 1996-97  
Sessional Paper 221/98

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

Letter dated February 24, 1998, from Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, to Hon. Sergio Marchi, Minister of International Trade, Department of Foreign Affairs, expressing concern regarding the impact on health care of the Multilateral Agreement on Investment (MAI) and requesting public Parliamentary Committee hearings

Sessional Paper 222/98

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development:

Letter dated February 24, 1998, from Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development, to Mrs. Margaret Flynn, Artistic Director, Edmonton School of Ballet, offering congratulations on the 30th anniversary of the Edmonton School of Ballet

Sessional Paper 223/98

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

Letter dated February 10, 1998, from Laurie Prefontaine, Sturgeon Foundation Board Chair, to Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health, requesting membership inclusion of the Alberta Senior Citizens' Housing Association (ASCHA) in the Long Term Care Review Committee

Sessional Paper 224/98

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

Article undated, entitled "An empty promise: Trustees analyse education announcement," by the Office of the Board of Trustees, Calgary Board of Education

Sessional Paper 225/98

## **Oral Question Period**

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

Letter dated February 12, 1998, from F.B. Henry, Bishop-Elect of Calgary, Diocese of Thunder Bay, to Mr. Sullivan and Mr. Miotti in opposition to contracting out initiatives which are considered to offend Catholic social principles

Sessional Paper 226/98

## **Members' Statements**

Ms O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement regarding the University of Alberta, Faculty of Arts corporate funding program with the Bank of Nova Scotia offering \$1 million for annual bursaries and scholarships for liberal arts post-secondary students.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, made a statement regarding the Government policy regarding capping of post-secondary tuition fees at 30%, and the impact of a growing debt burden placed on post-secondary students.

Mrs. Laing, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow, made a statement recognizing international Thinking Day, February 22, 1998, celebrated by the Girl Guides and Girl Scouts Organization in recognition of friendship, peace, mutual understanding and their founding members Lord Robert Baden-Powell and Lady Olive Baden-Powell.

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

### **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 205 Alberta Bill of Responsibilities — Mr. Shariff

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(2)(b), debate adjourned, Mr. Cao speaking.

## **Motions Other Than Government Motions**

**504.** Moved by Mr. Broda:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to consider refraining from granting liquor licenses to major grocery chains seeking to open liquor stores in communities with a population of 10,000 or less when the review of privatized retailing in the liquor industry takes place.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was defeated.

## **Government Bills and Orders**

### **Third Reading**

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 1 Protection of Children Involved in Prostitution Act — Hon. Mr. Klein

Bill 4 Libraries Amendment Act, 1998 — Ms O'Neill

Bill 6 Dangerous Goods Transportation and Handling Act — Mr. Marz

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

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

### **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., it was agreed at 5:11 p.m. that when the Assembly reconvened at 8:00 p.m. it would be in Committee of Supply, and the Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1998 — 8:00 P.M.

**Committee of Supply** (Days 4 and 5 — Main Estimates)

(Assembly in Subcommittees)

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

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the Department of Treasury (Subcommittee A), reports progress thereon, and requests leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to table copies of a document tabled by Hon. Mr. Day during Committee of Supply (Subcommittee A) consideration of the Estimates of the Department of Treasury, pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s3, s13:

Treasury Ministry Business Plan 1998-2001

Sessional Paper 227/98

1998-99 Government and Lottery Fund Estimates, Errata page 406, Gainers Inc. Income Statement, revised February 24, 1998

Sessional Paper 228/98

Responses to questions raised on February 17, 1998, Department of Treasury, 1997-98 Supplementary Estimates Committee of Supply debate

Sessional Paper 229/98

The Committee of Supply has also had under consideration certain resolutions of the Department of Community Development (Subcommittee B), reports progress thereon, and requests leave to sit again.

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

**Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:08 p.m. until Wednesday, February 25, 1998, at 1:30 p.m.

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Hon. Ken Kowalski,  
Speaker

Title: Tuesday, February 24, 1998