



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 19

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Second Session

Twenty-Fourth Legislature

Monday, March 2, 1998

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

Presenting Petitions

Ms Haley, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Rocky View, presented a petition from 5,053 Albertans in opposition to the withdrawal of public funding for private schools, and requesting the reassignment of the instructional stipend of \$3,700 to the independent school of the parent's choice.

Mr. Coutts, Hon. Member for Livingstone-Macleod, presented a petition from 5,573 Albertans in opposition to the recent increases in campground fees and the introduction of random camping restrictions.

Mr. Coutts, Hon. Member for Livingstone-Macleod, presented a petition from 17 SAIT (Southern Alberta Institute of Technology) post-secondary business students in opposition to the recent increases in campground fees and the introduction of random camping restrictions.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 19 Protection Against Family Violence Act — Mrs. Burgener

Bill 22 Health Insurance Premiums Amendment Act, 1998 — Ms Kryczka

Bill 23 Railway Act — Mr. Boutilier

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

Bill 19 Protection Against Family Violence Act — Mrs. Burgener

Bill 22 Health Insurance Premiums Amendment Act, 1998 — Ms Kryczka

Bill 23 Railway Act — Mr. Boutilier

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health:

Letter dated March 2, 1998, from Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health, to Mr. Greg Eberhart, Registrar, Alberta Pharmaceutical Association, in recognition of Pharmacy Awareness Week, February 2 to 8, 1998

Sessional Paper 245/98

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

Letter dated February 28, 1998, from Dale Stewart to Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, regarding postponement of medical treatment required

Sessional Paper 246/98

Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, on behalf of Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development:

Letter dated March 2, 1998, from Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development, to Ms Cathy Borst and her Ottewell Curling Club team, offering congratulations on their victory at the Scott Tournament of Hearts, and offering best wishes for success at the World Championships to be held in Kamloops, April 1998

Sessional Paper 247/98

Letter dated March 2, 1998, from Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development, to Ms Gao Min, Edmonton Kinsmen Diving Club, offering congratulations on her upcoming induction into the International Swimming Hall of Fame

Sessional Paper 248/98

Letter dated March 2, 1998, from Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development, to Dale Phillips and Selwyn Jacob, Blackspring Pictures, offering congratulations on winning the Canada Award at the Gemini Awards Gala, March 1, 1998, for the film "The Road Taken"

Sessional Paper 249/98

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

Letter dated March 2, 1998, from Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Creek, to Mr. Selwyn Jacob offering congratulations on winning the Canada Award at the Gemini Awards Gala, March 1, 1998, for the film "The Road Taken"

Sessional Paper 250/98

Letter dated March 2, 1998, from Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Creek, to Mr. Broodhagen, National Black Coalition of Canada-Alberta Chapter, offering congratulations on a successful Black History Month celebration and Awards of Excellence presentation

Sessional Paper 251/98

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Letter dated September 31, 1997, from De Jessiman, Chairman, Agricultural Service Board, County of Stettler No. 6, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding difficulty with illegal drainage projects and the lack of response received from Alberta Environmental Protection

Sessional Paper 252/98

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly:

Memorandum dated February 25, 1998, from Mr. Herard, Hon. Member for Calgary-Egmont, to Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, requesting that Bill 204, Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 1998, come up for Committee of the Whole consideration on Tuesday, March 3, 1998

Sessional Paper 253/98

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs, made a statement regarding the Multilateral Agreement on Investment (MAI) currently under negotiation and the implications for Alberta to be reflected in the Canadian position.

Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Creek, commented on the statement.

Oral Question Period

During Oral Question Period, Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, tabled the following:

Letter dated February 24, 1998, from Neil Wilkinson, Chair, Capital Health Authority, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, thanking the Government on behalf of the Board for addressing the Capital Health Authority's inherited deficit in the 1998-99 provincial budget

Sessional Paper 254/98

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

Information sheet dated February 18, 1998, from Pauline Shipp, Central Administration Office, Department of Family and Social Services, to Income and Employment Programs Delivery Staff regarding the National Child Benefit (NCB) (Part 1) changes and highlighting the effect on the Supports for Independence Program (SFI) rates effective August 1, 1998

Sessional Paper 255/98

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Motions

20. Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock on behalf of Hon. Mr. Havelock:

Be it resolved that:

1. A Select Special Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act Review Committee of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta be appointed, pursuant to Section 91 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, consisting of the following Members namely:
Mr. Friedel, Chairman
Ms Barrett
Mr. Cardinal
Mr. Dickson
Mr. Ducharme
Ms Paul
Mr. Stevens
Ms Tarchuk
2. The Chairman and Members of the Committee shall be paid in accordance with the schedule of Category "A" Committees provided in Members' Services Committee Order 10/89.
3. Reasonable disbursements by the Committee for advertising, staff assistance, equipment and supplies, rent, travel and other expenditures necessary for the effective conduct of its responsibilities shall be paid, subject to the approval of the Chairman.

4. In carrying out its duties, the Committee may undertake limited travel within Alberta to consult with interested Albertans.
5. In carrying out its responsibilities, the Committee may, with the concurrence of the head of the department, utilize the services of members of the public service employed in that department or the staff employed by the Assembly.
6. The Committee may, without leave of the Assembly, sit during a period when the Assembly is adjourned.
7. When its work has been completed, the Committee shall report to the Assembly if it is then sitting. During a period when the Assembly is adjourned, the Committee may release its report by depositing a copy with the Clerk and forwarding a copy to each Member of the Assembly.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

21. Moved by Hon Mr. Hancock on behalf of Hon. Mr. Havelock:

Be it resolved that the Standing Orders of the Legislative Assembly be amended as follows:

- 1(1) Standing Order 8(2)(c) is struck out and the following is substituted:
 - (c) at 4:30 p.m.:
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Private Bills
- (2) Standing Order 37 is amended
 - (a) in suborder (1)
 - (i) by striking out “quadruplicate” and substituting “quintuplicate”,
 - (ii) by striking out “one in the Legislature Library” and substituting “two in the Legislature Library”, and
 - (iii) by adding “, one to the Official Opposition and one to Hansard” after “Legislature Library”;
 - (b) in suborder (3) by striking out “quadruplicate” and substituting “quintuplicate”.
- (3) The following is added after Standing Order 39:
 - 39.1(1) A member who has a motion other than a Government Motion on the Order Paper may, subject to the Speaker’s approval, amend the motion before it is moved in the Assembly.
 - (2) Notice of the amended motion must appear on the Order Paper not less than 4 sitting days before the motion is moved.

- (4) The following is added after Standing Order 83:
 - 83.1(1) No petition may be read and received if it does not contain a notice on each page that the name and address of every person who signs the petition may be made available to the public as the petition will be a document of the Assembly.
 - (2) Only petitions that are read and received may be made available to the public or to members.
 - (3) This Standing Order applies to petitions presented in the Assembly commencing in 1999.

And be it further resolved that the following temporary amendments to the Standing Orders not be effective past the dissolution of the 24th Legislature:

- 2(1) Standing Order 7 is amended
 - (a) in suborder (1) by adding “Recognitions (Monday and Wednesday)” after “Ministerial Statements”;
 - (b) by adding the following after suborder (5):
 - (6) When Recognitions are called on Mondays and Wednesdays, up to seven members other than members of Executive Council may make a one minute statement of congratulations or recognition which is not debatable.
- (2) The following is added after Standing Order 37:
 - 37.1(1) Documents required by statute to be laid before the Assembly, may be tabled by providing the required number of copies to the Clerk before 10:30 a.m. on any day the Assembly sits.
 - (2) When the Clerk receives a tabling under suborder (1) which is in order, the Clerk shall read the title of the tabling when “Tabling Returns and Reports” is called in the daily routine.
- (3) The amendments in this section shall be repealed one week after the date the Speaker receives written notice to this effect from
 - (a) the Government House Leader,
 - (b) the Official Opposition House Leader, or
 - (c) the House Leader of the New Democrat Opposition.
- 3 The amendments to the Standing Orders in sections 1 and 2 shall take effect on Monday, March 2, 1998.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 3 School Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Mar

A debate followed.

Hon. Mr. Hancock 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 17 Metis Settlements Statutes Amendment Act, 1998 — Mr. Ducharme

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

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

Bill 20 Fair Trading Act — Mr. Ducharme

A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Deputy Government House Leader, it was agreed at 5:23 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.

MONDAY, MARCH 2, 1998 — 8:00 P.M.

Committee of Supply (Days 8 and 9 — Main Estimates)

(Assembly in Subcommittees)

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

Mr. Speaker:

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

The Committee of Supply has also had under consideration certain resolutions of the Department of Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs (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.

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:13 p.m. until Tuesday, March 3, 1998, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Monday, March 2, 1998