



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 20

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Second Session

Twenty-Fourth Legislature

Tuesday, March 3, 1998

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

Reading and Receiving Petitions

On request by Ms Haley, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Rocky View, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, ask the Legislative Assembly of Alberta to urge the Government to reassign the instructional stipend of \$3,700 to the independent school of the parent's choice.

Notices of Motions

Pursuant to Standing Order 34(2)(a), Hon. Mrs. Black, Deputy Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following Written Questions and Motions for Returns to be dealt with Wednesday, March 4, 1998:

Written Questions: WQ17, WQ18, WQ19, WQ25.

Motions for Returns: MR15, MR16, MR21, MR22, MR23

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health, pursuant to the Public Health Act, cP-27.1, s6(2):

Public Health Advisory and Appeal Board, Annual Report 1996-97
Sessional Paper 256/98

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

Over 400 submissions from constituents on the Dialogue on Unity questionnaire
entitled "My Canada Is..."

Sessional Paper 257/98

Oral Question Period

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

Letter dated March 2, 1998, from Pat Binns, Premier of Prince Edward Island, to Roy Romanow, Chair, Premiers' Conference and Premier of Saskatchewan, expressing concern for the failure of the federal budget to address the unanimous request of Provincial and Territorial leaders that health care be the top priority for increased federal funding

Sessional Paper 258/98

Members' Statements

Ms Fritz, Hon. Member for Calgary-Cross, made a statement regarding the fifth annual Family and Community Pride event held at Lester B. Pearson High School, March 1, 1998, in which over 500 northeast Calgary residents celebrated their community cooperation efforts and received awards for submissions.

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, made a statement in support for a review of student achievement testing in classrooms which has caused teaching practices to be altered to achieve higher test results.

Ms O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement recognizing the Victims' Services Program in St. Albert and the efforts of the nine-member Board and the 22 Advocates working in conjunction with police and fire fighters to provide aid to victims.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 206 Human Tissue Donation Procedures Statutes Amendment Act, 1998 —
Ms Forsyth

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, and the Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker assumed the Chair.

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

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

Mrs. Gordon, Deputy Chairman of Committees, tabled a copy of the resolution agreed to in Committee of the Whole, which read as follows:

Be it resolved that when Committee of the Whole rises and reports, it recommends deferring consideration of Bill 204, Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 1998, until April 1, 1998, or until the first day for consideration of Private Members' business after that date.

Sessional Paper 259/98

Mrs. Gordon, Deputy Chairman of Committees, also tabled a copy of a Chairman's ruling given this day in Committee of the Whole for the official records of the Assembly:

Chairman's ruling regarding a motion to postpone consideration of Bill 204, Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 1998

Sessional Paper 260/98

Second Reading

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

Bill 207 Whistleblower Protection Act — Mr. MacDonald

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

Motions Other Than Government Motions

505. Moved by Mrs. Gordon:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to act upon the recommendation included in the report of the Lotteries Review Committee, New Directions for Lotteries and Gaming, whereby changes should be made to the VLT (video lottery terminal) computer chip to slow down the speed of games, and to alter other properties of VLTs (video lottery terminals), in order to provide consumers with more accurate accounting information and better entertainment value.

A debate followed.

During debate, Mrs. Gordon, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Stettler, tabled the following:

Letter dated March 2, 1998, from Robert E. Hunter, Ph.D., Licensed Clinical Psychologist, Nevada Psychological Associates, Inc., to Mrs. Gordon, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Stettler, in support for Motions Other Than Government Motions 505 recommending changes in the programming of VLTs (video lottery terminals)

Sessional Paper 261/98

Memorandum dated January 30, 1998, from Leonard Blumenthal, Chief Executive Officer, AADAC (Alberta Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission), to Mrs. Gordon, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Stettler, in support for the recommendation of the Lottery Review Committee to slow down the speed of play of VLTs (video lottery terminals) and requesting a thorough review of scientific and research data

Sessional Paper 262/98

Letter dated February 3, 1998, from Harold J. Wynne, Ph.D., Partner, Wynne Resources, to Mrs. Gordon, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Stettler, in support for Motions Other Than Government Motions 505 including the slowing down of the speed of play of VLTs (video lottery terminals), to change the VLT (video lottery terminal) display from credit to dollars, and to increase the winnings paid out to VLT (video lottery terminal) players

Sessional Paper 263/98

Letter dated February 3, 1998, from Garry J. Smith, Ph.D., Government Studies, Faculty of Extension, University of Alberta, to Mrs. Gordon, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Stettler, in support for Motions Other Than Government Motions 505 recommending alterations to VLT (video lottery terminal) properties

Sessional Paper 264/98

Debate continued.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

506. Moved by Mr. Hlady:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to press the Federal Government to introduce legislation to repeal the Capital Gains Tax.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(2)(c), debate adjourned, Mr. Hlady speaking.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

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

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

Bill 20 Fair Trading Act — Mr. Ducharme

A debate followed.

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

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

Bill 23 Railway Act — Mr. Boutilier

A debate followed.

Mrs. Soetaert moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mrs. Black, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., it was agreed at 5:18 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, MARCH 3, 1998 — 8:00 P.M.

Committee of Supply (Days 10 and 11 — 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 Agriculture, Food and Rural Development (Subcommittee C), reports progress thereon, and requests leave to sit again.

The Committee of Supply has also had under consideration certain resolutions of the Department of Economic Development (Subcommittee D), 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. Mrs. Black, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:25 p.m. until Wednesday, March 4, 1998, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Tuesday, March 3, 1998