



**Legislative Assembly  
Province of Alberta**

No. 24

## **VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

Second Session

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Tuesday, March 10, 1998

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

### **Presenting Petitions**

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, presented a petition from 1,500 Albertans regarding Workers' Compensation Board Act benefits provided to Albertans whose spouses died in work-related accidents, and who subsequently lost benefits due to remarriage.

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, presented a petition from 1,928 Albertans regarding Workers' Compensation Board Act benefits provided to Albertans whose spouses died in work-related accidents, and who subsequently lost benefits due to remarriage.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from 1,675 Albertans regarding Workers' Compensation Board Act benefits provided to Albertans whose spouses died in work-related accidents, and who subsequently lost benefits due to remarriage.

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry, presented a petition from 2,250 Albertans regarding Workers' Compensation Board Act benefits provided to Albertans whose spouses died in work-related accidents, and who subsequently lost benefits due to remarriage.

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, presented a petition from 1,000 Albertans regarding Workers' Compensation Board Act benefits provided to Albertans whose spouses died in work-related accidents, and who subsequently lost benefits due to remarriage.

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, presented a petition from 282 Albertans regarding Workers' Compensation Board Act benefits provided to Albertans whose spouses died in work-related accidents, and who subsequently lost benefits due to remarriage.

### **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 11, 1998:

Written Questions:           WQ24, WQ26, WQ27, WQ28, WQ29, WQ30,  
  WQ31, WQ32, WQ34, WQ35, WQ36, WQ37.

Motions for Returns:       Stand and retain their places.

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

Oral notice having been given Monday, March 9, 1998:

Bill 26 Institutional Confinement and Sexual Sterilization Compensation Act, 1998  
— Hon. Mr. Havelock

Notice having been given:

Bill 24 Medical Profession Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Jonson

### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Environmental Protection:

Alberta State of the Environment Report 1996: Aquatic Ecosystems  
  Sessional Paper 316/98

Alberta's State of the Environment Fact Sheet, volume 3, number 2, December  
1997, entitled "Duck Populations: An Ecosystem Indicator"  
  Sessional Paper 317/98

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

Letter dated March 10, 1998 from Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-  
Buffalo, to Dr. Bill Anderson, President, Alberta Medical Association, regarding  
the prospect of direct billing by physicians for insured health care services  
  Sessional Paper 318/98

Letter dated March 5, 1998, from Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, to Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health, requesting consultation with seniors' groups regarding the implications of Bill 22, Health Insurance Premiums Amendment Act, 1998

Sessional Paper 319/98

Expense claims relating to committee allowance, automobile allowance, car rental, temporary residence, airfare, and miscellaneous expense claim forms for fiscal year 1997-98, dated March 10, 1998

Sessional Paper 320/98

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Petition signed by 92 Saskatchewan and Manitoba residents regarding Alberta's Workers' Compensation Board Act benefits provided to Albertans whose spouses died in work-related accidents, and who subsequently lost benefits due to remarriage

Sessional Paper 321/98

Petition signed by 342 Albertans regarding Workers' Compensation Board Act benefits provided to Albertans whose spouses died in work-related accidents, and who subsequently lost benefits due to remarriage

Sessional Paper 322/98

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

Letter dated March 8, 1998, from Brian Nesbitt, President, Canadian Council of Railway Operating Unions (CCROU), to Mrs. Val Benoit in support for fair entitlements to all dependent spouses widowed due to job related fatalities

Sessional Paper 323/98

498 letters received from Albertans regarding Workers' Compensation Board Act benefits and requesting fair entitlements to all dependent spouses widowed due to job related fatalities

Sessional Paper 324/98

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

Private Schools Funding Survey Results Report, dated November 1997, by Cathy Drixler and Andrew Drummond, Population Research Laboratory, University of Alberta

Sessional Paper 325/98

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood:

Article entitled "Ganging Up on Gangs," published in the CPA (Canadian Police Association) Express Magazine

Sessional Paper 326/98

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

Letter dated March 3, 1998, from John R. Bauman to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern for the provision of medical services in Alberta

Sessional Paper 327/98

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

33 postcards received from Albertans regarding Workers' Compensation Board Act benefits and requesting fair entitlements to all dependent spouses widowed due to job related fatalities

Sessional Paper 328/98

Ms Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

20 letters received from Albertans regarding Workers' Compensation Board Act benefits and requesting fair entitlements to all dependent spouses widowed due to job related fatalities

Sessional Paper 329/98

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands:

21 letters received from Albertans regarding Workers' Compensation Board Act benefits and requesting fair entitlements to all dependent spouses widowed due to job related fatalities

Sessional Paper 330/98

Consumer Reality Check: Private Health System Options fact sheet, by the Alberta Chapter of Consumers' Association of Canada

Sessional Paper 331/98

Poster entitled "Stop, Look, Listen" by the Seniors Action Liaison Team (S.A.L.T.) regarding the proposed legislation to allow private, for-profit hospitals

Sessional Paper 332/98

## **Members' Statements**

Ms O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement in recognition of the passing of Helmut Entrup, the first Farmers' Advocate of Alberta serving from 1973 to 1988.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, made a statement regarding Workers' Compensation Board Act benefits and requesting fair entitlements to all dependent spouses widowed due to job related fatalities.

Mr. Coutts, Hon. Member for Livingstone-Macleod, made a statement in support for legislation to restrict access by youth to tobacco products, and prevention programs established to discourage tobacco use.

## 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 207 Whistleblower Protection Act — Mr. MacDonald

A debate followed.

The question being put, with Hon. Mr. Kowalski in the Chair, the motion was defeated.  
The names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 13

Blakeman	Massey	Sapers
Bonner	Mitchell	Soetaert
Carlson	Nicol	White
Leibovici	Paul	Zwozdesky
MacDonald		

Against the motion: 48

Black	Haley	Melchin
Boutilier	Hancock	O'Neill
Burgener	Herard	Oberg
Cao	Hierath	Paszkowski
Cardinal	Hlady	Renner
Clegg	Jacques	Severtson
Coutts	Johnson	Smith
Day	Klapstein	Stelmach
Doerksen	Kryczka	Stevens
Ducharme	Laing	Strang
Dunford	Lougheed	Tannas
Forsyth	Magnus	Tarchuk
Friedel	Mar	Thurber
Fritz	Marz	West
Gordon	McClellan	Woloshyn
Graham	McFarland	Yankowsky

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

Bill 208 Government Accountability Amendment Act, 1998 — Mr. Boutilier

A debate followed.

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

### **Motions Other Than Government Motions**

**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.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

**507.** Moved by Mr. Magnus:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to encourage the Federal Government to increase the age of consent for sexual activities from 14 to 16 years of age.

A debate followed.

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

### **Government Bills and Orders**

#### **Second Reading**

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

Bill 19 Protection Against Family Violence Act — Mrs. Burgener

Bill 23 Railway Act — Mr. Boutilier

#### **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mrs. Black, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., it was agreed at 5:20 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 10, 1998 — 8:00 P.M.

**Committee of Supply** (Day 16 — Main Estimates)

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions, 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, 1999, for the Departments and purposes indicated:

**Advanced Education and Career Development**

\$1,228,086,000	Operating Expense
\$3,045,000	Capital Investment
\$64,800,000	Non-Budgetary Disbursements

**Transportation and Utilities**

\$545,768,000	Operating Expense
\$174,050,000	Capital Investment

**Treasury**

\$36,157,000	Operating Expense
\$3,396,000	Capital Investment
\$6,107,000	Non-budgetary Disbursements

Mr. Speaker, I would like to table copies of a document tabled by Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, during Committee of Supply consideration of the Estimates of the Department of Treasury:

Letter dated March 4, 1998, from Peter Valentine, Auditor General, to Mr. Al O'Brien, Deputy Provincial Treasurer, regarding the Ministry of Treasury's audit for 1996-97 fiscal year and highlighting support for the quality of the consolidated financial statements

Sessional Paper 333/98

Mr. Speaker, I would also like to table copies of a document tabled by Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Creek, during Committee of Supply consideration of the Estimates of the Department of Treasury:

Letter dated August 6, 1996, from Mike Percy, former Member of the Legislative Assembly, Alberta Liberal Opposition, to Jim Dinning, former Provincial Treasurer, regarding the legislative framework's inadequacy to deal with the volatile revenue base of resource prices

Sessional Paper 334/98

Minnesota Statutes Agency Performance Report 1996: Finance Department, Final Format, Prepared January 28, 1997, excerpt pages 34-35 and 40-41

Sessional Paper 335/98

Mr. Speaker, I would also like to table copies of an amendment proposed by Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Creek, during Committee of Supply consideration of the Estimates of the Department of Treasury:

Amendment to the Estimates of the Department of Treasury (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Creek) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 336/98

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 9:03 p.m. until Wednesday, March 11, 1998, at 1:30 p.m.

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Hon. Ken Kowalski,  
Speaker

Title: Tuesday, March 10, 1998