



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 25

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Second Session

Twenty-Fourth Legislature

Wednesday, March 11, 1998

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

The Speaker made a statement in recognition of the first anniversary of 26 Members of the Legislative Assembly elected on March 11, 1997. Recognition was also given to the six year anniversary of Mr. McFarland, Hon. Member for Little Bow, first elected in the by-election on March 5, 1992.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 25 Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Havelock

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development:

Responses to questions raised on February 24, 1998, Department of Community Development, 1998-99 Committee of Supply (Subcommittee B) debate
Sessional Paper 337/98

Letter dated March 9, 1998, from Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development, to Ms Karolina Wisniewska offering congratulations on winning the silver medal at the Nagano Winter Paralympic Games for the Women's Super G alpine skiing

Sessional Paper 338/98

Letter dated March 9, 1998, from Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development, to Mr. Stacy Kohut offering congratulations on winning the silver medal at the Nagano Winter Paralympic Games for the Men's Super G alpine skiing

Sessional Paper 339/98

Letter dated March 11, 1998, from Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development, to Mr. Stacy Kohut offering congratulations on winning the silver medal at the Nagano Winter Paralympic Games for the Men's Giant Slalom alpine skiing

Sessional Paper 340/98

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood:

Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms poster as signed by P.E. Trudeau, with French language translation on verso

Sessional Paper 341/98

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, made a statement recognizing Farm Safety Week, March 11 to 18, 1998, the contribution of the agriculture industry to Alberta's economy, and the need for education to prevent injury and fatalities on the farm.

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, commented on the statement and expressed support for farm safety education initiatives.

Hon. Mr. Havelock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, made a statement announcing the Government would not be proceeding with Bill 26, Institutional Confinement and Sexual Sterilization Compensation Act, 1998, which had been introduced to show compassion and provide fair compensation to victims.

Mr. Mitchell, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, expressed concern for the Government's intention in introducing Bill 26, Institutional Confinement and Sexual Sterilization Compensation Act, 1998, and the need to protect minority interests from the tyranny of the majority.

Recognitions

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort: Mr. Doug Hyslip, Gemini award winner.

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

Mr. Renner, Hon. Member for Medicine Hat: Medicine Hat youth group's fundraising efforts.

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo: Alberta Bill of Rights and the need for protection of human rights.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona: Chilean community's efforts to promote human rights and democratic freedoms.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Questions were accepted:

WQ24. Moved by Mr. White:

What was the rate of non-compliance by industry for submitting required data to the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board for the 1996/97 fiscal year and for the period April 1, 1997 to January 27, 1998?

Hon. Dr. West, Minister of Energy, tabled Response to Written Question No. WQ24

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WQ29. Moved by Mr. White:

What was the application turn-around time for routine facility applications handled by the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board for the 1996/97 fiscal year and for the period April 1, 1997 to January 27, 1998?

Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Environmental Protection, on behalf of Hon. Dr. West, Minister of Energy, tabled Response to Written Question No. WQ29

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WQ31. Moved by Ms Carlson:

How many full time staff equivalents in the Department of Environmental Protection were employed throughout Alberta in wildlife and fisheries management on January 1, 1997, how many transferred to work for the Alberta Conservation Association after its creation and how many staff were employed to manage fish and wildlife activities in the Department following completion of this transfer on January 1, 1998?

WQ32. Moved by Ms Carlson:

How many landfills in Alberta are operated under an approval and how many operate under the registration process under the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act, and in each category how many unannounced spot checks did Alberta Environmental Protection carry out between September 1, 1996 and December 31, 1997, how many infringements were discovered, what was the nature of each infringement and what penalty was imposed in each case?

WQ37. Moved by Mrs. Soetaert on behalf of Ms Carlson:

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

The following Written Questions were accepted as amended:

WQ26. Moved by Ms Paul:

What is the breakdown of the \$1.401 million in loan loss write-offs, by individual borrower, held by the Alberta Opportunity Company as of March 31, 1997, as contained in the Public Accounts 1996/97, Vol. 3, note 5, page 87?

Hon. Mrs. Black, Minister of Economic Development, moved the motion be amended to read:

How many accounts make up the \$1.401 million in loan loss write-offs, and what was the maximum amount of any loan loss write-off held by the Alberta Opportunity Company as of March 31, 1997, as contained in the Public Accounts 1996/97, Vol. 3, note 5, page 87?

WQ30. Moved by Ms Carlson:

What process is in place to audit companies that are conducting field operations to ensure they adhere to all plans, conditions attached to approvals or codes of practice under the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act, how many full-time equivalent staff in the Department of Environmental Protection were engaged in this type of work between January 1, 1992 to December 31, 1992 and January 1, 1997 to December 31, 1997, and how many companies were conducting field operations between January 1, 1992 to December 31, 1992 and January 1, 1997 to December 31, 1997?

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

What process is in place to audit companies to ensure they adhere to all plans, conditions attached to approvals or codes of practice under the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act, how many full-time equivalent staff in the *Environmental Service* were engaged in this type of work between *January 1, 1994 to December 31, 1994* and January 1, 1997 to December 31, 1997, and how many companies *had approvals or codes of practice* between *January 1, 1994 to December 31, 1994* and January 1, 1997 to December 31, 1997?

WQ35. Moved by Ms Paul:

What is the breakdown of the \$14.165 million unimplemented loan authorizations, \$878,000 unimplemented guarantee authorizations, and \$165,000 unimplemented export guarantee authorizations by individual borrower held by the Alberta Opportunity Company as of March 31, 1997, as contained in the 1996/97 Public Accounts, Vol. 3, note 14, page 91?

Hon. Mrs. Black, Minister of Economic Development, moved the motion be amended to read:

How many accounts make up of the \$14.165 million unimplemented loan authorizations, \$878,000 unimplemented guarantee authorizations, and \$165,000 unimplemented export guarantee authorizations and what was the maximum amount of any unimplemented loan authorization, unimplemented guarantee authorization, and unimplemented export guarantee authorization held by the Alberta Opportunity Company as of March 31, 1997, as contained in the 1996/97 Public Accounts, Vol. 3, note 14, page 91?

WQ36. Moved by Ms Paul:

What is the breakdown of the \$2.133 million guarantee and \$2.54 million export guarantee portfolio by individual borrower held by the Alberta Opportunity Company as of March 31, 1997, as contained in the 1996/97 Public Accounts, Vol. 3, note 13, page 90?

Hon. Mrs. Black, Minister of Economic Development, moved the motion be amended to read:

How many accounts make up the \$2.133 million guarantee and \$2.54 million export guarantee portfolio and what is the maximum amount of any guarantee or export guarantee held by the Alberta Opportunity Company as of March 31, 1997, as contained in the 1996/97 Public Accounts, Vol. 3, note 13, page 90?

The following Written Questions were rejected:

WQ27. Moved by Dr. Massey:

What are the number and names of schools in Alberta still containing asbestos, and the estimated cost for each school to safely remove the asbestos?

WQ28. Moved by Dr. Massey:

What was the term of the contract between former Deputy Minister of Education Leroy Sloan and the Alberta Department of Education, and the amount of severance paid to him, if any, upon the termination of his contract with the Department of Education?

WQ34. Moved by Ms Paul:

What is the breakdown of the \$3.732 million charge for loan losses and losses on realization by individual borrower held by the Alberta Opportunity Company as of March 31, 1997, as contained in the 1996/97 Public Accounts, Vol. 3, page 85?

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

WQ33, WQ40, WQ41, WQ42, WQ45, WQ46, WQ47, WQ48, WQ49, WQ50, WQ51, WQ54, WQ57, WQ58.

Motions for Returns

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

MR38, MR39, MR43, MR44, MR52, MR53, MR55, MR56, MR59, MR60, MR61, MR62, MR63, MR64, MR65, MR66, MR67, MR68, MR69, MR70.

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 208 Government Accountability Amendment Act, 1998 — Mr. Boutilier

A debate followed.

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort, moved the motion be amended by deleting all the words after the word “that”, and substituting the following:

Bill 208, Government Accountability Amendment Act, 1998, be not now read a Second time but that it be read a Second time this day six months hence.

Debate continued on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was agreed to.

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

Bill 209 Access Enforcement Act — Ms Olsen

A debate followed.

Mr. Yankowsky 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 5:14 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.

Committee of Supply (Day 17 — Main Estimates)

(Assembly in Committee)

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, 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 Department and purposes indicated:

Executive Council

\$12,107,000 Operating Expense

The Committee of Supply has also had under consideration certain resolutions (reported from the Designated Supply Subcommittees), 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:

Health

\$4,181,800,000 Operating Expense
\$1,150,000 Capital Investment

Justice and Attorney General

\$349,801,000 Operating Expense
\$1,580,000 Capital Investment

Municipal Affairs

\$472,072,000 Operating Expense
\$2,542,000 Capital Investment
\$22,900,000 Non-budgetary Disbursements

Mr. Speaker, I would like to table copies of a document tabled by Mr. Cardinal, Chairman, Northern Alberta Development Council, during Committee of Supply consideration of the Estimates of the Department of Executive Council:

Responses to questions raised on February 19, 1998, Northern Alberta Development Council, Department of Executive Council, 1998-99 Committee of Supply debate

Sessional Paper 344/98

Mr. Speaker, I would also like to table copies of an amendment proposed by Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, during Committee of Supply consideration of the Estimates of the Department of Health:

Amendment to the Estimates of the Department of Health (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) — Defeated

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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 10:00 p.m. until Thursday, March 12, 1998, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Wednesday, March 11, 1998