



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 28

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Second Session

Twenty-Fourth Legislature

Tuesday, March 17, 1998

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

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 18, 1998:

Written Questions: WQ33, WQ40.

Motions for Returns: MR38, MR39.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, pursuant to the Members of the Legislative Assembly Pension Plan Act, cM-12.5, s4:

Members of the Legislative Assembly Pension Plan, Annual Report for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1997

Sessional Paper 361/98

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s8(1):

March Fiscal Update, 1997-98 Budget Report detailing the consolidated fiscal summary

Sessional Paper 362/98

Hon. Dr. West, Minister of Energy:

Responses to questions raised on February 23, 1998, Department of Energy, 1998-99 Committee of Supply (Subcommittee D) debate

Sessional Paper 363/98

Hon. Mr. Paszkowski, Minister of Transportation and Utilities:

Methodology and Results of Review of Executive Vehicle Operations, consultant report prepared by SVS Strategic Value Services, provided in response to a letter received February 23, 1998, from Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-St. Albert

Sessional Paper 364/98

Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Labour:

Letter dated February 10, 1998, from Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Labour, to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, in response to a letter received December 4, 1997, expressing concern regarding the possibility of individuals misrepresenting themselves as certified Grade C Pressure Welders

Sessional Paper 365/98

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

Reinventing Your Communities: Challenging New Roles and Responsibilities, Alberta Congress Board 1997 Jasper Conference Proceedings, October 30 to November 2, 1997, Jasper Park Lodge, Jasper, Alberta

Sessional Paper 366/98

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands:

Letter dated March 13, 1998, from Golden Horizon Seniors Society and Filipino Senior Citizens Association of Edmonton expressing concern regarding the implications of Bill 22, Health Insurance Premiums Amendment Act, 1998, for the payment of health care premiums by low and middle income Albertans, with attached petition signed by 107 Edmonton residents

Sessional Paper 367/98

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

Fact sheet of "What Do You Think" survey results as initiated in the Mill Creek Report, Fall 1997, by Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Creek

Sessional Paper 368/98

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

Public Opinion Survey of Residents of the City of Edmonton to Determine Their Views about VLTs (Video Lottery Terminals) and Charity Casinos: Summary Analysis Report, prepared by TeleResearch Inc.

Sessional Paper 369/98

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs:

1,847 submissions from Albertans on the Dialogue on Unity questionnaire entitled "My Canada Is..." (submissions received subsequent to the Government resolution being passed on December 10, 1997)

Sessional Paper 370/98

Hon. Mr. Woloshyn, Minister of Public Works, Supply and Services:

Summary of the structural condition of the Maple Leaf Meat Processing Plant, Edmonton, Alberta, prepared by R.H. Banks, P.Eng., Reid Crowther

Sessional Paper 371/98

Members' Statements

Ms O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement regarding the folklore of St. Patrick's Day, and recognizing the history of the Irish people.

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, made a statement in tribute to members of the Alberta Bar Association on the occasion of his 27th anniversary of becoming a member.

Ms Haley, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Rocky View, made a statement regarding Bill 209, School Amendment Act, 1997 (24th Legislature, 1st Session) proposing an increase to private school funding, acceptance of the subsequent task force's 26 recommendations, and in particular the recommendation to increase funding to independent schools.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

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

Mrs. Gordon, Deputy Chairman of Committees, tabled copies of the amendment considered by the Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 206 (Hon. Minister of Health) — Debate adjourned
Sessional Paper 372/98

Mrs. Gordon, Deputy Chairman of Committees, also tabled copies of the documents tabled by Ms Forsyth, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, during Committee of the Whole consideration of Bill 206, Human Tissue Donation Procedures Statutes Amendment Act, 1998:

Organ and Tissue Donation and Distribution in Canada: A Discussion Document, prepared by the Federal/Provincial/Territorial Advisory Committee on Health Services, dated September 1996
Sessional Paper 373/98

Letter dated March 17, 1998, from Neil Wilkinson, Chair, Capital Health Authority, to Ms Forsyth, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, expressing support for the overall intent and objective of Bill 206, Human Tissue Donation Procedures Statutes Amendment Act, 1998, but expressing concern for the amendment outlined in section five
Sessional Paper 374/98

Motions Other Than Government Motions

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.

During debate Mr. Magnus, Hon. Member for Calgary-North Hill, tabled the following:

Letter dated March 3, 1998, from Carol Tholenaer, President, Calgary Local Council of Women, to Hon. Mr. Havelock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, expressing support for raising the age of consent to 18, with attached fact sheet detailing the Calgary Local Council of Women (CLCW) resolutions and a meta-analysis of the published research on the effects of child sexual abuse

Sessional Paper 375/98

Debate continued.

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

For the motion: 42

Amery	Fritz	Melchin
Barrett	Gordon	O'Neill
Black	Haley	Oberg
Blakeman	Hancock	Renner
Broda	Herard	Severtson
Burgener	Jacques	Shariff
Cao	Jonson	Stevens
Clegg	Klapstein	Strang
Day	Laing	Tannas
Ducharme	Langevin	Taylor
Dunford	MacDonald	Thurber
Fischer	Magnus	Trynchy
Forsyth	Mar	Woloshyn
Friedel	McFarland	Zwozdesky

Against the motion: 7

Bonner	Massey	Soetaert
Carlson	Olsen	White
Dickson		

Message from His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, delivered a Message from His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor.

The Speaker read the Message to the Assembly (the Members standing).

The Provincial Treasurer then tabled a copy of the Supplementary Supply Estimates, pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s8(1):

March Fiscal Update, 1997-98 Budget Report detailing the consolidated fiscal summary

Sessional Paper 376/98

1997-98 Supplementary Estimates: General Revenue Fund (No. 2) and Lottery Fund

Sessional Paper 377/98

Government Motions

23. Moved by Hon. Mr. Day:

Be it resolved that the Message of His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, the 1997-98 Supplementary Supply Estimates No. 2 for the General Revenue Fund, and all matters connected therewith, be referred to Committee of Supply.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

24. Moved by Hon. Mr. Day:

Be it resolved that the Message of His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, the 1997-98 Supplementary Supply Estimates for the Lottery Fund, and all matters connected therewith, be referred to Committee of Supply.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

25. Moved by Hon. Mr. Day:

Be it resolved that, pursuant to Standing Order 58(6), the number of days that the Committee of Supply will be called to consider the 1997-98 Supplementary Supply Estimates No. 2 for the General Revenue Fund shall be two days.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

26. Moved by Hon. Mr. Day:

Be it resolved that, pursuant to Standing Order 58(2.1), the number of days that the Committee of Supply will be called to consider the 1997-98 Supplementary Supply Estimates for the Lottery Fund shall be one day.

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 27 Electric Utilities Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Dr. West

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(1), debate adjourned, Dr. Pannu speaking.

Adjournment

The Assembly adjourned at 5:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 1998 — 8:00 P.M.

Committee of Supply (Day 1 — Lottery Fund Main Estimates; Day 1 — Lottery Fund Supplementary Supply Estimates; and Day 1 — Supplementary Supply No. 2 Estimates)

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Acting Speaker assumed the Chair and Mr. Tannas reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the Lottery Fund, 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 purposes indicated:

Agricultural Initiatives

\$22,530,000

Cultural Initiatives

\$29,679,000

Recreation Initiatives

\$17,037,000

Community Facility Enhancement Program

\$30,000,000

Health and Wellness Initiatives

\$11,304,000

Science Initiatives

\$750,000

Community Lottery Board Grant Program

\$50,000,000

Other Initiatives

\$12,000,000

Total Lottery Fund Payments

\$173,300,000

The Committee of Supply has also had under consideration certain resolutions of the 1997-98 Supplementary Supply Estimates for the Lottery Fund, 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, 1998, for the purposes indicated:

Health and Wellness Initiatives

\$130,000,000

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the 1997-98 Supplementary Supply Estimates No. 2, General Revenue Fund, 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 11:28 p.m. until Wednesday, March 18, 1998, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Tuesday, March 17, 1998