



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 30

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Second Session

Twenty-Fourth Legislature

Thursday, March 19, 1998

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

The Speaker made a statement in recognition of the nine-year anniversary of the 12 Members of the Legislative Assembly first elected on March 20, 1989.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Doerksen, Hon. Member for Red Deer-South, presented a petition from 1,845 members of the medical profession and patients expressing concern regarding Bill 29, Medical Professions Amendment Act, 1997 (24th Legislature, 1st Session).

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 115 members of the medical profession and patients expressing concern regarding Bill 29, Medical Professions Amendment Act, 1997 (24th Legislature, 1st Session).

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from 1,745 members of the medical profession and patients expressing concern regarding Bill 29, Medical Professions Amendment Act, 1997 (24th Legislature, 1st Session).

Mr. Klapstein, Hon. Member for Leduc, presented a petition from 158 members of the medical profession and patients expressing concern regarding Bill 29, Medical Professions Amendment Act, 1997 (24th Legislature, 1st Session).

Reading and Receiving Petitions

On request by Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned members of the medical profession and our patients, being residents of the Province of Alberta and of the age of majority, hereby petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to refrain from bringing forth to the Legislature for debate and vote thereon a bill that was presented in the last session of the Legislature at its last sitting as Bill 29, Medical Professions Amendment Act, 1997.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development:

Information bulletin dated March 19, 1998, entitled "Alberta communities to recognize the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination"
Sessional Paper 389/98

Letter dated March 19, 1998, from Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development, to the four members of the Heebee-jeebees (Chris Herard, Jonathon Love, Ken Lima Coelho, and Chris Ewington) offering congratulations on winning first place and the "Audience Favorite" awards at the Northwest Regional Division of the Harmony Sweepstakes American A Cappella Competition

Sessional Paper 390/98

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods:

Memorandum dated February 10, 1998, from Carolyn DesLaurier, Resident Representative, Good Samaritan Centre, to Capital Health Chronic Ventilator/Respiratory Care Expert Panel expressing concern regarding the decrease in the Respiratory Therapists' hours from the current 24-hour coverage
Sessional Paper 391/98

Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora:

Letter dated January 12, 1998, from Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Family and Social Services, to Ms Joan MacDonald, Early Head Start Project Coordinator, Mayfield Elementary School, in response to a letter expressing concern regarding future funding reductions to the Early Head Start Project's Early Intervention Program

Sessional Paper 392/98

Letter dated October 27, 1997, from Advisory Board Members of the Early Head Start Project to Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Family and Social Services, expressing concern regarding possible funding reductions to the Early Head Start Project's Early Intervention Program, with attached 29 letters from program recipients

Sessional Paper 393/98

Letter dated March 17, 1998, from Joan MacDonald, Program Coordinator, Mayfield Elementary School's Early Head Start program, to Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, relaying the Commissioner of Services for Children and Families' decision to reduce the upcoming fiscal year budget by 17% as notified by Debbie Morrison on March 10, 1998

Sessional Paper 394/98

Members' Statements

Mr. Amery, Hon. Member for Calgary-East, made a statement regarding his recent personal experience with the health care system and recognition of the contribution of health care professionals.

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood, made a statement regarding the role of the Justice and Attorney General and the need for respect of judicial independence, the Canadian Constitution, and the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

Ms Kryczka, Chair, Seniors Advisory Council for Alberta, made a statement regarding concerns expressed by seniors which are being addressed by Government initiatives, benefits, and support programs.

Projected Government Business

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(5), Mr. Sapers, Official Opposition House Leader, asked a question pertaining to the order of Government Business to be brought before the Assembly for the following week.

Hon. Mr. Havelock, Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government Business for the week of March 23 to March 26, 1998:

Monday, March 23	Aft.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Government Bills and Orders Second Reading Bills 25, 27, 29, 30 And as per Order Paper
	Eve.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Government Bills and Orders Committee of the Whole Bills 31, 32, 2, 3, 12, 13, 14, 17, 18 And as per Order Paper
Tuesday, March 24	(4:30)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Government Bills and Orders Third Reading And as per Order Paper
	Eve.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Government Bills and Orders Committee of the Whole Bills 2, 3, 12, 13, 14, 17, 18 Third Reading Bills 31, 32
Wednesday, March 25	Eve.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Government Bills and Orders Committee of the Whole Bills 19, 20, 24 Third Reading And as per Order Paper
Thursday, March 26	Aft.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Royal Assent Bills 5, 31, 32 And as per Order Paper Government Bills and Orders Second Reading And as per Order Paper

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 31 Appropriation Act, 1998 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Day

Bill 32 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 1998 (No. 2) (\$) — Hon. Mr. Day

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

Bill 30 Cemeteries and Funeral Services Statutes Amendment Act, 1998 — Mrs. Laing

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

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

Bill 29 Students' Financial Assistance Statutes Amendment Act, 1998 — Mr. Johnson

A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:15 p.m. until Monday, March 23, 1998, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Thursday, March 19, 1998