

# Legislative Assembly Province of Alberta

No. 32

## **VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

**Second Session** 

Twenty-Fourth Legislature

Tuesday, March 24, 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 25, 1998:

Written Questions: WQ41, WQ42, WQ45, WQ46, WQ47, WQ48,

WQ49, WQ50, WQ51, WQ54.

Motions for Returns: MR43, MR44, MR52, MR53, MR55, MR56.

## **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Hon. Dr. West, Minister of Energy:

Electric Utilities Act, industry restructuring participants EUAA'98 (Electric Utilities Act Advisory Committee), Appendix 1 listing stakeholders consulted on electricity deregulation

Sessional Paper 405/98

Electric Utilities Act, industry restructuring, Appendix 2 listing 15 technical discussion papers circulated to stakeholders

Sessional Paper 406/98

Electric Utilities Act, industry restructuring, Appendix 3 listing 12 public domain documents available on the Internet

Sessional Paper 407/98

Letter dated March 18, 1998, from Dan Macnamara, Executive Director, Industrial Power Consumers Association of Alberta, to Hon. Dr. West, Minister of Energy, expressing support for electric industry restructuring as detailed in Bill 27, Electric Utilities Amendment Act, 1998

Sessional Paper 408/98

#### Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Municipal Affairs:

Report and Recommendations of the Non-Profit Tax Exemption Review Committee, dated December 1997

Sessional Paper 409/98

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

ESBI Alberta Ltd. (EAL) Inception Study, dated February 1998, excerpt pages detailing the electricity industry legislation, the electric supply system and institutions in Alberta as viewed from the perspective of an independent Transmission Administrator (TA)

Sessional Paper 410/98

#### Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development:

Alberta: Celebration of the Century, A Strategy for Celebrating Alberta's 100th Anniversary, dated December 1997, prepared by Alberta's 100th Anniversary Strategy Committee

Sessional Paper 411/98

News release dated March 24, 1998, entitled "Government releases report of centennial ideas"

Sessional Paper 412/98

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

Letter dated March 17, 1998, from Mr. Philip A. Hardin, Medical Director, West Edmonton Diabetes Centre, to Ms Sheila Weatherill, President, Capital Health Authority, expressing concern regarding the lack of provision of services by Diabetes Education Centres

Sessional Paper 413/98

## **Members' Statements**

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort, made a statement on the occasion of the retirement of Bishop Paul O'Byrne with recognition of his community efforts, and the installation of Bishop Patrick Henry in the Calgary diocese.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, made a statement in support for Capital Health Authority's support workers and detailing the labour dispute which occurred on Friday, March 20, 1998.

Mrs. Laing, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow, made a statement regarding the creation of the breast biopsy unit at the Grace Women's Health Centre, and recognizing the financial contribution of TransAlta Corporation through a corporate partnership effort to combat breast cancer.

## 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 210 Protection of Personal Information in the Private Sector Act — Mr. Dickson

A debate followed.

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

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

**508.** Moved by Mr. Dickson on behalf of Ms Leibovici:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to work with the Federal Government to assure Albertans that the provisions contained within the proposed Multilateral Agreement on Investment (MAI) are consistent with the principles of quality, accessible publicly-funded Canadian health care, education and social services; the preservation of high quality labour and environmental standards; promotion of the development and growth of small and medium-sized Alberta businesses; and protection of domestic financial institutions, prior to giving its approval to the MAI.

A debate followed.

Mr. Shariff, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, moved that the motion be amended to read:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to approve the Multilateral Agreement on Investment (MAI) only if it is in the public interest of Albertans and urge the Federal Government to ensure that the MAI fully respects the jurisdiction of the Province of Alberta, including the areas of health care, education, social services, labour, environment, and Crown property.

A debate followed (on amendment).

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(4), the question was put on the amendment, which was agreed to. The question being immediately put on the motion as amended, the motion was agreed to.

## **Government Bills and Orders**

## **Third Reading**

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

Bill 31 Appropriation Act, 1998 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Havelock on behalf of Hon. Mr. Day

A debate followed.

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

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

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

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(1), debate adjourned, Mr. Sapers speaking.

## Adjournment

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

## **Government Bills and Orders**

#### Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 18 Engineering, Geological and Geophysical Professions Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Woloshyn

The following Bills were reported with some amendments:

- Bill 3 School Amendment Act, 1998 Hon. Mr. Mar
- Bill 17 Metis Settlements Statutes Amendment Act, 1998 Mr. Ducharme

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 2 Conflicts of Interest Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Havelock

Mrs. Laing, Acting Chairman of Committees, tabled copies of all amendments considered by the Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 2 (Hon. Minister of Justice and Attorney General) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 414/98

 $Amendment to Bill 17 (Hon. \, Member for Bonnyville-Cold \, Lake) --- \, Agreed to$ 

Sessional Paper 415/98

Sub-amendment to the Amendment to Bill 3 (Amendment introduced by the Hon. Minister of Advanced Education and Career Development on behalf of the Hon. Minister of Education) (Sub-amendment introduced by the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods on March 23, 1998) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 416/98

Amendment to Bill 3 (Introduced by the Hon. Minister of Advanced Education and Career Development on behalf of the Hon. Minister of Education on March 23, 1998) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 417/98

Amendment to Bill 3 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 418/98

Amendment to Bill 3 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora) — Defeated Sessional Paper 419/98

## **Third Reading**

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

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

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

Bill 31 Appropriation Act, 1998 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Havelock on behalf of Hon. Mr. Day

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 61(5), at 11:45 p.m. the Acting Speaker immediately put the question on the appropriation Bill standing on the Order Paper for Third reading, which was agreed to.

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 31 Appropriation Act, 1998 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Havelock on behalf of Hon. Mr. Day

## Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:46 p.m. until Wednesday, March 25, 1998, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski, Speaker

Title: Tuesday, March 24, 1998