



**Legislative Assembly  
Province of Alberta**

No. 33

## **VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

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Wednesday, March 25, 1998

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

### **Presenting Petitions**

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 389 members of the medical profession and patients expressing concern regarding Bill 29, Medical Professions Amendment Act, 1997 (24th Legislature, 1st Session).

### **Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees**

Ms Graham, Chair, Select Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented the following report:

Mr. Speaker, the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills has had certain Bills under consideration and wishes to report as follows:

The Committee recommends that the following Private Bills proceed:

Bill Pr1 Tanya Marie Bryant Adoption Termination Act — Mr. Cao

Bill Pr4 Millennium Insurance Corporation Act — Mrs. Tarchuk

The Committee recommends that the following Private Bill proceed with some amendments:

Bill Pr2 Innovative Insurance Corporation Amendment Act, 1998 —  
Mr. Klapstein

As part of this report, I will be filing copies of the amendment proposed for this Bill.

Mr. Speaker, I request the concurrence of the Assembly in these recommendations.

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The question being put, concurrence in the report was granted.

## **Notices of Motions**

Hon. Mr. Havelock, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following motion:

Be it resolved that the temporary amendments to Standing Orders of the Legislative Assembly, agreed to by the Assembly on March 2, 1998, be amended as follows:

Standing Order 7 is amended in suborder (1) by striking out “Recognitions (Monday and Wednesday)” after “Ministerial Statements” and adding “Recognitions (Monday and Wednesday)” after “Oral Question Period, not exceeding 50 minutes.”

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

Notice having been given:

Bill 28 Drainage Districts Act — Mr. McFarland

Bill 33 Environmental Protection and Enhancement Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Lund

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Government House Leader, the following Bill was placed on the Order Paper under Government Bills and Orders:

Bill 28 Drainage Districts Act — Mr. McFarland

## **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health:

Letter dated March 17, 1998, from Charles H. Harley, President, College of Physicians and Surgeons, to doctors regarding the Physician Achievement Review (PAR) program contained in Bill 24, Medical Profession Amendment Act, 1998  
Sessional Paper 421/98

Alberta Ministry of Health: Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan, Statistical Supplement 1996-97

Sessional Paper 422/98

Hon. Dr. West, Minister of Energy:

Alberta Energy and Utilities Board (EUB) Report: Sour Well Safety, dated March 18, 1998

Sessional Paper 423/98

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

Letter dated February 5, 1998, from Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, to Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, in support for assistance to facilitate the search for an operator interested in re-opening the Edmonton Gainers facility

Sessional Paper 424/98

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Letter dated March 16, 1998, from Suzanne Shaw to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing concern regarding postponement of medical treatment

Sessional Paper 425/98

Letter dated February 25, 1998, from Dina Lavoie, Ph. D., President of the Forum, École des Hautes Études Commerciales (HEC), to Mr. Mitchell, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, regarding the resolutions adopted at the National Forum on Financing of Female Entrepreneurship held January 24 to 25, 1998 at the Business School of the University of Montreal

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## **Recognitions**

Ms Fritz, Hon. Member for Calgary-Cross: Mr. Thomas Graw, Heartbeat of the Community Award recipient.

Mr. Gibbons, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning: St. Dominic Savio Catholic Church renovations.

Mr. Shariff, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall: Canadian Citizenship Court Judge Ann Wilson.

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie: Sherwood Park Rockers and Sherwood Park Thunder, Edmonton Area Basketball Tournament winning teams.

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose: Mr. Tom Spilla, Alberta Stage and Concert Band Festival Association's Tommy Banks Award recipient.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona: McCauley LETSystem volunteering association, Ethel Marliss Scholarship Award recipient.

Ms O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert: University of Alberta tennis team, 1998 Intercollegiate Tennis Championship Canada Cup Award recipients.

## **Oral Question Period**

During Oral Question Period, Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, tabled the following:

Letter dated March 25, 1998, from Mr. Stephen G. Snyder, President and Chief Executive Officer, TransAlta Corporation, to Hon. Dr. West, Minister of Energy, expressing support for Bill 27, Electric Utilities Amendment Act, 1998  
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## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

### **Written Questions**

The following Written Questions were accepted:

**WQ47.** Moved by Mr. Zwozdesky:

What is the breakdown of the \$1.407 billion in corporate income taxes collected by the Government during the fiscal year 1996/97, by asset size of taxable corporations, as contained in the 1996/97 Public Accounts, Vol. 2, Schedule 1, page 12?

**WQ48.** Moved by Mr. Zwozdesky:

What is the breakdown of the \$1.707 billion classified as accounts and accrued interest receivable, by individual entity, as contained in the 1996/97 Public Accounts, Vol. 1, page 26?

**WQ49.** Moved by Mr. Zwozdesky:

What is the breakdown of the \$203 million allowance for doubtful accounts by individual entity, under accounts and accrued interest receivable, as contained in the 1996/97 Public Accounts, Vol. 2, Schedule 5, page 15?

**WQ54.** Moved by Mr. Zwozdesky on behalf of Ms Carlson:

How many water level monitoring stations were in operation on rivers in Alberta between January 1, 1992 and December 31, 1992 and between January 1, 1997 and December 31, 1997, at how many sites was measuring automatic, at how many sites were measurements made manually in each year, and at the manual sites how many staff and how many volunteers were engaged in monitoring operations, and with what frequency?

Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Environmental Protection, gave the following Response to Written Question No. WQ54:

There were 452 water level monitoring stations operated on rivers in Alberta between January 1, 1992 and December 31, 1992; 392 were operating between January 2, 1997 and December 31, 1997. These were automatic recordings. There were no volunteers used, and within Alberta Environmental Protection, 23 persons were employed in 1992 in the surface water monitoring section, and in 1997 - 29 were employed, but the work load was different than in 1997. Approximately 15 percent of the staff time was used for river monitoring.

The following Written Questions were accepted as amended:

**WQ41.** Moved by Ms Carlson:

How much did the Department of Environmental Protection spend in the fiscal year 1992-93 on, respectively, the management and operation of provincial parks, provincial recreation areas and Kananaskis Country; how many staff were employed; how many of these were park rangers, and what are the comparable figures for the calendar year 1997?

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

How much did the Department of Environmental Protection spend in the fiscal year 1992-93 on the management and operation of provincial parks, provincial recreation areas and Kananaskis Country; how many *permanent positions and full-time equivalents were included in this budget*; how many of these were *permanent park ranger positions*, and what are the comparable figures for the *fiscal year 1996/97*?

**WQ42.** Moved by Mr. White:

During the calendar years 1992 and 1997, how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in the entire Land and Forest Service, and specifically in the Forest Management Division and in Forestry Regional Offices; what was the total area of allocated Crown land (held under forest management agreements and other forms of tenure) on which forest management operations had to be supervised and how many full-time equivalent staff were involved in monitoring in the field?

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

During the calendar years 1992 and 1997, how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in the entire Land and Forest Service, and specifically in the Forest Management Division and in Forestry Regional *and District* Offices; what was the total area of allocated Crown land (held under forest management agreements and other forms of tenure) on which forest management operations had to be supervised and how many full-time equivalent staff were involved in monitoring in the field?

**WQ50.** Moved by Mr. Zwozdesky on behalf of Ms Paul:

What is the breakdown of the \$9.63 million in impaired loans, by individual entity, held by the Alberta Opportunity Company, as of March 31, 1997, as contained in the 1996/97 Public Accounts, Vol. 3, note 4, page 87?

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

*How many accounts make up the \$9.63 million in impaired loans and what was the maximum amount of any impaired loan held by the Alberta Opportunity Company, as of March 31, 1997, as contained in the 1996/97 Public Accounts, Vol. 3, note 4, page 87?*

**WQ51.** Moved by Mr. Zwozdesky on behalf of Ms Paul:

What is the breakdown of the \$3.916 million specific allowance for loss on loans receivable, by individual entity, held by the Alberta Opportunity Company, as of March 31, 1997, as contained in the 1996/97 Public Accounts, Vol. 3, note 4, page 87?

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

*How many accounts make up the \$3.916 million specific allowance for loss on loans receivable and what was the maximum amount of any specific allowance for loss on loans held by the Alberta Opportunity Company, as of March 31, 1997, as contained in the 1996/97 Public Accounts, Vol. 3, note 4, page 87?*

The following Written Questions were rejected:

**WQ45.** Moved by Mr. Zwozdesky:

What is the breakdown of the \$10.188 million in performing loans and \$1.344 million in non-performing loans, by individual company holding cellular system licenses in the United States, under NFI Finance Inc. as of December 31, 1996, as contained in the 1996/97 Public Accounts, Vol. 3, note, 5, page 226?

**WQ46.** Moved by Mr. Zwozdesky:

What is the breakdown of the \$3.879 million provision for loss on notes, by individual company holding cellular system licenses in the United States, under the NFI Finance Inc. as of December 31, 1996 as contained in the 1996/97 Public Accounts, Vol. 3, note 5, page 226?

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

WQ57, WQ58, WQ71, WQ72, WQ73, WQ74, WQ75, WQ76, WQ77, WQ78, WQ79, WQ80, WQ81, WQ82, WQ83, WQ92, WQ93.

## Motions for Returns

The following Motions for Returns were accepted:

**MR52.** Moved by Mr. Dickson:

Final drafts or copies of transcripts of speeches for each of the Deputy Ministers in the Department of Health for the period of February 1, 1995 until January 31, 1998.

**MR53.** Moved by Mr. Zwozdesky on behalf of Ms Carlson:

A copy of the plan for risk management at each of the 12 priority orphan sites identified under the Help Eliminate Landfill Pollution Program, as referred to on page 9 of the 1996/97 Annual Report of the Ministry of Environmental Protection.

**MR55.** Moved by Mr. Gibbons:

Copies of all invoices issued to the Government, or its agents, for the purchase of any and all video lottery terminals (VLTs) since January 1, 1992.

**MR56.** Moved by Mr. Zwozdesky on behalf of Mr. Sapers:

Copies of all lease agreements from January 1, 1989 until present between the Caritas Health Group and Alberta Public Works, Supply and Services regarding the Edmonton General Hospital.

The following Motions for Returns were accepted as amended:

**MR43.** Moved by Mr. White:

A copy of the minutes of all meetings of the Alberta Forest Management Science Council held from May 13, 1996 to the present.

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

A copy of the *meeting summaries and council reports* of all meetings of the Alberta Forest Management Science Council held from May 13, 1996 to the present.

**MR44.** Moved by Mr. White:

A copy of the minutes of each meeting of the Forest Protection Advisory Committee held in the calendar years 1996 and 1997.

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

A copy of the minutes of each meeting of the Forest Protection Advisory Committee held in the *1997 calendar year*.

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

MR59, MR60, MR61, MR62, MR63, MR64, MR65, MR66, MR67, MR68, MR69, MR70, MR84, MR85, MR86, MR87, MR88, MR89, MR90, MR91, MR94, MR95.

## **Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders**

### **Third Reading**

On the motion that the following Bill was read a Third time:

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

During debate, Ms Forsyth, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, tabled the following:

Letter undated from Myron H. Porisky to Ms Forsyth, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, expressing support for Bill 206, Human Tissue Donation Procedures Statutes Amendment Act, 1998

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Letter dated March 23, 1998, from Deborah Morrison to Ms Forsyth, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, expressing support for Bill 206, Human Tissue Donation Procedures Statutes Amendment Act, 1998, with attached speaking notes regarding organ donation entitled “Reflections on the decision to donate Talya’s organs”

Sessional Paper 429/98

Debate continued.

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

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

### **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.

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: 7

Blakeman	MacDonald	Olsen
Bonner	Massey	Sapers
Dickson		

Against the motion: 37

Amery	Hlady	O'Neill
Broda	Jacques	Oberg
Burgener	Jonson	Paszkowski
Cao	Klapstein	Renner
Clegg	Kryczka	Severtson
Day	Laing	Strang
Ducharme	Langevin	Tannas
Fischer	Lund	Tarchuk
Fritz	Magnus	Thurber
Graham	McClellan	Trynchy
Haley	McFarland	West
Hancock	Melchin	Yankowsky
Herard		

## **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Deputy Government House Leader, it was agreed at 5:13 p.m. that when the Assembly reconvened at 8:00 p.m. it would be in Committee of the Whole, and the Speaker left the Chair.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 1998 — 8:00 P.M.

## **Government Bills and Orders**

### **Committee of the Whole**

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bills were reported:

Bill 12 Alcohol and Drug Abuse Amendment Act, 1998 — Mrs. Burgener

Bill 14 Alberta Science, Research and Technology Authority Act (\$) — Hon. Dr. Taylor

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

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

Mr. Herard, 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 12 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre) — Defeated  
Sessional Paper 430/98

Amendment to Bill 24 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) — Defeated  
Sessional Paper 432/98

Amendment to Bill 14 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora) — Defeated  
Sessional Paper 433/98

Mr. Herard, Acting Chairman of Committees, also tabled copies of the document tabled by Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health, during Committee of the Whole consideration of Bill 24, Medical Profession Amendment Act, 1998

Responses to questions raised on March 16, 1998, during Second reading debate of Bill 24, Medical Profession Amendment Act, 1998  
Sessional Paper 431/98

### **Third Reading**

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 14 Alberta Science, Research and Technology Authority Act (\$) — Hon. Dr. Taylor

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

Bill 17 Metis Settlements Statutes Amendment Act, 1998 — Mr. Ducharme

A debate followed.

During debate, Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, tabled the following:

Letter dated March 19, 1998, from Edward A. Jenkins, Chairman, Canadian for Organizational and Personal Accountability (C.O.P.A.), to Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood, expressing concern regarding accountability and financial provisions contained in Bill 17, Metis Settlements Statutes Amendment Act, 1998

Sessional Paper 434/98

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 3 School Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Hancock on behalf of Hon. Mr. Mar

Bill 17 Metis Settlements Statutes Amendment Act, 1998 — Mr. Ducharme

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

## **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Woloshyn, Acting Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:31 p.m. until Thursday, March 26, 1998, at 1:30 p.m.

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Hon. Ken Kowalski,  
Speaker

Title: Wednesday, March 25, 1998