



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 34

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Second Session

Twenty-Fourth Legislature

Thursday, March 26, 1998

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

Presenting Petitions

Ms Kryczka, Hon. Member for Calgary-West, presented a petition from 260 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 Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, 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.

Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees

Mr. Pham, Chairman, Select Standing Committee on the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, presented the following report, pursuant to Standing Order 52:

Report of the Standing Committee on the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, March 1998, regarding the 1996-97 fiscal year

Sessional Paper 435/98

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 36 Credit Union Amendment Act, 1998 — Mr. Renner

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

Bill 36 Credit Union Amendment Act, 1998 — Mr. Renner

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development:

Information bulletin dated March 26, 1998, entitled "Information Rights Week to focus on new technology"

Sessional Paper 436/98

Letter dated March 25, 1998, from Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development, to Ms Shona Schleppe and the other members of the Team Alberta North Mission staff expressing appreciation for assistance given at the 1998 Arctic Winter Games in Yellowknife

Sessional Paper 437/98

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer:

Response to Written Question No. WQ47 asked for by Mr. Zwozdesky on March 25, 1998:

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?

Sessional Paper 438/98

Response to Written Question No. WQ48 asked for by Mr. Zwozdesky on March 25, 1998:

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?

Sessional Paper 439/98

Response to Written Question No. WQ49 asked for by Mr. Zwozdesky on March 25, 1998:

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?

Sessional Paper 440/98

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

Letter dated March 16, 1998, from Joan A.E. Baker, Program Director, Day Programs, Alberta North Central Region, Canadian Mental Health Association, to colleagues expressing concern for the community due to the loss of funding for the Friday Friendship Day drop-in program effective March 31, 1998

Sessional Paper 441/98

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

Fact sheet detailing a decrease in the real median income between 1986 and 1995 in Calgary, source: Statistics Canada and City of Calgary Finance Department

Sessional Paper 442/98

Fact sheet detailing the proportion of people in the Calgary region who report insufficient funds to purchase food, source: CHRA (Calgary Regional Health Authority) Population Health - Seniors, Parents and Adult Survey

Sessional Paper 443/98

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo:

Articles entitled "Ralph's new Vriend" and "Tolerance is a one-way street," source: Alberta Report, September 8, 1997, page 12

Sessional Paper 444/98

Letter dated March 18, 1998, from Henry E. McCandless and Dr. Michèle Brill-Edwards, Directors, Alliance for Public Accountability, to the Provincial, Territorial and Federal Ministers of Health and Opposition Health Critics expressing concern regarding the safety and accessibility of the replacement national blood system, with attached report dated March 16, 1998, entitled "Ensuring Blood Safety and Reliability through the Proposed Canadian Blood Services Authority"

Sessional Paper 445/98

Members' Statements

Mrs. Burgener, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, made a statement regarding charter schools as providing for innovation and change within the publicly funded education system, and urging revisiting the development and implementation process for these schools.

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, made a statement regarding financial hardship of Peace River and Athabasca area farmers leading to requests for financial aid under the Farm Income Disaster Program and the Crop Insurance Program.

Mrs. Tarchuk, Hon. Member for Banff-Cochrane, made a statement recognizing the Alberta Juvenile Ski Team and offering congratulations for their accomplishments at the Canadian Juvenile Alpine Ski Championships held at Mont Orford, Magog, Quebec, March 15 to 22, 1998.

Projected Government Business

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(5), Ms Carlson, Acting 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. Hancock, Deputy Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government Business for the week of March 30 to April 2, 1998:

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| 35883 | Aft. | - Government Bills and Orders
Second Reading
Bills 28, 33, 36, 27, 29, 30
And as per Order Paper |
| | Eve. | - Government Bills and Orders
Committee of the Whole
Bills 2, 13, 19, 20, 23, 25
And as per Order Paper |
| 35884 | (4:30) | - Government Bills and Orders
Second Reading
Bills 27, 29, 30
And as per Order Paper |

- Eve. - **Government Bills and Orders**
Committee of the Whole
Bills 2, 13, 19, 20, 23, 25
And as per Order Paper, based on
progress Monday, and in
consultation with the
Opposition House Leaders and
parties
- 35885 Eve. - **Government Bills and Orders**
Committee of the Whole
As per Order Paper, based on
progress Monday and Tuesday,
and in consultation with the
Opposition House Leaders and
parties
- 35886 Aft. - **Government Bills and Orders**
Second Reading
Bills 21, 34, 35, 37
And as per Order Paper
Third Reading
As per Order Paper

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Royal Assent

His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, having entered the Assembly and being seated on the Throne,

The Speaker addressed His Honour in the following words:

May it please your Honour:

The Legislative Assembly has, at its present sitting, passed certain Bills to which, and in the name of the Legislative Assembly, I respectfully request Your Honour's assent.

The Clerk of the Assembly then read the title of the Bills that had been passed as follows:

- 3 School Amendment Act, 1998
- 5 Canadian Airlines Corporation Amendment Act, 1998
- 14 Alberta Science, Research and Technology Authority Act
- 17 Metis Settlements Statutes Amendment Act, 1998
- 18 Engineering, Geological and Geophysical Professions Amendment Act, 1998
- 31 Appropriation Act, 1998
- 32 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 1998 (No. 2)
- 206 Human Tissue Donation Procedures Statutes Amendment Act, 1998

To these Bills, Royal Assent was announced by the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly in the following words:

In Her Majesty's name, His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor doth assent to these Bills.

His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor then retired from the Assembly.

Government Motions

27. Oral notice having been given Wednesday, March 25, 1998, Hon. Mr. Hancock, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Havelock, moved 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."

The question being put, the motion was agreed to unanimously.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

- Bill 27 Electric Utilities Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Dr. West
- Bill 29 Students' Financial Assistance Statutes Amendment Act, 1998 — Mr. Johnson
- Bill 30 Cemeteries and Funeral Services Statutes Amendment Act, 1998 — Mrs. Laing

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:22 p.m. until Monday, March 30, 1998, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Thursday, March 26, 1998