



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 36

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Second Session

Twenty-Fourth Legislature

Tuesday, March 31, 1998

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

Presenting Petitions

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, presented a petition from 3,835 Albertans regarding quality, affordable child care options and expressing opposition to the elimination of operating allowances to child care centres.

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, April 1, 1998:

Written Questions: WQ57, WQ58.

Motions for Returns: MR59, MR60, MR61, MR62, MR63, MR64,
MR65, MR66, MR67, MR68, MR69, MR70.

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, gave oral notice of her intention to move the following motion under Standing Order 40:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to reverse the cuts in operating allowances for licensed day cares due to take effect on April 1, 1998, negatively impacting tens of thousands of middle income Alberta families, especially given the double standard with licensed family day home agencies which continue to receive hefty administrative allowances from taxpayers.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 38 Public Health Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Jonson

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Labour:

Alberta Boilers Safety Association, Annual Report 1997
Sessional Paper 461/98

Safety Codes Council, Three-Year Business Plan (1998-2000), dated January 15, 1998
Sessional Paper 462/98

Mr. White, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder:

Calgary Sun coupon entitled “Take another look at Bill 27” for public submission responses regarding Bill 27, Electric Utilities Amendment Act, 1998, published on page 3 of the March 31, 1998 issue
Sessional Paper 463/98

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

Alberta Urban Municipalities Association (AUMA) news release dated March 30, 1998, entitled “Defer Bill 27 Third Reading Says AUMA”
Sessional Paper 464/98

Letter dated March 25, 1998, from Mr. Al Duerr, Mayor, City of Calgary, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding Bill 27, Electric Utilities Amendment Act, 1998, and in particular section 31.994(1) proposing to tax municipalities which operate retail (commodity) electric services to customers
Sessional Paper 465/98

Letter dated March 25, 1998, from Mr. Al Duerr, Mayor, City of Calgary, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding Bill 27, Electric Utilities Amendment Act, 1998, and in particular the proposal to regulate municipal utilities if operating in energy commodity services thereby interfering with local autonomy and self-regulation of municipalities
Sessional Paper 466/98

Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Family and Social Services:

News release dated July 24, 1997, entitled "Child Care Subsidy for Low Income Parents Will Increase"

Sessional Paper 467/98

Fact sheet dated March 1998, entitled "The Facts on Day Care Funding Changes"

Sessional Paper 468/98

Day Care Matters: A Bulletin for Parents, Day Care Operators and Day Care Staff, Spring 1998 issue, entitled "Funding Changes Start in April"

Sessional Paper 469/98

Fact sheet dated March 31, 1998, entitled "Day Care Funding Changes: Updated March 16, 1998"

Sessional Paper 470/98

Fact sheet dated July 18, 1997, entitled "Interprovincial Comparisons of Day Care Funding 1997"

Sessional Paper 471/98

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Letter dated March 25, 1998, from John G. Wright, Secretary, McDougall Church Council, to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing concern regarding the possible use of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms' "notwithstanding clause" and requesting inclusion of sexual orientation in the Individual's Rights Protection Act

Sessional Paper 472/98

4 letters dated March 22 to 29, 1998, from Albertans to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding the possible use of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms' "notwithstanding clause" and requesting inclusion of sexual orientation in the Individual's Rights Protection Act

Sessional Paper 473/98

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

Alberta Union of Provincial Employees/Canadian Health Care Guild news release dated March 31, 1998, entitled "We are not out to defy the Labour Relations Board, we are out for justice"

Sessional Paper 474/98

Alberta Union of Provincial Employees/Canadian Health Care Guild news release undated entitled "We are not out to defy the Labour Relations Board, we are out for justice: we are the Auxiliary Nursing Care Staff who provide the bedside nursing care in your hospital"

Sessional Paper 475/98

Members' Statements

Mrs. Burgener, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, made a statement recognizing the 75th anniversary of the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve formation, the 1935 formation of the Calgary Division, and the 1941 christening of the HMCS Tecumseh.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding the role of the justice system, and expressing support for the principle of judicial independence with the freedom of expression fundamental to the administration of justice.

Ms O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement recognizing the 90th anniversary of Alberta's first infantry unit the Loyal Edmonton Regiment, their First and Second World War efforts, and present militia soldiering activities.

Motions Under Standing Order 40

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly for consideration of the following motion:

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Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

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 211 Legislative Assembly Amendment Act, 1998 — Mr. Sapers

A debate followed.

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

Motions Other Than Government Motions

509. Moved by Mr. Tannas (as amended):

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to *reclassify* the taxation per gram of smokeless tobacco products to the same level as cigarettes per gram *of tobacco*.

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(4), the question being put, the motion was agreed to.

At 4:26 p.m. Mr. Renner, Hon. Member for Medicine Hat, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to proceed to the next item of business.

Private Bills/Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill Pr1 Tanya Marie Bryant Adoption Termination Act — Ms Graham on behalf of Mr. Cao

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

Bill Pr4 Millennium Insurance Corporation Act — Mrs. Tarchuk

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

Bill 34 Municipal Government Amendment Act, 1998 — Mr. Klapstein

A debate followed.

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

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

Bill 35 Colleges, Technical Institutes and Universities Statutes Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Dunford

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

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Government House Leader, it was agreed at 5:24 p.m. that when the Assembly reconvened at 8:00 p.m. it would be in Committee of the Whole, and the Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 1998 — 8:00 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bills were reported with some amendments:

Bill 19 Protection Against Family Violence Act — Mrs. Burgener

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

Progress was reported on the following Bills:

Bill 23 Railway Act — Mr. Boutilier

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

Mr. Shariff, 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 27 (Hon. Minister of Energy) — Agreed to
Sessional Paper 476/98

Amendment to Bill 19 (Introduced by the Hon. Member for Edmonton-
Centre on March 30, 1998) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 477/98

Amendment to Bill 19 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie) — Agreed to
Sessional Paper 478/98

Amendment to Bill 23 (Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-
St. Albert) — Debate adjourned
Sessional Paper 479/98

Amendment to Bill 29 (Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose) — Agreed
to
Sessional Paper 480/98

Mr. Shariff, Acting Chairman of Committees, also tabled copies of the document tabled by Hon. Dr. West, Minister of Energy, during Committee of the Whole consideration of Bill 27, Electric Utilities Amendment Act, 1998

Glossary of Terms defining electric utility industry terms
Sessional Paper 481/98

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:33 p.m. until Wednesday, April 1, 1998, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Tuesday, March 31, 1998