



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 37

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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Twenty-Fourth Legislature

Wednesday, April 1, 1998

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

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Doerksen, Hon. Member for Red Deer-South, presented a petition from 388 members of the medical profession and patients expressing concern regarding Bill 29, Medical Professions Amendment Act, 1997 (24th Legislature, 1st Session).

Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, presented a petition from 70 Edmonton and Spruce Grove residents regarding an amendment to the Legislative Assembly Act which would make it mandatory for the Government to hold two sittings of the Legislative Assembly each year.

Reading and Receiving Petitions

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

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to support quality, affordable child care options for all Alberta families, regardless of income. We also petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government to reverse its decision eliminating operating allowances to child care centres and to instead bring forth a funding formula which will enhance quality child care and keep daycare fees affordable for low income and middle income families.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, pursuant to the Provincial Court Judges Act, Provincial Judges and Masters in Chambers Pension Plan Regulation 265/88, s5(1):

Provincial Judges and Masters in Chambers Pension Plan, Annual Report for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1995

Sessional Paper 482/98

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

Letter dated March 30, 1998, from Mychelle Harding 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 into human rights legislation

Sessional Paper 483/98

Equal in Dignity and Rights: A Review of Human Rights in Alberta by the Alberta Human Rights Review Panel, dated June 1994, excerpt pages 71 to 75 regarding recommendations concerning sexual orientation discrimination

Sessional Paper 484/98

Our Commitment to Human Rights: The Government's Response to the Recommendations of the Alberta Human Rights Review Panel, dated December 1995, prepared by the Department of Community Development, excerpt page 21 regarding sexual orientation, source of income, and systemic discrimination

Sessional Paper 485/98

Canadian Human Rights Commission, Annual Report 1997, excerpt pages regarding sexual orientation, sexual discrimination, pay equity, and employment equity

Sessional Paper 486/98

11 letters 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 into human rights legislation

Sessional Paper 487/98

E-mail message dated March 29, 1998, from Allan Barsky, Professor, Faculty of Social Work, University of Calgary (Visiting Professor at Bar Ilan University, Tel Aviv, Israel), to the Legislative Assembly requesting recognition for the rights of all members of the public regardless of sexual orientation

Sessional Paper 488/98

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, pursuant to the Provincial Court Judges Act, Provincial Judges and Masters in Chambers Pension Plan Regulation 265/88, s5(1):

Provincial Judges and Masters in Chambers Pension Plan, Annual Report for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1996

Sessional Paper 489/98

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Letter dated March 25, 1998, from Ted Boniface to Mr. Gary G. Campbell, Q.C., and Mr. Jack Donald, Co-chairs, 1998 Tax Review Committee, regarding financial incentives for knowledge-based industries

Sessional Paper 490/98

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

Letter dated March 31, 1998, to S.C. (Stan) Klassen, Executive Director, Alberta Irrigation Projects Association, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding Bill 27, Electric Utilities Amendment Act, 1998, and in particular the proposal of residual value being turned over to electric shareholders by the year 2020

Sessional Paper 491/98

Letter dated March 31, 1998, from David Conroy, Alberta Council on Aging, and Larry Phillips, Consumers' Coalition of Alberta, expressing concern regarding Bill 27, Electric Utilities Amendment Act, 1998, and in particular the proposal of residual value being turned over to electric shareholders by the year 2020

Sessional Paper 492/98

Oral Question Period

During Oral Question Period, Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Labour, tabled the following:

Joint statement by Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Labour, regarding agreements reached with health care union representatives Margaret Nelson, President, Canadian Health Care Guild, and Dan MacLennan, President, Alberta Union of Provincial Employees

Sessional Paper 493/98

During Oral Question Period, Hon. Dr. West, Minister of Energy, tabled the following:

Industrial Power Consumers Association of Alberta (IPCAA) news release, dated April 1, 1998, detailing the IPCAA position regarding Bill 27, Electric Utilities Amendment Act, 1998, being an acceptable framework for deregulation of electricity markets

Sessional Paper 494/98

Letter dated April 1, 1998, from David Lewin, P.Eng., Ph.D., Vice President Regulation and Environment, EPCOR, expressing support for Bill 27, Electric Utilities Amendment Act, 1998

Sessional Paper 495/98

Recognitions

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona: Community Options Society, Grant MacEwan Community College's Sheila Campbell Co-operating Agencies Award recipient.

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood: Edmonton Police Service, the first Canadian law enforcement agency to receive accreditation by the International Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA).

Mr. Broda, Hon. Member for Redwater: Mr. Tim Yeo, constituent leaving for Japan to conduct the first Canadian Curling Association ice-making school.

Mr. White, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder: volunteer efforts to promote youth soccer activities.

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose: six members of the Camrose Volunteer Fire Department, recipients of the Lieutenant Governor of Alberta Fire Services Exemplary Service Medal.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Question was accepted:

WQ57. Moved by Dr. Massey:

What are the assumptions, values, formulae, and calculations used to derive the education reinvestment subtotal for each category listed below as taken from the January 9, 1998, Alberta Education Backgrounder entitled "Agenda for Opportunity: Education Re-investment to 2000/2001": \$93 million - Rate Increases for Basic Instruction; \$171 million - Enrolment Growth; \$86 million - Special Needs; \$22 million - Early Literacy Initiative; \$10 million - Teacher Aide Program; \$5 million - English as a Second Language Enhancement; \$13 million - Student Transportation; \$18 million - Capital Funding; \$12 million - Teachers' Pensions; \$8 million - Equity Funding; and (\$59) million - Adjustments?

The following Written Question was accepted as amended:

WQ58. Moved by Mr. Sapers on behalf of Ms Carlson:

How many general meetings of the Alberta Environmental Network did the Minister of Environmental Protection attend between October 1, 1994 and February 28, 1998?

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

How many general meetings of the Alberta Environmental Network did the Minister of Environmental Protection *and the Department* attend between October 1, 1994 and *October 31, 1997*?

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

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:

MR60. Moved by Dr. Massey:

Copies of all research, documents, and findings prepared by or for the Department of Education regarding gender bias and performance on achievement and/or diploma examinations.

MR66. Moved by Mr. Zwozdesky:

Copies of all reports prepared for the Ministers of Finance, including the Provincial Treasurer of Alberta, by the Federal/Provincial Committee on Taxation between January 1, 1993 and January 26, 1998, respecting the tax-on-income proposal.

MR67. Moved by Ms Paul:

Copies of all agreements and amended agreements signed by the Government between January 1, 1990 and January 26, 1998, pertaining to the WESTAIM Initiative.

MR69. Moved by Mr. Zwozdesky:

Invoices for all newspaper, television, and radio advertisements promoting Budget'98 aired or printed on or before February 12, 1998, that were placed by or on behalf of the Government.

MR70. Moved by Mr. Zwozdesky:

Invoices for all newspaper, television, and radio advertisements promoting Budget'98 aired or printed after February 12, 1998, that were placed by or on behalf of the Government.

The following Motions for Returns were rejected:

MR59. Moved by Ms Paul:

Copies of all studies, reports and analyses conducted by or for the Ministry of Economic Development and Tourism for the period January 1, 1993, and January 26, 1998 evaluating the mandate and operations of the Alberta Opportunity Company.

MR61. Moved by Mr. Zwozdesky:

Copies of all studies and reports prepared by or for the Ministry of Treasury for the period January 1, 1997 to January 26, 1998, assessing the impact of grain throughput levels and associated factors on the security value and collectability/recovery of the Province's loan to Ridley Grain Ltd.

MR62. Moved by Mr. Zwozdesky:

Copies of all correspondence exchanged between the Ministries of Treasury, Economic Development and Tourism, and Executive Council, for the period January 1, 1994 to January 26, 1998, relating to the refinancing of West Edmonton Mall, and the involvement of the Alberta Treasury Branches in that refinancing.

MR63. Moved by Mr. Zwozdesky:

Copies of all loan guarantee agreements for the period January 1, 1994, to January 28, 1997, between the Alberta Treasury Branches, T.D. Trust Company, West Edmonton Mall Property Inc., WEM Holdings, and 626110 Alberta Ltd. relating to the refinancing of West Edmonton Mall.

MR64. Moved by Mr. Zwozdesky:

Copies of documents or reports prepared by or on behalf of the Government Reorganization Secretariat from January 1, 1993 to January 26, 1998, regarding Government streamlining and departmental consolidation, downsizing of the public service, elimination or amalgamation of agencies, boards and commissions, and the privatization, de-regulation, or disposal of Government assets or services.

MR65. Moved by Mr. Zwozdesky:

Copies of all analyses undertaken by the Ministry of Treasury from January 1, 1996 to January 28, 1998, regarding financial restructuring, work-out or exit options involving projects that have received Government loans or loan guarantees, or in which the Government has taken a shareholder position.

MR68. Moved by Mr. Zwozdesky on behalf of Ms Carlson:

Copies of reports or documents compiled between January 1, 1993 and the present time, showing the location of spawning areas, fish-bearing streams (named and unnamed) entering and exiting the hereinafter named lakes, migrations, seasonal movements and age structures of fish, and the intensity of sport, commercial and domestic fishing, and sizes of catch in Lac La Biche and Elinor, Ethel, Frenchman, Fork, Kehewin, Lodge, Marie, Missawawi, McGuffin, Square and Vincent Lakes in the Northeast Boreal Region of the Department of Environmental Protection.

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

MR84, MR85, MR86, MR87, MR88, MR89, MR90, MR91, MR94, MR95, MR96.

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 204 Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 1998 — Mr. Herard

Mr. Shariff, Acting Chairman of Committees, tabled copies of the amendment considered by the Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 204 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry) —
Defeated

Sessional Paper 496/98

Mr. Shariff, Acting Chairman of Committees, also tabled copies of the document tabled by Mr. Herard, Hon. Member for Calgary-Egmont, during Committee of the Whole consideration of Bill 204, Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 1998

Workers' Compensation Board Update dated March 10, 1998, entitled "Private Member's Bill 204"

Sessional Paper 497/98

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Government House Leader, it was agreed at 5:18 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.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 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 Bill was reported:

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

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 20 Fair Trading Act — Mr. Ducharme

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

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

Mrs. Gordon, Deputy 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 20 (Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake) — Agreed to

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Amendment to Bill 20 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 499/98

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mrs. Black, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:17 p.m. until Thursday, April 2, 1998, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Wednesday, April 1, 1998