

Legislative Assembly Province of Alberta

No. 39

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Second Session

Twenty-Fourth Legislature

Monday, April 6, 1998

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

Presenting Petitions

Ms O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert, presented a petition from 325 members of the medical profession and patients expressing concern regarding Bill 29, Medical Professions Amendment Act, 1997 (24th Legislature, 1st Session).

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from 214 Edmonton and area residents regarding the prohibition of discrimination based on sexual orientation, and expressing opposition to the utilization of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms' "notwithstanding clause".

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 39 Financial Administration Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Day

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier:

From Ideas to Action: Response from the Government of Alberta to the Alberta Growth Summit, dated April 1998

Sessional Paper 509/98

Hon. Mr. Woloshyn, Minister of Public Works, Supply and Services:

Association of Professional Engineers, Geologists and Geophysicists of Alberta (APEGGA), Annual Report 1997-98

Sessional Paper 510/98

Hon. Mr. Woloshyn, Minister of Public Works, Supply and Services:

Return to Order of the Assembly No. MR56 asked for by Mr. Sapers on March 25, 1998:

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.

Sessional Paper 511/98

Mr. Magnus, Chairman, Council on Professions and Occupations, pursuant to the Certified General Accountants Act, cC-3.6, s9(2):

Certified General Accountants Association of Alberta (CGA), Annual Report 1997, entitled "Leaders in Business"

Sessional Paper 512/98

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Letter dated March 20, 1998, from Jim Backus, President, Fairview and District Chamber of Commerce, to Mr. Clegg, Hon. Member for Dunvegan, expressing concern regarding the proposed privatization of local parks and recreation areas Sessional Paper 513/98

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

Letter dated April 1, 1998, from E. Michael Higgins, Chair, PICA (Public Institutional Consumers of Alberta), to Hon. Dr. West, Minister of Energy, expressing general support for Bill 27, Electric Utilities Amendment Act, 1998, but expressing concern regarding the proposed termination of benefits to customers from existing regulated generating units in the year 2020

Sessional Paper 514/98

Mr. McFarland, Hon. Member for Little Bow:

Responses to questions raised on March 30, 1998, during Second reading debate of Bill 28, Drainage Districts Act

Sessional Paper 515/98

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development:

Active Living for Health and Well-being: Towards an Active and Prosperous Alberta, the Health and Well-being Advantage, prepared by the Alberta Active Living Task Force, dated February 1998

Sessional Paper 516/98

News release dated April 6, 1998, entitled "Government releases new strategies to encourage active living for Albertans," with attached backgrounder detailing the Status of Alberta Active Living Task Force recommendations

Sessional Paper 517/98

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

Letter undated from Gay Edmonds-Lang to Ms O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert, and Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health, expressing concern regarding Bill 24, Medical Profession Amendment Act, 1998, and expressing support for complementary medicine as a necessary form of health care

Sessional Paper 518/98

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Midwifery Regional Implementation Committee: Report of the Working Group on Midwifery Remuneration, dated June 1997

Sessional Paper 519/98

Oral Question Period

During Oral Question Period, Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, tabled the following:

Letter dated December 18, 1997, from C.B. Sikstrom, Imperial Oil, to Mr. John Roux regarding water re-sampling results detailing a dissolved arsenic concentration above the maximum acceptable concentration level recommended by "Guidelines for Canadian Drinking Water Quality"

Sessional Paper 520/98

Recognitions

Mrs. Gordon, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Stettler: Paul Wacko, health care advocate.

Ms Paul, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs: 16 graduates of the YWCA's Bridges for Women Program, March 27, 1998.

Mr. Stevens, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore: Thomas Arnott Ballingal Spear, 101 year old Albertan.

Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora: Joan Charbonneau, recipient of the Alberta Association for Community Living's Integration Award.

Mrs. Laing, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow: Tartan Day, April 6, 1998.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre: National Ringette Championship, April 5 to 11, 1998, held in Edmonton.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 37 Health Statutes Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Jonson

A debate followed.

During debate, Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, tabled the following:

Letter dated September 4, 1997, from Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health, to Dr. L.R. Ohlhauser, Registrar, College of Physicians and Surgeons, regarding the Health Resource Group (HRG) facility and accreditation

Sessional Paper 521/98

Letter dated September 26, 1997, from Jack Davis, Deputy Minister, Department of Health, to Dr. L.R. Ohlhauser, Registrar, College of Physicians and Surgeons, regarding the designation of health facilities as "approved hospitals" as related to the Health Resource Group (HRG) facility

Sessional Paper 522/98

Fact sheet dated March 17, 1997, regarding Health Resource Group Incorporated (HRG), prepared by the Health Policy Division, Department of Health

Sessional Paper 523/98

Resolutions of the Council of the CPSA (College of Physicians and Surgeons), and in particular the resolution regarding the provision of services involving overnight stays, to presently be interpreted as "hospital services" under the Hospitals Act

Sessional Paper 524/98

Letter dated June 26, 1997, from B.D. Ward, Assistant Registrar, College of Physicians and Surgeons, to Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, regarding the Health Resource Group (HRG) facility and accreditation

Sessional Paper 525/98

Debate continued.

The question being put, with Hon. Mr. Kowalski in the Chair, the motion was agreed to. The names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 41

Black Haley Boutilier Hancock Broda Herard Cao Jacques Cardinal Johnson Jonson Clegg Klapstein Coutts Kryczka Day Ducharme Laing **Evans** Langevin Fischer Lougheed Forsyth Magnus Friedel Mar Fritz Marz

McFarland
Melchin
Oberg
Paszkowski
Renner
Severtson
Shariff
Smith
Stevens
Tannas
Thurber
Woloshyn
Yankowsky

Against the motion: 12

BarrettGibbonsPannuBonnerMacDonaldSapersCarlsonMasseyWhiteDicksonOlsenZwozdesky

The following Bill was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 37 Health Statutes Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Jonson

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

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

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:12 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

MONDAY, APRIL 6, 1998 — 8:00 P.M.

Private Bills/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 Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

The following Bills were reported:

- Bill 23 Railway Act Mr. Boutilier
- Bill 28 Drainage Districts Act Mr. McFarland
- Bill 33 Environmental Protection and Enhancement Amendment Act, 1998 Hon. Mr. Lund
- Bill 36 Credit Union Amendment Act, 1998 Mr. Renner
- Bill Pr1 Tanya Marie Bryant Adoption Termination Act Mr. Cao
- Bill Pr4 Millennium Insurance Corporation Act Mrs. Tarchuk

The following Bills were reported with some amendments:

- Bill 24 Medical Profession Amendment Act, 1998 Hon. Mr. Jonson
- Bill Pr2 Innovative Insurance Corporation Amendment Act, 1998 Mr. Klapstein

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

- Bill 27 Electric Utilities Amendment Act, 1998 Hon. Dr. West
 - 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 Pr2 (Hon. Member for Leduc) — Agreed to Sessional Paper 526/98 Amendment to Bill 23 (Introduced by the Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert on March 31, 1998) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 527/98

Amendment to Bill 23 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo on behalf of the Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert) — Defeated Sessional Paper 528/98

Amendment to Bill 24 (Hon. Minister of Health) — Agreed to Sessional Paper 529/98

Amendment to Bill 24 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) — Defeated Sessional Paper 530/98

Amendment to Bill 24 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) — Defeated Sessional Paper 531/98

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mrs. Black, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:15 p.m. until Tuesday, April 7, 1998, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski, Speaker

Title: Monday, April 6, 1998