



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 40

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Second Session

Twenty-Fourth Legislature

Tuesday, April 7, 1998

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

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, presented a petition from 1,593 Albertans requesting an election of the Board members of the Regional Health Authorities during the 1998 municipal elections.

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, presented a petition from 125 Cold Lake and area residents requesting a review of the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act, section 33(9), which prevents public disclosure of Environmental Protection Orders.

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 8, 1998:

Written Questions: WQ71, WQ72, WQ73, WQ74, WQ75, WQ76,
 WQ77, WQ78, WQ79, WQ80, WQ81, WQ82,
 WQ83.

Motions for Returns: Stand and retain their places.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Environmental Protection, pursuant to the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act, cE-13.3, s32 (2):

Environmental Protection Security Fund, Annual Report April 1, 1996 to March 31, 1997

Sessional Paper 532/98

Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Environmental Protection:

Tire Recycling Management Association of Alberta, Annual Report October 3, 1996 to March 31, 1997

Sessional Paper 533/98

Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development:

Alberta Dairy Control Board, Annual Report 1996-97, for the year ended March 31, 1997

Sessional Paper 534/98

Alberta Dairy Control Board, Annual Report of Production and Sales 1996-97, for the dairy year ended July 31, 1997

Sessional Paper 535/98

Hon. Dr. West, Minister of Energy:

Response to Written Question No. WQ3 asked for by Mr. White on February 11, 1998:

What are the yearly projections for upside interest accruing to the Province of Alberta from the operations of the Lloydminster Bi-provincial Upgrader for the period 1997-2014 as specified under the Upside Interest Agreement of February 7, 1995, between Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Alberta and CIC Industrial Interests Inc.?

Sessional Paper 536/98

Hon. Dr. West, Minister of Energy:

Response to Written Question No. WQ4 asked for by Mr. White on February 11, 1998:

What was the rate of deficient applications for routine facility applications submitted to the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board for the 1996/97 fiscal year and for the period April 1, 1997 - January 27, 1998?

Sessional Paper 537/98

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

4 blank postcards entitled "Private for-profit health care! We want a Royal Commission to examine the privatization of our health care system," to be submitted to Prime Minister Chrétien, Minister Allan Rock, Premier Ralph Klein, Minister Halvar Jonson

Sessional Paper 538/98

Edmonton-Glenora Constituency Report, summary of contacts received to April 7, 1998, regarding the Supreme Court of Canada Vriend decision and inclusion of sexual orientation into Alberta legislation

Sessional Paper 539/98

Letter dated March 24, 1998, from Rabbi Yafah L. bat Joseph, Temple Beth Ora Congregation, to Mr. Mitchell, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, expressing opposition to Bill 26, Institutional Confinement and Sexual Sterilization Compensation Act, 1998, and also the possible use of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms' "notwithstanding clause" to limit human rights based on sexual orientation, with attached letter to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and report dated March 13, 1998, entitled "Notwithstanding - the Golden Calf"

Sessional Paper 540/98

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

9 amendments dated April 7, 1998, regarding Bill 37, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 1998

Sessional Paper 541/98

Letter dated April 6, 1998, from Rev. Dr. George H. Rodgers, Executive Secretary, United Church of Canada, to Mr. Mitchell, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition; Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo; and Members of the Liberal Caucus, expressing support by the Alberta and Northwest Conference of the United Church of Canada for inclusion of protection from discrimination based on sexual orientation in the Individual's Rights Protection Act

Sessional Paper 542/98

Maternal-Newborn Regional Program: Report of the Working Group on Pregnancy Termination, dated July 1996, prepared by the Calgary Regional Health Authority (CRHA) Regional Programs, Maternal-Newborn Design Committee

Sessional Paper 543/98

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

Amendment dated March 25, 1998, regarding Bill 27, Electric Utilities Amendment Act, 1998

Sessional Paper 544/98

The Speaker requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to revert to Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees.

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 a certain Bill under consideration and wishes to report as follows:

The Committee recommends that the following Private Bill proceed with an amendment:

Bill Pr3 Alberta Wheat Pool Amendment Act, 1998 — Mr. McFarland

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

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

Sessional Paper 545/98

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Yankowsky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clairview, made a statement in recognition of Paul Wacko, Edmonton Chamber of Commerce President's Northern Light Award recipient who passed away April 1, 1998, recognizing his contribution to the city of Edmonton through numerous community efforts.

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood, made a statement regarding Canada's constitutional history from 1867 through to the 1982 repatriation, the role of an independent judiciary, and the appropriate use of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms' "notwithstanding clause."

Ms Kryczka, Hon. Member for Calgary-West, made a statement in recognition of Stu Hart, Alberta Sport Hall of Fame member, and his community efforts to promote wrestling and sport.

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. Dickson speaking.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

510. Moved by Mr. Marz (as amended):

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to work in partnership with the Federal Government and the College of Physicians and Surgeons to review federal and provincial *strategies that address unwanted pregnancies and the related issues of teen pregnancies, abortions and the waiting lists for adoptions, and; examine the factors contributing to and means of improving upon the outcomes of these strategies.*

A debate followed.

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

511. Moved by Ms Forsyth:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to strongly encourage the Federal Government to move the drug flunitrazepam (Rohypnol) and its related drug family from Schedule 4 of the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act to Schedule 1 in light of its use as a sedative to render a person unconscious for the purpose of sexual assault; properly educate the general public, targeting high school and post-secondary students, about its effects, and the need to seek medical and police attention if it is believed they were a victim of an assault; provide detailed information about this drug to travellers leaving Canada for destinations where this drug is currently legal; and work cooperatively with other governments to ban the use, distribution, and manufacture of this drug.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(2)(c), debate adjourned, Ms Forsyth speaking.

Private Bills/Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

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

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

Bill Pr4 Millennium Insurance Corporation Act — Mrs. Tarchuk

Second Reading

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

Bill Pr3 Alberta Wheat Pool Amendment Act, 1998 — Mr. McFarland

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

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(1), debate adjourned, Ms Blakeman speaking.

Adjournment

The Assembly adjourned at 5:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 1998 — 8:00 P.M.

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.

Progress was reported on the following Bills:

Bill 2 Conflicts of Interest Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Havelock

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 2 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood) — Debate adjourned

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Amendment to Bill 27 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder) — Debate adjourned

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Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:05 p.m. until Wednesday, April 8, 1998, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Tuesday, April 7, 1998