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Province of Alberta**

No. 41

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Second Session

Twenty-Fourth Legislature

Wednesday, April 8, 1998

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

Reading and Receiving Petitions

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

We, the undersigned, petition the Legislative Assembly of Alberta to urge the Government to prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and commit never to use the “notwithstanding clause,” or any other means, to override the fundamental human rights of Albertans.

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

Your petitioners pray that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to review Section 33, clause (9), of the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act which prevents disclosure to the public, information which relates to Environmental Protection Orders, and amend this section of the said Act to allow full disclosures prior to a public hearing.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development:

Letter dated April 7, 1998, from Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development, to Mr. Bruce Ross, President, Edmonton Ringette Club, offering congratulations on hosting the 1998 National Ringette Championship in Edmonton, April 5 to 11, 1998

Sessional Paper 548/98

Leaders of Tomorrow Awards Program 1997, A Youth Volunteer Recognition Program: Final Report on the Daishowa-Marubeni International Limited, Peace River Pulp Division, High Level Forest Products Limited, Brewster Construction Limited Sponsored Leaders of Tomorrow Awards Program, prepared by Del Harbourne, Director, Wild Rose Foundation, dated February 1998

Sessional Paper 549/98

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Fact sheet entitled "Has seismic activity contaminated Alberta's water supply" prepared by Tony Nichols, Chairman, Alberta Surface Rights Federation (ASRF)

Sessional Paper 550/98

Mr. Mitchell, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Letter dated April 8, 1998, from Bauni M. Mackay, President, Alberta Teachers' Association (ATA), to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to the possible use of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms' "notwithstanding clause" to limit human rights based on sexual orientation or other basis of discrimination

Sessional Paper 551/98

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands:

Letter dated April 8, 1998, from Bauni M. Mackay, President, Alberta Teachers' Association (ATA), to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to the possible use of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms' "notwithstanding clause" to limit human rights based on sexual orientation or other basis of discrimination

Sessional Paper 552/98

Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health, pursuant to the Mental Health Act, cM-13.1, s47:

Mental Health Patient Advocate Office, Eighth Annual Report 1997, for the calendar year ending December 31, 1997

Sessional Paper 553/98

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

Letter dated April 7, 1998, from Mary Ellen Rajotte, Chair, Seniors Community Health Council, to Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health, expressing concern regarding Bill 37, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 1998 and requesting public consultation prior to proceeding

Sessional Paper 554/98

Mr. Mitchell, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

News release dated April 3, 1998, entitled "Sexual Orientation and Discrimination: The Catholic Church's Position," prepared by Archbishop Joseph MacNeil, Catholic Pastoral Centre, and Dr. Paul Flaman, St. Joseph's College, University of Alberta

Sessional Paper 555/98

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

Fact sheet entitled "Physician's Oath — Hippocrates"

Sessional Paper 556/98

Recognitions

Ms Kryczka, Hon. Member for Calgary-West: Andrew Beauchamp, Alberta's Sea Cadet of 1998.

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert: St. Joseph's Parish, 100th anniversary to be celebrated May 2, 1998.

Ms O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert: Lurana Shelter for victims of family violence.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar: Southeast Edmonton Seniors Association (SEESA).

Mrs. Burgener, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie: Carma Developers, 40th anniversary and establishment of the Carma Centre of Excellence in Home Building and Development.

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands: Fourth anniversary of Our Voice, a non-profit newspaper.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Questions were accepted:

WQ71. Moved by Ms Paul:

What is the breakdown of the \$2,044,543 in write-offs under the Export Guarantee Program, by individual borrower, as contained in the 1996/97 Public Accounts, Vol. 2, page 217?

WQ72. Moved by Mr. Zwozdesky on behalf of Ms Carlson:

What was the total budget in the 1995-96 and in the 1996-97 financial years for each of the following programs: Fisheries Habitat Development Program, Fisheries Management Enhancement Program, the Fish Stocking Program, the Wildlife Habitat Development Program, the Wildlife Management Enhancement Program, and the Report-a-Poacher Program?

The following Written Questions were accepted as amended:

WQ73. Moved by Mr. Zwozdesky on behalf of Ms Carlson:

What was the total cost to the Government of operating, respectively, Moonshine Lake, Miquelon Lake and Wyndham-Carsland provincial parks between April 1, 1987 and March 31, 1988, and between April 1, 1997 to date; what was the total revenue brought in through campground and other fees in each year and how much of that revenue was retained by any operators with contracts to maintain the campgrounds or other services?

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

What *were the costs* to the Government of operating, respectively, Moonshine Lake, Miquelon Lake and Wyndham-Carsland provincial parks *in each fiscal year between 1992/93 and 1997/98 inclusive*; what was the total revenue brought in through *camping and related fees in each park in each fiscal year* and how much of that revenue was retained by any operators with contracts to *operate* the campgrounds?

WQ74. Moved by Mr. Zwozdesky:

What is the breakdown of the \$38 million classified as accrued interest receivable, by individual entity, as contained in the 1996/97 Public Accounts, Vol. 2, schedule 5, page 15?

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, moved the motion be amended to read:

What is the breakdown of the \$38 million classified as accrued interest receivable, *by individual Ministry*, as contained in the 1996/97 Public Accounts, Vol. 2, schedule 5, page 15?

WQ75. Moved by Mr. Zwozdesky:

What is the breakdown of the \$48 million estimated liability for guarantees and indemnities and the \$100 million classified as "Other," by individual borrower, under Other Accrued Liabilities, as contained in the 1996/97 Public Accounts, Vol. 2, schedule 12, page 20?

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, moved the motion be amended to read:

What is the breakdown of the \$48 million estimated liability for guarantees and indemnities and the \$100 million classified as "Other," under Other Accrued Liabilities, as contained in the 1996/97 Public Accounts, Vol. 2, schedule 12, page 20?

WQ76. Moved by Mr. Zwozdesky:

What is the breakdown of the \$8 million allowance for doubtful loans and advances by individual borrower, under Other Loans, Advances and Investments, as contained in the 1996/97 Public Accounts, Vol. 2, schedule 7, page 16?

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, moved the motion be amended to read:

What is the breakdown of the \$8 million allowance for doubtful loans and advances under Other Loans, Advances and Investments, as contained in the 1996/97 Public Accounts, Vol. 2, schedule 7, page 16?

WQ77. Moved by Mr. Zwozdesky:

What is the breakdown of the \$55 million provision for guarantees and indemnities and the \$28 million provision for doubtful accounts and loans, by individual entity or borrower, under Valuation Adjustments, as contained in the 1996/97 Public Accounts, Vol. 2, schedule 3, page 14?

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, moved the motion be amended to read:

What is the breakdown of the \$55 million provision for guarantees and indemnities and the \$28 million provision for doubtful accounts and loans under Valuation Adjustments, as contained in the 1996/97 Public Accounts, Vol. 2, schedule 3, page 14?

WQ80. Moved by Mr. Zwozdesky:

What is the breakdown by individual borrower of the \$60 million classified as guarantees and indemnities under the \$77 million estimated liability for guarantees and indemnities, as contained in the 1996/97 Public Accounts, Vol. 1, schedule 14, page 44?

Hon. Mrs. Black, Deputy Government House Leader, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, moved the motion be amended to read:

What is the breakdown of the \$60 million classified as guarantees and indemnities under the \$77 million estimated liability for guarantees and indemnities, as contained in the 1996/97 Public Accounts, Vol. 1, schedule 14, page 44?

WQ81. Moved by Mr. Zwozdesky:

What is the breakdown of the \$8,774,000 in write-offs under N.A. Properties (1994) Ltd., by individual borrower, as contained in the 1996/97 Public Accounts, Vol. 2, page 217?

Hon. Mrs. Black, Deputy Government House Leader, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, moved the motion be amended to read:

What is the \$8,774,000 in write-offs under N.A. Properties (1994) Ltd., as contained in the 1996/97 Public Accounts, Vol. 2, page 217?

The following Written Questions were rejected:

WQ78. Moved by Mr. Zwozdesky:

What is the breakdown by individual borrower of the \$10 million classified as "Other" under the \$101 million provision for losses, doubtful accounts, loans, guarantees and indemnities, as contained in the 1996/97 Public Accounts, Vol. 1, schedule 3, page 36?

WQ79. Moved by Mr. Zwozdesky:

What is the breakdown by individual borrower of the \$7 million classified as "Other" under the \$89 million allowance for doubtful loans, advances, implemented guarantees and indemnities, as contained in the 1996/97 Public Accounts, Vol. 1, schedule 8, page 39?

A debate followed.

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

For the motion: 8

Bonner	Mitchell	Soetaert
Dickson	Paul	Zwozdesky
Gibbons	Sapers	

Against the motion: 42

Black	Herard	O'Neill
Broda	Hierath	Paszkowski
Calahasen	Hlady	Renner
Cardinal	Jacques	Shariff
Clegg	Jonson	Stelmach
Coutts	Klapstein	Stevens
Day	Kryczka	Strang
Doerksen	Laing	Tannas
Ducharme	Langevin	Tarchuk
Fischer	Lougheed	Taylor
Fritz	Lund	Thurber
Gordon	Marz	Trynchy
Graham	McFarland	West
Haley	Melchin	Yankowsky

WQ82. Moved by Mr. Zwozdesky:

What is the breakdown of the \$256.5 million in write-offs under the Alberta Treasury Branches, by individual borrower, as contained in the 1996/97 Public Accounts, Vol. 2, page 218?

WQ83. Moved by Mr. Zwozdesky:

What is the breakdown of the \$1.505 million provision for impairment in value of mortgage assets, by individual mortgage, held by N.A. Properties (1994) Ltd. as of March 31, 1997, as contained in the 1996/97 Public Accounts, Vol. 3, note 10, page 222?

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

WQ92, WQ93.

Motions for Returns

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

Third Reading

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

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

A debate followed.

During debate, Mr. Herard, Hon. Member for Calgary-Egmont, tabled the following:

Letter dated April 8, 1998, from Mary J. Cameron, President and Chief Executive Officer, Workers' Compensation Board, to Mr. Herard, Hon. Member for Calgary-Egmont, detailing the WCB's position and plan of action with respect to Bill 204, Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 1998

Sessional Paper 557/98

Debate continued.

Mr. Klapstein, Hon. Member for Leduc, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all the words after the word "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 204, Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 1998, be not now read a Third time but that it be read a Third time this day six months hence.

Debate continued on the amendment.

The question being put, the amendment was agreed to.

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.

Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 32(2) to reduce the time between division bells from ten to one minute.

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

For the motion: 10

Barrett	Gibbons	Sapers
Blakeman	Mitchell	Soetaert
Bonner	Paul	Zwozdesky
Dickson		

Against the motion: 34

Broda	Klapstein	Paszkowski
Burgener	Kryczka	Renner
Calahasen	Laing	Shariff
Cardinal	Langevin	Stelmach
Clegg	Lougheed	Stevens
Coutts	Lund	Strang
Doerksen	Marz	Tannas
Ducharme	McClellan	Tarchuk
Fritz	McFarland	Thurber
Graham	Melchin	Trynchy
Haley	O'Neill	West
Jonson		

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

Bill 212 Amusements Amendment Act, 1998 — Ms Fritz

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Taylor, Acting Government House Leader, it was agreed at 5:25 p.m. that when the Assembly reconvened at 8:00 p.m. it would be in Committee of the Whole, and the Speaker left the Chair.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 1998 — 8:00 P.M.

Private Bills/Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bills were reported with some amendments:

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

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

Progress was reported on the following Bills:

Bill 25 Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Havelock

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

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 Pr3 (Hon. Member for Little Bow) — Agreed to
Sessional Paper 558/98

Amendment to Bill 25 (Hon. Minister of Justice and Attorney General) —
Debate adjourned
Sessional Paper 559/98

Amendment to Bill 27 (Introduced by the Hon. Member for Edmonton-
Calder on April 7, 1998) — Debate adjourned
Sessional Paper 561/98

Amendment to Bill 34 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning) — Agreed to
to
Sessional Paper 562/98

Mrs. Gordon, Deputy Chairman of Committees, also tabled copies of the document tabled by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, during Committee of the Whole consideration of Bill 25, Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 1998

Explanatory notes and comments regarding proposed House Amendments to Bill 25, Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 1998
Sessional Paper 560/98

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:55 p.m. until Thursday, April 9, 1998, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Wednesday, April 8, 1998