



**Legislative Assembly  
Province of Alberta**

No. 43

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

Second Session

Twenty-Fourth Legislature

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Monday, April 20, 1998

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

**Tabling Returns and Reports**

Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health, pursuant to the Regional Health Authorities Act, cR-9.07, s13(3), and Alberta Regulation 286/94:

Provincial Mental Health Advisory Board, Annual Report 1996-97  
Sessional Paper 588/98

Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Environmental Protection:

Response to Written Question No. WQ1 asked for by Ms Carlson on February 18, 1998:

Between *April 1, 1995* and December 31, 1997, how many *public complaints were received by Pollution Control Division* about potential pollution or odours from intensive livestock operations, how many *investigations* were conducted and what action was taken, including the number of environmental protection orders, and fines, under the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act?

Sessional Paper 589/98

Response to Written Question No. WQ2 asked for by Mr. White on February 18, 1998:

How many *staff, including permanent and wage, were employed by Alberta Environmental Protection, Land and Forest Service*, on January 1, 1993, and what were the comparable figures on January 1, 1998?

Sessional Paper 590/98

Return to Order of the Assembly No. MR7 asked for by Ms Carlson on February 18, 1998:

A copy of any surveys conducted by or for the Government between January 1, 1997 and December 31, 1997, to assess the public's reaction to the environment and government environmental policies, showing the questions asked, the manner in which the survey was conducted and the results.

Sessional Paper 591/98

Hon. Mrs. Black, Minister of Economic Development:

Return to Order of the Assembly No. MR55 asked for by Mr. Gibbons on March 25, 1998:

Copies of all invoices issued to the Government, or its agents, for the purchase of any and all video lottery terminals (VLTs) since January 1, 1992.

Sessional Paper 592/98

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development:

Letter dated April 20, 1998, from Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development, to Mr. Joseph and Mrs. Josephina Crow Shoe offering congratulations on receiving a National Aboriginal Achievement Award

Sessional Paper 593/98

International Association for Volunteer Effort - IAVE'98 World Volunteer Conference Volunteer Rally Program, Monday, April 20, 1998, Legislature Rotunda, with lyrics of official song by Janice Flower entitled "It Makes a Difference"

Sessional Paper 594/98

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

Provincial Accountability Framework for Child and Family Services, dated April 1998, prepared by the Department of Family and Social Services

Sessional Paper 595/98

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert:

Letter dated April 9, 1998, from J.G. Leighton, Central Alberta Grazing Association, to Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, expressing concerns regarding privatization of brand inspections as proposed in Bill 41, Agriculture Statutes (Livestock Identification) Amendment Act, 1998

Sessional Paper 596/98

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

Fax to Tom Arnold from Mr. Harold A Swanson, MD, regarding the Ralph Klein Memorial Hospital dedication, date: Monday, April 20, 1998, time: 11:00 a.m., location: corner of 8th Street and 1st Avenue N.E., the site of the old General Hospital

Sessional Paper 597/98

Petition signed by 15 Edmonton and St. Albert residents expressing opposition to any attempts to limit human rights on the basis of gender, ethnic origin, disability or sexual orientation, and expressing opposition to the creation of an elected judiciary

Sessional Paper 598/98

Letter dated April 7, 1998, from Dr. Brenda Mann, Psychologist, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, 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"

Sessional Paper 599/98

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, Public Health Amendment Act, 1998

Sessional Paper 600/98

Letter dated March 20, 1998, from Josie M. Wilson, M.D., President, Calgary Regional Medical Staff Association, to Members of the Legislative Assembly expressing support for an election of members to the Regional Health Authority Boards

Sessional Paper 601/98

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly:

Memorandum dated April 17, 1998, from Ms Fritz, Hon. Member for Calgary-Cross, to Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, requesting that Bill 212, Amusements Amendment Act, 1998, come up for Committee of the Whole consideration on Wednesday, April 22, 1998, as soon as House business will allow

Sessional Paper 602/98

Mr. Wickman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford:

Letter dated April 5, 1998, from Martha Doxsey to Mr. Wickman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, 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"

Sessional Paper 603/98

## **Ministerial Statements**

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development, made a statement recognizing National Volunteer Week, April 19 to 25, 1998; the Volunteer Spirit Day Rally, April 20, 1998; and the contribution of volunteers to communities.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, commented on the statement.

## **Oral Question Period**

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

Memorandum dated April 2, 1998, from Bruce M. Duffin, Director, Natural Resource Service, Recreation and Protected Areas Division, Alberta Environmental Protection, to Regional Directors and District Managers, Natural Resources Service, regarding interim operation of parks and recreation areas

Sessional Paper 604/98

## **Recognitions**

Mr. Broda, Hon. Member for Redwater: Jack and Gladys McLay, square dancing competitors celebrating their 70th wedding anniversary.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre: 82nd anniversary of the April 19, 1916, passage of the Women's Suffrage Act, and celebrating women elected to the Legislative Assembly of Alberta.

Mr. Boutilier, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray: Syncrude Canada's billionth barrel of tar sands oil production.

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert: Ronald Harvey Elementary School's grade six students completing the DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program April 16, 1998.

Ms Haley, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Rocky View: National Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness Week, April 19 to 25, 1998, and two recipients receiving heart donations.

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie: Millwoods Welcome Centre providing services to newcomers for assistance with settlement.

Ms O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert: St. Albert Saints Hockey Team, 1998 Alberta Junior Hockey League champions.

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

### **Government Bills and Orders**

#### **Second Reading**

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

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

Bill 41 Agriculture Statutes (Livestock Identification) Amendment Act, 1998 —  
Hon. Mr. Stelmach

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

Bill 21 Alberta Health Care Insurance Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Jonson

A debate followed.

Ms Blakeman moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

#### **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Deputy Government House Leader, it was agreed at 5:17 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.

MONDAY, APRIL 20, 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 39 Financial Administration Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Day

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

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

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

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

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 25 (Introduced by the Hon. Minister of Justice and Attorney General on April 8, 1998) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 605/98

Amendment to Bill 39 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Creek) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 608/98

Amendment to Bill 35 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora) — Debate adjourned

Sessional Paper 609/98

Mrs. Gordon, Deputy Chairman of Committees, also tabled copies of the documents 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

Letter dated April 17, 1998, from Peter Freeman, Q.C., Secretary, Law Society of Alberta, to Rod Wacowich, Assistant Deputy Minister, Alberta Justice, in response to request for input regarding Bill 25, Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 1998 and proposed amendments

Sessional Paper 606/98

Letter dated April 9, 1998, from J.A. (Jim) Bancroft, Q.C., President, Canadian Bar Association - Alberta Branch, to Rod Wacowich, Assistant Deputy Minister, Alberta Justice, expressing support for Bill 25, Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 1998 and proposed amendments

Sessional Paper 607/98

## **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mrs. Black, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:30 p.m. until Tuesday, April 21, 1998, at 1:30 p.m.

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Hon. Ken Kowalski,  
Speaker

Title: Monday, April 20, 1998