



**Legislative Assembly  
Province of Alberta**

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**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

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Thursday, April 23, 1998

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

**Presenting Petitions**

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, presented a petition from 1,368 Albertans regarding quality, affordable child care options and expressing opposition regarding the elimination of operating allowances to child care centres.

**Notices of Motions**

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, gave oral notice of his intention to introduce the following Bills:

Bill 44 Tax Statutes Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Day

Bill 46 Securities Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Day

## Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mrs. Black, Minister of Economic Development:

Response to Written Question No. WQ5 asked for by Mr. Gibbons on February 25, 1998:

What is the breakdown of the \$1.7 million provision for loss for the estimated costs of lease obligations in excess of estimated sublease revenues by specific property held by the Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission as of March 31, 1997, as contained in the Public Accounts 1996/97, Vol. 3, notes 13 and 14, pages 191-192?

Sessional Paper 652/98

Response to Written Question No. WQ26 asked for by Ms Paul on March 11, 1998:

What is the breakdown of the \$1.401 million in loan loss write-offs, by individual borrower, held by the Alberta Opportunity Company as of March 31, 1997, as contained in the Public Accounts 1996/97, Vol. 3, note 5, page 87?

Sessional Paper 653/98

Response to Written Question No. WQ35 asked for by Ms Paul on March 11, 1998:

What is the breakdown of the \$14.165 million unimplemented loan authorizations, \$878,000 unimplemented guarantee authorizations, and \$165,000 unimplemented export guarantee authorizations by individual borrower held by the Alberta Opportunity Company as of March 31, 1997, as contained in the 1996/97 Public Accounts, Vol. 3, note 14, page 91?

Sessional Paper 654/98

Response to Written Question No. WQ36 asked for by Ms Paul on March 11, 1998:

What is the breakdown of the \$2.133 million guarantee and \$2.54 million export guarantee portfolio by individual borrower held by the Alberta Opportunity Company as of March 31, 1997, as contained in the 1996/97 Public Accounts, Vol. 3, note 13, page 90?

Sessional Paper 655/98

Response to Written Question No. WQ50 asked for by Ms Paul on March 25, 1998:

*How many accounts make up the \$9.63 million in impaired loans and what was the maximum amount of any impaired loan held by the Alberta Opportunity Company, as of March 31, 1997, as contained in the 1996/97 Public Accounts, Vol. 3, note 4, page 87?*

Sessional Paper 656/98

Response to Written Question No. WQ51 asked for by Ms Paul on March 25, 1998:

*How many accounts make up the \$3.916 million specific allowance for loss on loans receivable and what was the maximum amount of any specific allowance for loss on loans held by the Alberta Opportunity Company, as of March 31, 1997, as contained in the 1996/97 Public Accounts, Vol. 3, note 4, page 87?*

Sessional Paper 657/98

Hon. Mrs. Black, Minister of Economic Development, on behalf of Hon. Dr. West, Minister of Energy:

Response to Written Question No. WQ93 asked for by Dr. Pannu on April 22, 1998:

What is the explanation for the drop in royalties from synthetic crude oil and bitumen from \$512 million in the 1996-97 fiscal year to \$50 million in the 1998-99 fiscal year (Government Estimates 1998-99); how much of this drop off is due to anticipated lower prices and how much is due to the capital write-off provisions of the Transition Agreements and the Generic Royalty terms?

Sessional Paper 658/98

Hon. Mrs. Black, Minister of Economic Development:

Responses to questions raised on March 3, 1998 and March 17, 1998, Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission, 1998-99 Committee of Supply debate

Sessional Paper 659/98

Mr. Renner, Hon. Member for Medicine Hat:

Expense claims relating to allowances, temporary residences, mileage, travel, and committee fees of each Government Member for the year ending March 31, 1997

Sessional Paper 660/98

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

Petition signed by 266 County of Vermilion River No. 24 residents expressing opposition to the issuance of a permit to Paradise Pork Farms to construct a hog barn in the Paradise Valley area

Sessional Paper 661/98

Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health, pursuant to the Regional Health Authorities Act, cR-9.07, s13(3):

WestView Regional Health Authority, Annual Report 1996-97

Sessional Paper 662/98

Mrs. Burgener, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie:

Fax dated April 20, 1998, from C. Winhold for Dennis Jones, AADAC (Alberta Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission) Southern Alberta Addictions Services, to Christina Gynna Oguz, Chair, Demand Reduction Section, United Nations International Drug Control Programme, regarding 14 recommendations entitled "The Vision From Banff" made at the Youth Conference, April 1998, held in Banff

Sessional Paper 663/98

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

VLT (Video Lottery Terminal) Toll: The Klein Government's Systematic Siphoning of Money Out of Local Communities and Economies, dated April 1998, prepared by the VLT Information Project, Alberta Liberal Official Opposition

Sessional Paper 664/98

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

Letter dated April 15, 1998, from Gladys Michaud, President, Society for the Retired and Semi-Retired, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to Bill 37, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 1998, and private for-profit health care

Sessional Paper 665/98

Letter dated March 10, 1998, from Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, to Larry Phillips, President, Alberta Branch, Consumers' Association of Canada, expressing support for formal public hearings regarding the implications of private for-profit health care, with attached background letters

Sessional Paper 666/98

Letter dated April 15, 1998, from M. Meneely to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to Bill 37, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 1998, and private for-profit health care

Sessional Paper 667/98

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Letter dated April 21, 1998, from Mrs. Joan Dobek, excerpt pages 3 and 4, expressing opposition to Bill 37, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 1998, and private for-profit health care

Sessional Paper 668/98

Mr. Sapers, Acting “Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition”:

Letter dated April 22, 1998, from Debbie Hart to Mr. Sapers, Acting “Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition,” expressing opposition to Bill 37, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 1998, and private for-profit health care  
Sessional Paper 669/98

Mr. Tannas, Deputy Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Ombudsman Act, cO-7, s27:

Office of the Ombudsman, 31st Annual Report for the period January 1, 1997 to December 31, 1997  
Sessional Paper 670/98

## **Ministerial Statements**

Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health, made a statement regarding “Talk About It Day,” April 23, 1998, of National Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness Week, April 19 to 25, 1998, and the important role of those involved in organ donations to discuss their personal decisions regarding organ transplantation.

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, commented on the statement.

## **Members' Statements**

Mrs. Burgener, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, made a statement regarding the international youth drug abuse prevention forum held in Banff entitled “Youth Vision Jeunesse,” cosponsored by the United Nations International Drug Control Programme, AADAC (Alberta Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission), and the Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding the National Day of Mourning for Injured Workers, April 28, 1998, and expressing concern regarding the need for government responsibility to ensure safe workplaces.

Mr. Marz, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills, made a statement regarding the Supreme Court ruling in the Delwin Vriend case, and need to support individual rights of freedom of speech, moral values, traditional family values, and Christian principles.

## Projected Government Business

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(5), Dr. Nicol, Official Opposition House Leader, asked a question pertaining to the order of Government Business to be brought before the Assembly for the following week.

Hon. Mr. Havelock, Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government Business for the week of April 27 to April 30, 1998:

Monday, April 27	Aft.	- <b>Government Bills and Orders</b> <b>Second Reading</b> Bills 38, 40 <b>Committee of the Whole</b> Bills 38, 40 And as per Order Paper
	Eve.	- <b>Government Bills and Orders</b> <b>Second Reading</b> Bills 38, 40 <b>Committee of the Whole</b> Bills 38, 40 And as per Order Paper
Tuesday, April 28	(4:30)	- <b>Government Bills and Orders</b> <b>Second Reading</b> Bills 45, 43 <b>Committee of the Whole</b> Bill 43 <b>Third Reading</b> As per Order Paper
	Eve.	- <b>Government Bills and Orders</b> <b>Committee of the Whole</b> Bills 38, 40 <b>Third Reading</b> Bills 38, 40 And as per Order Paper

Wednesday, April 29	Eve.	<p>- <b>Government Bills and Orders</b></p> <p><b>Third Reading</b></p> <p>Bill 43</p> <p><b>Committee of the Whole</b></p> <p>Bills 38, 40</p> <p><b>Third Reading</b></p> <p>Bills 38, 40</p> <p>And as per Order Paper</p>
Thursday, April 30	Aft.	<p>- <b>Government Bills and Orders</b></p> <p><b>Committee of the Whole</b></p> <p>Bills 38, 40</p> <p><b>Third Reading</b></p> <p>Bills 38, 40</p> <p>And as per Order Paper</p>

## ORDERS OF THE DAY

### Government Bills and Orders

#### Second Reading

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

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

A debate followed.

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

#### Third Reading

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

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

**29.** Oral notice having been given Wednesday, April 22, 1998, Hon. Mr. Hancock on behalf of Hon. Mr. Havelock, moved the following motion:

Be it resolved that debate on Third Reading of Bill 27, Electric Utilities Amendment Act, 1998, shall not be further adjourned.

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

For the motion: 35

Amery	Evans	Marz
Black	Fischer	McClellan
Broda	Friedel	Melchin
Burgener	Fritz	O'Neill
Calahasen	Haley	Pham
Cao	Hancock	Shariff
Cardinal	Herard	Stelmach
Clegg	Hlady	Strang
Day	Klapstein	Tarchuk
Doerksen	Langevin	Thurber
Ducharme	Lougheed	Woloshyn
Dunford	Magnus	

Against the motion: 11

Barrett	Pannu	Soetaert
Bonner	Paul	White
MacDonald	Sapers	Zwozdesky
Olsen	Sloan	

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Government Motion 29 and Standing Order 21(2), at 5:32 p.m., the question was immediately put on the motion for Third reading of Bill 27, Electric Utilities Amendment Act, 1998, which was agreed to.

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

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

## **Adjournment**

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(2), the Assembly adjourned at 5:33 p.m. until Monday, April 27, 1998, at 1:30 p.m.

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Hon. Ken Kowalski,  
Speaker

Title: Thursday, April 23, 1998