



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 47

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Second Session

Twenty-Fourth Legislature

Monday, April 27, 1998

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

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Shariff, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, presented a petition from 17 Calgary residents regarding access through the Alberta Health Drug Benefit List to Betaseron, Rebif and Copaxone drug therapies for treatment of multiple sclerosis.

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, presented a petition from 125 Albertans regarding support for the continued provision of an affordable and high quality post-secondary education system.

Reading and Receiving Petitions

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

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to support quality, affordable child care options for all Alberta families, regardless of income. We also petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government to reverse its decision eliminating operating allowances to child care centres and to instead bring forth a funding formula which will enhance quality child care and keep daycare fees affordable for low income and middle income families.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

- Bill 42 Professional Statutes Amendment Act, 1998 — Mr. Magnus
- Bill 43 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Havelock
- Bill 44 Tax Statutes Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Day (Oral notice having been given Thursday, April 23, 1998)
- Bill 45 Health Professions Act — Mr. Renner
- Bill 46 Securities Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Day (Oral notice having been given Thursday, April 23, 1998)

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Government House Leader, the following Bills were placed on the Order Paper under Government Bills and Orders:

- Bill 42 Professional Statutes Amendment Act, 1998 — Mr. Magnus
- Bill 45 Health Professions Act — Mr. Renner

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Education:

Response to Written Question No. WQ19 asked for by Dr. Massey on March 4, 1998:

What are the names of the non-government selection panel members who recommended the former Deputy Minister of Education, Leroy Sloan, for that position, and the amounts of remuneration and expenses paid to each panel member for his or her services in the screening and selection process?

Sessional Paper 671/98

Response to Written Question No. WQ57 asked for by Dr. Massey on April 1, 1998:

What are the assumptions, values, formulae, and calculations used to derive the education reinvestment subtotal for each category listed below as taken from the January 9, 1998, Alberta Education Backgrounder entitled "Agenda for Opportunity: Education Re-investment to 2000/2001": \$93 million - Rate Increases for Basic Instruction; \$171 million - Enrolment Growth; \$86 million - Special Needs; \$22 million - Early Literacy Initiative; \$10 million - Teacher Aide Program; \$5 million - English as a Second Language Enhancement; \$13 million - Student Transportation; \$18 million - Capital Funding; \$12 million - Teachers' Pensions; \$8 million - Equity Funding; and (\$59) million - Adjustments?

Sessional Paper 672/98

Return to Order of the Assembly No. MR60 asked for by Dr. Massey on April 1, 1998:

Copies of all research, documents, and findings prepared by or for the Department of Education regarding gender bias and performance on achievement and/or diploma examinations.

Sessional Paper 673/98

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, pursuant to the Insurance Act, cI-5, s344(2):

Alberta Automobile Insurance Board, Annual Report for the year ending December 31, 1997

Sessional Paper 674/98

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer:

Response to Written Question No. WQ9 asked for by Dr. Pannu on February 25, 1998:

How does the Government explain the fact that the Heritage Trust Fund's Annual Report for 1996-97 indicates an overall rate of return of 8.5% for the Fund's investments when the Public Accounts for the same year (schedule 6, page 37) states the average "effective yield" is 3.63% for securities maturing within a year and 5.52% for securities maturing in 1 to 35 years on the bulk of our financial assets?

Sessional Paper 675/98

Return to Order of the Assembly No. MR66 asked for by Mr. Zwozdesky on April 1, 1998:

Copies of all reports prepared for the Ministers of Finance, including the Provincial Treasurer of Alberta, by the Federal/Provincial Committee on Taxation between January 1, 1993 and January 26, 1998, respecting the tax-on-income proposal.

Sessional Paper 676/98

Return to Order of the Assembly No. MR69 asked for by Mr. Zwozdesky on April 1, 1998:

Invoices for all newspaper, television, and radio advertisements promoting Budget'98 aired or printed on or before February 12, 1998, that were placed by or on behalf of the Government.

Sessional Paper 677/98

Return to Order of the Assembly No. MR70 asked for by Mr. Zwozdesky on April 1, 1998:

Invoices for all newspaper, television, and radio advertisements promoting Budget'98 aired or printed after February 12, 1998, that were placed by or on behalf of the Government.

Sessional Paper 678/98

Response to Written Question No. WQ71 asked for by Ms Paul on April 8, 1998:

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?

Sessional Paper 679/98

Response to Written Question No. WQ74 asked for by Mr. Zwozdesky on April 8, 1998:

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?

Sessional Paper 680/98

Response to Written Question No. WQ75 asked for by Mr. Zwozdesky on April 8, 1998:

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?

Sessional Paper 681/98

Response to Written Question No. WQ76 asked for by Mr. Zwozdesky on April 8, 1998:

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?

Sessional Paper 682/98

Response to Written Question No. WQ77 asked for by Mr. Zwozdesky on April 8, 1998:

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?

Sessional Paper 683/98

Response to Written Question No. WQ80 asked for by Mr. Zwozdesky on April 8, 1998:

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?

Sessional Paper 684/98

Response to Written Question No. WQ81 asked for by Mr. Zwozdesky on April 8, 1998:

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?

Sessional Paper 685/98

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development:

Responses to questions raised on March 12 and 18, 1998, Department of Community Development, 1998-99 Committee of Supply debate

Sessional Paper 686/98

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

Fax dated February 24, 1998, from Ms Sloan, La Perle Elementary School, to Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, regarding response received from Travel Alberta following a request for materials by grade five students

Sessional Paper 687/98

Letter dated April 23, 1998, from Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, to Hon. Mrs. Black, Minister of Economic Development, regarding response received from Travel Alberta following a request for materials by La Perle Elementary School's grade five students

Sessional Paper 688/98

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

Letter dated April 20, 1998, from six members of the Consumer Advisory Board, Vocational Research and Rehabilitation Institute, Calgary, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding the inadequacy of the AISH (Assured Income for the Handicapped) benefit to fund living expenses of recipients and need for an increase in funding

Sessional Paper 689/98

Letter dated April 3, 1998, from M.J. Moynihan regarding the inadequacy of the AISH (Assured Income for the Handicapped) benefit and need for an increase in funding

Sessional Paper 690/98

Letter dated April 30, 1995, from M.J. Moynihan to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding the inadequacy of the AISH (Assured Income for the Handicapped) benefit and need for an increase in funding

Sessional Paper 691/98

Fact sheet regarding the inadequacy of the AISH (Assured Income for the Handicapped) benefit to fund living expenses of recipients relating to monthly cost of living expenses

Sessional Paper 692/98

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

Office of the Farmers' Advocate of Alberta, Annual Report 1997
Sessional Paper 693/98

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

Letter dated April 6, 1998, from Annette Otto to Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, regarding difficulties experienced attempting to place her mother into the Youville Nursing Home in St. Albert
Sessional Paper 694/98

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar:

Petition signed by 34 Albertans requesting Senate elections during the municipal elections in October 1998, to ensure an accountable Senate
Sessional Paper 695/98

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

Brochure entitled "Are you concerned about your child's development: Call us - We're here to listen and help," prepared by Capital Health Early Intervention Programs, Capital Health Authority

Sessional Paper 696/98

12 postcards signed by Edmonton residents entitled "Private for-profit health care! We want a Royal Commission to examine the privatization of our health care system"

Sessional Paper 697/98

Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy request for access to information form, submitted April 27, 1998 by Mr. Sapers, Acting "Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition," requesting access to the recent draft report on gambling addiction in Alberta completed by Wynne Resources Ltd.

Sessional Paper 698/98

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Havelock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, made a statement recognizing the 125th anniversary of Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP), May 23, 1998, and the important role of the police service to Alberta communities.

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood, commented on the statement.

Oral Question Period

During Oral Question Period, Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development, tabled the following:

Memorandum dated August 27, 1997, from Brian Kearns, Executive Director, Program Services, AADAC (Alberta Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission), to Gordon Turtle, Director, Communications, Department of Community Development, regarding Alberta adult gambling prevalence replication study - update

Sessional Paper 699/98

Fact sheet updated December 2, 1997, entitled "Alberta adult gambling and problem gambling replication prevalence study, proposed critical timeline path," prepared by Service Monitoring and Research, AADAC (Alberta Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission)

Sessional Paper 700/98

Recognitions

Ms O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert: Four recipients of the Telus Leaders of Tomorrow Award, hosted by the Volunteer Centre of Edmonton, April 22, 1998.

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert: Appointment of Lois Hole as Chancellor of the University of Alberta.

Mrs. Burgener, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie: Alberta's motion picture industry.

Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Creek: Canadian cadet Robert Hammel, member of the 1998 Cadet Honour Band.

Mrs. Laing, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow: Four recipients of the Telus Leaders of Tomorrow Award, hosted by the Volunteer Centre of Calgary, April 23, 1998.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar: DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program graduation at St. Gabriel Elementary School, April 23, 1998.

Ms Kryczka, Hon. Member for Calgary-West: Shannon Moore, recipient of the Telus Leaders of Tomorrow Award, hosted by the Volunteer Centre of Calgary, April 23, 1998.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Government House Leader, unanimous consent of the Assembly was granted to waive Standing Order 73(1) to allow Second reading consideration of Bill 43, Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 1998.

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

Bill 43 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Havelock

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.

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: 40

Amery	Gordon	McClellan
Black	Hancock	McFarland
Broda	Herard	Melchin
Calahasen	Hierath	Renner
Cardinal	Hlady	Shariff
Clegg	Johnson	Smith
Coutts	Kryczka	Stelmach
Day	Laing	Stevens
Doerksen	Langevin	Strang
Ducharme	Lougheed	Tarchuk
Dunford	Magnus	Thurber
Forsyth	Mar	Woloshyn
Friedel	Marz	Yankowsky
Fritz		

Against the motion: 12

Blakeman	Leibovici	Paul
Carlson	Massey	Sapers
Dickson	Mitchell	Sloan
Gibbons	Olsen	Zwozdesky

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

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

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

Bill 40 Senatorial Selection Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Hancock

A debate followed.

Ms Carlson moved adjournment of the debate, which was defeated.

Debate continued.

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

Adjournment

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

MONDAY, APRIL 27, 1998 — 8:00 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 40 Senatorial Selection Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Hancock

A debate followed.

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: 33

Amery	Haley	McClellan
Boutilier	Hancock	McFarland
Broda	Havelock	Melchin
Calahasen	Herard	Paszkowski
Coutts	Hierath	Renner
Doerksen	Hlady	Shariff
Dunford	Jacques	Smith
Evans	Laing	Stevens
Fischer	Lougheed	Tarchuk
Forsyth	Mar	Woloshyn
Fritz	Marz	Yankowsky

Against the motion: 8

Bonner	Mitchell	Sloan
Carlson	Olsen	Zwozdesky
Dickson	Sapers	

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

Bill 40 Senatorial Selection Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Hancock

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, and pursuant to Standing Order 60, at 12:00 midnight, the Committee of the Whole adjourned to rise and report, and the Acting Speaker assumed the Chair.

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 40 Senatorial Selection Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Hancock

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, and the Acting Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Acting Speaker resumed the Chair.

Progress was reported on the following Bills:

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

Bill 40 Senatorial Selection Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Hancock

Mrs. Gordon, Deputy Chairman of Committees, tabled copies of the amendment considered by the Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 38 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) — Debate adjourned

Sessional Paper 701/98

Third Reading

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 36 Credit Union Amendment Act, 1998 — Mr. Renner

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

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 1:26 a.m. Wednesday, April 28, 1998, until 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Monday, April 27, 1998