



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Second Session

Twenty-Fourth Legislature

Wednesday, November 18, 1998

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

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, presented a petition from 143 Albertans expressing opposition to Bill 37, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 1998.

Reading and Receiving Petitions

On request by Mr. Wickman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta not to pass Bill 37, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 1998.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 48 Election Amendment Act, 1998 — Mr. McFarland

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

Bill 48 Election Amendment Act, 1998 — Mr. McFarland

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Hlady, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View:

Calgary Stampede, Annual Report 1998

Sessional Paper 822/98

Hon. Mr. Havelock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, pursuant to the Legal Profession Act, cL-9.1, s120(2):

Alberta Law Foundation, Twenty-fifth Annual Report 1998 (Fiscal Year Ended March 31st)

Sessional Paper 823/98

Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

500 postcards entitled "Please defeat Bill 219, I am in favour of local bargaining, retaining the right to strike, and retaining principals' right to be represented in collective bargaining"

Sessional Paper 824/98

Hon. Dr. Taylor, Minister Responsible for Science, Research and Information Technology, pursuant to the Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research, cA-26, s7(5):

Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research, Community Report and Financial Highlights for the year ended March 31, 1998, entitled "Spectrum"

Sessional Paper 825/98

Hon. Dr. Taylor, Minister Responsible for Science, Research and Information Technology, pursuant to the Speaker's request of November 17, 1998 to provide a hard (print) copy of Hon. Dr. Taylor's tabling in CD ROM format:

Information and Communications Technology: A Strategy for Alberta, produced by ASRA (Alberta Science and Research Authority)

Sessional Paper 826/98

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development, on behalf of Mrs. Burgener, Chair, Alberta Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission:

Information package entitled "All the Best: Challenges and Choices for the Older Adult" with attached news release dated November 18, 1998, entitled "AADAC (Alberta Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission) offers addiction prevention tool for seniors"

Sessional Paper 827/98

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer:

Fact sheets listing premiums, fees and licences for: Executive Council; Advanced Education and Career Development; Agriculture, Food and Rural Development; Community Development; Economic Development; Education; Energy; Environmental Protection; Family and Social Services; Health; Justice; Labour; Municipal Affairs; Public Works, Supply and Services; Transportation and Utilities; and Treasury

Sessional Paper 828/98

Letter dated November 17, 1998, from Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, to Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, regarding premiums, fees and licenses levied by the Ministry of Treasury

Sessional Paper 829/98

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

Letter dated August 14, 1998, from Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, to Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, requesting the terms of reference provided by Alberta Treasury to CIBC Wood Gundy relating the role of the Alberta Treasury Branches (ATB)

Sessional Paper 830/98

Letter dated October 26, 1998, from Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, to Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, requesting public consultations regarding the role of the Alberta Treasury Branches (ATB)

Sessional Paper 831/98

Letter dated November 5, 1998, from Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, to Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, in response to the requested terms of reference for CIBC Wood Gundy's review of the the role of the Alberta Treasury Branches (ATB)

Sessional Paper 832/98

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

Fax cover sheet dated January 18, 1997, from Warnock Hersey/Inchcape Testing Services, Shake and Shingle Department, to Alberta Building Inspection Departments, Saskatchewan Building Inspection Departments and the BC Dry Climate Areas, regarding Skyline Industries accreditation

Sessional Paper 833/98

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

46 letters from Albertans expressing opposition to Bill 37, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 1998

Sessional Paper 834/98

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

Letter dated April 17, 1998, from Michael Aston, FOIPP Co-ordinator, Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner, to Mr. Lennie Kaplan, Alberta Liberal Caucus, regarding access to records relating to the Ministry of Treasury and the Alberta Treasury Branches

Sessional Paper 835/98

Oral Question Period

During Oral Question Period, Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, tabled the following:

3 newspaper articles entitled “Get out of banking - Libs”; “Treasury Branches a takeover target”; “Province considers plan to privatize ATB (Alberta Treasury Branches)”

Sessional Paper 836/98

10 newspaper articles entitled “Grit sees secret ATB (Alberta Treasury Branches) plan to push privatization”; “Grits predict ATB (Alberta Treasury Branches) privatization”; “Province takes first step towards ATB (Alberta Treasury Branches) privatization”; “Mall owners call ATB (Alberta Treasury Branches) allegations a conspiracy”; “More at stake than a mall”; “Alberta checks options for ATB (Alberta Treasury Branches)”; “West Edmonton Mall deal under scrutiny”; “ATB (Alberta Treasury Branches) finally getting into shape”; “Day may seek public input on future of Treasury Branch”; “Day mulls Treasury Branch privatization”

Sessional Paper 837/98

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

Article entitled “Alberta Premier Ralph Klein the 1998 Recipient of the Canadian Health Care Demolition Award”, presented by the National Federation of Nurses’ Unions and the Canadian Health Coalition

Sessional Paper 838/98

Recognitions

Mr. Marz, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills: Leonard Friesen, Lloyd Lee, and Jack Gore, Agriculture Hall of Fame inductees.

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie: Dr. David Schindler, co-recipient of the Volvo Environment prize.

Mr. Renner, Hon. Member for Medicine Hat: Medicine Hat’s volunteer efforts in hosting the Canada Seniors Games, August 19 to 22, 1998.

Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora: Masako Miyazaki, Director of the University of Alberta Telehealth Technology and Research Institute.

Mrs. Burgener, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie: HMCS Tecumseh and the HMCS Calgary frigate tour.

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands: National Child Day, Friday, November 20, 1998.

Mr. Marz, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills: June Lore, Alberta Order of Excellence inductee.

Point of Order

During debate on a point of order, Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, tabled the following:

Newspaper article entitled "Province battles Ottawa over ban on gas additive" and "Treasury Branches not for sale"

Sessional Paper 839/98

Newspaper article entitled "Province takes first step towards ATB (Alberta Treasury Branches) privatization"

Sessional Paper 840/98

Newspaper article entitled "ATB (Alberta Treasury Branches) changes - not a hint of privatization"

Sessional Paper 841/98

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

WQ97, WQ99, WQ100.

Motions for Returns

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

MR98, MR101, MR102, MR103, MR104, MR105, MR106.

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 216 Citizens' Initiative Act — Mr. Ducharme

A debate followed.

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

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker assumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 215 Highway Traffic Amendment Act, 1998 — Mr. Broda

Mr. Zwozdesky, Acting 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 215 (Hon. Member for Redwater) — Agreed to
Sessional Paper 842/98

Second Reading

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

Bill 217 Alberta Economic Development Authority Amendment Act, 1998 —
Mr. Cardinal

A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., it was agreed at 5:19 p.m. that when the Assembly reconvened at 8:00 p.m. it would be in Committee of the Whole, and the Acting Speaker left the Chair.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1998 — 8:00 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 37 Health Statutes Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Jonson

A debate followed.

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, moved the amendment introduced by the Hon. Minister of Health, November 16, 1998, be amended in clause B by adding:

Section 2(3) is further amended by adding the following after the proposed Section 67.41(2):

(3) No operator of a treatment facility that is the subject of a subsisting or future approval shall provide or permit to be provided at the facility a medical service of an intrusive nature that requires an overnight patient stay at such facility.

A debate followed (on sub-amendment).

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

For the sub-amendment: 12

Barrett	MacBeth	Pannu
Carlson	Massey	Sapers
Dickson	Nicol	Sloan
Leibovici	Olsen	White

Against the sub-amendment: 29

Broda	Jonson	Severtson
Cao	Laing	Smith
Clegg	Langevin	Stelmach
Coutts	Lund	Stevens
Friedel	Magnus	Thurber
Haley	Mar	West
Herard	McFarland	Woloshyn
Hierath	Melchin	Yankowsky
Hlady	Nelson	Zwozdesky
Jacques	O'Neill	

Debate continued (on amendment introduced by the Hon. Minister of Health on November 16, 1998) that the Bill be amended as follows:

A Section 1(2) is amended as to the proposed section 5.01(1)(c) by adding “who is enrolled in the Plan” after “physician”.

B Section 2(3) is amended

(a) by adding the following after proposed section 67.4:

67.41(1) In this section, “health care insurance plan” means a health care insurance plan within the meaning of the Canada Health Act.

(2) No operator of a treatment facility that is the subject of a subsisting approval shall provide or permit to be provided at the facility a medical service described in the regulations under section 67.9 to a person who is eligible to receive the medical service as an insured service under the health care insurance plan of any province.

(b) in proposed section 67.8(1) by adding “, 67.41” after “67.2”.

A debate followed (on amendment).

Mr. McFarland moved adjournment of the debate (on amendment). 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: 29

Amery	Jonson	Severtson
Broda	Laing	Smith
Cao	Langevin	Stelmach
Clegg	Lund	Stevens
Friedel	Mar	Thurber
Haley	McFarland	West
Herard	Melchin	Woloshyn
Hierath	Nelson	Yankowsky
Hlady	O'Neill	Zwozdesky
Jacques	Renner	

Against the motion: 12

Carlson	MacDonald	Pannu
Dickson	Massey	Sapers
Leibovici	Nicol	Sloan
MacBeth	Olsen	White

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Deputy Government House Leader, moved that the Committee rise and report. 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: 29

Amery	Jonson	Severtson
Broda	Laing	Smith
Cao	Langevin	Stelmach
Clegg	Lund	Stevens
Coutts	Mar	Thurber
Friedel	McFarland	West
Haley	Melchin	Woloshyn
Herard	Nelson	Yankowsky
Hlady	O'Neill	Zwozdesky
Jacques	Renner	

Against the motion: 10

Carlson	MacDonald	Olsen
Dickson	Massey	Sapers
Leibovici	Nicol	Sloan
MacBeth		

The Deputy Speaker assumed the Chair.

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 37 Health Statutes Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Jonson

Mrs. Laing, 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.

Sub-amendment to the Amendment to Bill 37 (Amendment introduced by the Hon. Minister of Health) (Sub-amendment introduced by the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands on November 16, 1998) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 843/98

Amendment to Bill 37 (Introduced by the Hon. Minister of Health on November 16, 1998) — Debate adjourned

Sessional Paper 844/98

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:27 p.m. until Thursday, November 19, 1998, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Wednesday, November 18, 1998