



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 53

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Second Session

Twenty-Fourth Legislature

Thursday, November 19, 1998

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

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, presented a petition from 538 Albertans expressing opposition to Bill 37, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 1998.

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, presented a petition from 69 constituents regarding the disadvantaged position of renters in the current Calgary apartment market.

Reading and Receiving Petitions

On request by Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, 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.

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

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to examine and amend the Workers' Compensation Board Act to provide appropriate benefits to those Albertans whose spouses died in work-related accidents, and who subsequently lost their benefits due to remarriage.

On request by Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, 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.

On request by Ms Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, 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.

On request by Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government to consult extensively with Albertans on the ramifications of not properly fixing the CPP, including the option of an Alberta managed, Mandatory Retirement Savings Plan should the Federal Government not commit to properly fixing the CPP well in advance of the next scheduled review in 2001.

On request by Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to examine and amend the Workers' Compensation Board Act to provide appropriate benefits to those Albertans whose spouses died in work-related accidents, and who subsequently lost their benefits due to remarriage.

On request by Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood, 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.

On request by Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, 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.

On request by Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, 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.

On request by Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, 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 Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, 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.

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

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to examine and amend the Workers' Compensation Board Act to provide appropriate benefits to those Albertans whose spouses died in work-related accidents, and who subsequently lost their benefits due to remarriage.

On request by Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, 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.

On request by Ms Paul, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to examine and amend the Workers' Compensation Board Act to provide appropriate benefits to those Albertans whose spouses died in work-related accidents, and who subsequently lost their benefits due to remarriage.

On request by Ms Paul, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, 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.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s10:

Report to Albertans on Building Alberta Together 1997-98: The Annual Report of the Government of Alberta

Sessional Paper 845/98

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52, and the Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s14:

Alberta Treasury, Annual Report for the Fiscal Year Ended March 31, 1998, Including Financial Statements and Supplementary Information

Sessional Paper 821/98

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52; Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s14, and the Northern Alberta Development Council Act, cN-9, s8:

Alberta Executive Council, Annual Report 1997-98, Including the Northern Alberta Development Council, and the Public Affairs Bureau

Sessional Paper 802/98

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Advanced Education and Career Development, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52; Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s14, and the Public Service Act, cP-31, s5(2):

Alberta Advanced Education and Career Development, Annual Report 1997-98, Section 1 Including the Personnel Administration Office

Sessional Paper 803/98

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Advanced Education and Career Development, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52, and the Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s14:

Alberta Advanced Education and Career Development, Annual Report 1997-98, Section 2 Including the Financial Statements of Public Colleges, Technical Institutes, Universities and Associated Entities, Banff Centre for Continuing Education, Alberta Vocational Colleges, and Foundations

Sessional Paper 804/98

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52; Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s14, and the Alberta Agricultural Research Institute Act, cA-13.7, s16(2):

Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, Annual Report 1997-98, Including the Agriculture Financial Services Corporation; Alberta Agricultural Research Institute; Alberta Dairy Control Board; Agriculture, Food and Rural Development Revolving Fund; Crop Reinsurance Fund of Alberta, and the Livestock Patrons' Assurance Fund

Sessional Paper 805/98

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, on behalf of Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52; Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s14; Alberta Foundation for the Arts Act, cA-21.5, s14(2); Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation Act, cA-37.6, s13(3); Alcohol and Drug Abuse Act, cA-38, s12; Historical Resources Act, cH-8, s43; Historical Resources Act, cH-8, s10.7(2), and the Wild Rose Foundation Act, cW-7.8, s7(3):

Alberta Community Development, Annual Report for the Fiscal Year Ended March 31, 1998, Including the Historic Resources Fund; Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Education Fund; Alberta Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission; Alberta Foundation for the Arts; Alberta Historical Resources Foundation; Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation; Government House Foundation, and the Wild Rose Foundation

Sessional Paper 806/98

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, on behalf of Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Economic Development, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52; Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s14, and the Motion Picture Development Act, cM-19.1, s14(2):

Alberta Ministry of Economic Development, Annual Report 1997-98, Including Economic Development and Tourism Revolving Fund; Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission; Lottery Fund; Alberta Opportunity Company, and the Alberta Motion Picture Development Corporation

Sessional Paper 807/98

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Education, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52, and the Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s14:

Alberta Education's 93rd Annual Report and 4th Annual Results Report 1997-98,
Part 1

Sessional Paper 808/98

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, on behalf of Hon. Dr. West, Minister of Energy, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52; Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s14; Oil Sands Technology and Research Authority Act, cO-6, s18(2), and the Petroleum Marketing Act, cP-5, s11(2):

Alberta Ministry of Energy, Annual Report 1997-98, Including the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board; Alberta Oil Sands Technology and Research Authority, and the Alberta Petroleum Marketing Commission

Sessional Paper 809/98

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Environmental Protection, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52; Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s14; Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act, cE-13.3, s32 (2), and the Special Waste Management Corporation Act, cS-21.5, s14(1):

Alberta Ministry of Environmental Protection, Annual Report 1997-98, Including the Environmental Protection Revolving Fund; Environmental Protection and Enhancement Fund; Natural Resources Conservation Board, and the Alberta Special Waste Management Corporation

Sessional Paper 810/98

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, on behalf of Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Family and Social Services, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52, and the Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s14:

Alberta Family and Social Services, Annual Report 1997-98, Including the Persons with Developmental Disabilities Foundation

Sessional Paper 811/98

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52; Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s14; Health Foundations Act, cH-4.5, s13, and the Regional Health Authorities Act, cR-9.07, s13(3):

Alberta Ministry of Health, Annual Report 1997-98, Section 1

Sessional Paper 812/98

Alberta Ministry of Health, Annual Report 1997-98, Section 2 Including the Health Authority Financial Statements and the Health Foundation Financial Statements

Sessional Paper 813/98

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52, and the Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s14:

Alberta Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs, 25th Annual Report to March 31, 1998

Sessional Paper 814/98

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Havelock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52, and the Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s14:

Alberta Justice, Annual Report 1997-98

Sessional Paper 815/98

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Labour, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52; Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s14, and the Workers' Compensation Act, cW-16, s87(3)(4):

Alberta Labour, Annual Report 1997-98, entitled "Quality Service Through Partnerships" Including the Workers' Compensation Board Financial Statements 1997

Sessional Paper 816/98

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, on behalf of Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Municipal Affairs, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52; Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s14; Alberta Housing Act, cA.-30.1, s31, and the Special Areas Act, cS-20, s17(2):

Alberta Municipal Affairs, Annual Report 1997-98, Including the Alberta Social Housing Corporation; Improvement Districts' Trust Account, and the Special Areas Trust Account

Sessional Paper 817/98

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Woloshyn, Minister of Public Works, Supply and Services, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52, and the Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s14:

Alberta Public Works, Supply and Services, Annual Report 1997-98, Including the Office of the Chief Information Officer

Sessional Paper 818/98

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, on behalf of Hon. Dr. Taylor, Minister Responsible for Science, Research and Information Technology, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52; Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s14; Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research Act, cA-26, s22; Alberta Research Council Act, cA-35.1, s23(2), and the Science and Research Authority Act, cS-5.5, s11(2):

Alberta Ministry of Science, Research and Information Technology, Annual Report 1997-98, Including the Alberta Science and Research Authority; Alberta Science and Research Fund; Alberta Research Council, and the Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research

Sessional Paper 819/98

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Paszkowski, Minister of Transportation and Utilities, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52, and the Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s14:

Alberta Transportation and Utilities, Annual Report 1997-98 Including the Transportation Revolving Fund and the Gas Alberta Operating Fund

Sessional Paper 820/98

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, pursuant to the Balanced Budget and Debt Retirement Act, cB-0.5, s10:

Report of the Audit Committee dated June 30, 1998, produced by E. Susan Evans, Audit Committee Chair

Sessional Paper 846/98

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods:

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 847/98

Mr. White, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder:

Voluntary Load Curtailment Program Summary, dated November 18, 1998, produced by the Power Pool of Alberta

Sessional Paper 848/98

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Letter dated November 18, 1997, from Eric Lloyd, Director for the Bragg Creek Environmental Coalition (BCEC), to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding CL Ranches Range Improvement Project/Consensus Driven Planning - Bragg Creek

Sessional Paper 849/98

Letter dated November 9, 1998, from Eric Lloyd, Director for the Bragg Creek Environmental Coalition (BCEC), to Mr. Thurber, Chairman, Agricultural Lease Review Committee (ALRC), regarding the Interim Report of the ALRC/Bragg Creek Environmental Coalition (BCEC) position

Sessional Paper 850/98

Petition signed by over 1,000 Bragg Creek and area residents requesting the cancellation of the CL Ranches Range Improvement (clear cut logging) Project and all other Range Improvement Projects including clear cut logging in the Bragg Creek area

Sessional Paper 851/98

Ms Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

Vulnerable Children in Alberta: Advantaged or Abandoned?, dated September 1998, produced by the Alberta Liberal Opposition

Sessional Paper 852/98

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona:

News release dated November 13, 1998, entitled "Student Groups to Oppose Bill 37" from the University of Calgary Campus New Democrats

Sessional Paper 853/98

News release dated November 17, 1998, entitled "Pre-med Students, Campus Liberals Join Anti-Bill 37 Coalition" from the University of Calgary Campus New Democrats

Sessional Paper 854/98

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Ms Calahasen, Minister without Portfolio Responsible for Children's Services, made a statement regarding National Child Day, Friday, November 20, 1998, and the Alberta Children's Initiative.

During Ministerial Statements, Hon. Ms Calahasen, Minister without Portfolio Responsible for Children's Services, tabled the following:

The Alberta Children's Initiative: An Agenda for Joint Action, Children's Initiative Business Plan produced by the Child and Family Services Secretariat in collaboration with the Ministries of Community Development, Education, Family and Social Services, Health, Justice and the Minister without Portfolio Responsible for Children's Services

Sessional Paper 855/98

Ms Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, commented on the statement.

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development, made a statement regarding Edmonton's successful bid to host the 2001 Track and Field Championships. She offered congratulations to the bid co-chairs, Dr. Bob Stedward and Jack Adrius, and Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, for their efforts.

Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, also offered congratulations to the World Track and Field Championships Bidding Committee.

Members' Statements

Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Creek, made a statement in support for the role and procedure of the seven Standing Policy Committees (SPCs) in the legislative consultation process.

Mr. White, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, made a statement regarding concerns relating to the power generation capacity and power supply availability following deregulation initiatives.

Ms O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement in recognition of the expanded range of services provided by the Sturgeon Community Hospital.

Projected Government Business

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(5), Mr. Sapers, 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 November 23 to November 26, 1998:

Monday, November 23	Aft.	- Government Bills and Orders
		Second Reading
		Bills 48, 42
		Committee of the Whole
		As per Order Paper
	Eve.	- Government Bills and Orders
		Committee of the Whole
		Bill 2
		And as per Order Paper

Tuesday, November 24	(4:30)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Government Bills and Orders Provincial Treasurer: Supplementary Supply Estimates tabled Government Motions Government Motions 35, 36, 37, 38 Second Reading or Committee of the Whole As per Order Paper
	Eve.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Government Bills and Orders Committee of the Whole or Third Reading Bill 2 And as per Order Paper
Wednesday, November 25	Eve.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Government Bills and Orders Committee of Supply General Revenue Fund (Day 1) Committee of the Whole or Third Reading And as per Order Paper
Thursday, November 26	Aft.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Government Bills and Orders Committee of Supply Lottery Fund (Day 1) Revert to Introduction of Bills Bill 49, Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Day Third Reading Committee of the Whole As per Order Paper

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 48 Election Amendment Act, 1998 — Mr. McFarland

A debate followed.

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

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

Bill 42 Professional Statutes Amendment Act, 1998 — Mr. Magnus

A debate followed.

Hon. Mr. Hancock 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 Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Progress was reported on the following Bills:

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

Bill 47 Protection from Second-hand Smoke in Public Buildings Amendment Act, 1998 — Ms Fritz

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.

Amendment to Bill 47 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder) — Debate adjourned
Sessional Paper 856/98

Amendment to Bill 21 (Minister of Health) — Debate adjourned
Sessional Paper 857/98

Second Reading

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

Bill 42 Professional Statutes Amendment Act, 1998 — Mr. Magnus

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:21 p.m. until Monday, November 23, 1998, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Thursday, November 19, 1998