

Legislative Assembly Province of Alberta

No. 54

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Second Session

Twenty-Fourth Legislature

Monday, November 23, 1998

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

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort, presented a petition from 54 Albertans requesting an amendment to the Labour Code regarding payment of overtime for film extras on statutory holidays.

Dr. Nicol, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, presented a petition from 9 Albertans requesting Senate elections during the municipal elections in October 1998, to ensure an accountable Senate.

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, presented a petition from 5 Chamber of Commerce members requesting public consultations regarding the current CPP (Canada Pension Plan) and the discussion of alternatives.

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, presented a petition from 86 Albertans expressing opposition to Bill 37, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 1998.

Reading and Receiving Petitions

On request by Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, 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 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 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.

Notices of Motions

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, gave oral notice of his intention to move the following motion under Standing Order 40:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly condemns the assassination of Tara Singh Hayer and extends its condolences to his family.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health, pursuant to the Registered Dietitians Act, cR-10.1, s6(4):

Alberta Registered Dietitians Association (ARDA), Annual Report 1997-98 Sessional Paper 858/98

Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health, pursuant to the Health Facilities Review Committee Act, cH-4, s16(2):

Alberta Health Facilities Review Committee, Annual Report 1996-97 for the Period April 1, 1996 to March 31, 1997

Sessional Paper 859/98

Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health, pursuant to the Nursing Profession Act, cN-14.5, s11(2):

Alberta Association of Registered Nurses (AARN), Annual Report 1996-97 Sessional Paper 860/98 Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health, pursuant to the Physical Therapy Profession Act, cP-7.5, s9(4):

College of Physical Therapists of Alberta, Annual Report 1997-98 Sessional Paper 861/98

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer:

Standard and Poor's Canadian Focus excerpt article dated November 1998, entitled "Canadian Focus: Provincial Analyses - Alberta (Province of)" affirming the AA+ credit rating issued for the province of Alberta

Sessional Paper 862/98

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development:

Letter dated November 23, 1998, from Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development, to Sig Gutsche and the Calgary Stampeders Football Club offering congratulations on their 1998 Grey Cup victory

Sessional Paper 863/98

Letter dated November 23, 1998, from Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development, to Mr. Dave Hayer, Indo-Canadian Times, offering condolences on behalf of the Government of Alberta on the passing of Tara Singh Hayer

Sessional Paper 864/98

Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Labour, pursuant to the Workers' Compensation Act, cW-16, s87(3)(4):

Workers' Compensation Board of Alberta, Annual Report 1997 Sessional Paper 865/98

Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Labour, pursuant to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, cF-18.5, s81:

Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy, Annual Report 1997-98

Sessional Paper 866/98

Dr. Nicol, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East:

Letter dated June 29, 1990, from Hon. Mr. Johnston, former Provincial Treasurer; Hon. Mr. Klein, former Minister of Environment; Hon. Mr. Fjordbotten, former Minister of Forestry, Lands and Wildlife; and Hon. Mr. Elzinga, former Minister of Economic Development and Trade, to Mr. Stuart Lang, Alberta-Pacific Forest Industries Inc., regarding the Alberta-Pacific Project necessary permits and approvals

Sessional Paper 867/98

Edmonton Journal newspaper article, undated, entitled "Japanese Must Pay: Grit MLA"

Sessional Paper 868/98

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

Letter dated November 20, 1998, from Valerie Nemeth to Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health, expressing opposition to Bill 37, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 1998

Sessional Paper 869/98

Letter dated November 19, 1998, from Mrs. Christine Burdett to Mr. Tannas, Hon. Member for Highwood, expressing opposition to Bill 37, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 1998

Sessional Paper 870/98

Child and Adolescent Services Association (CASA): Advocates for Child and Adolescent Mental Health, Annual Report 1997-98

Sessional Paper 871/98

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

19 letters from parents of Meyokumin School and the Meyokumin School Council expressing disappointment with the current level of public education funding

Sessional Paper 872/98

Letter dated September 11, 1998, from Greg Noval, Alberta Grazing Lease Holders Action Committee Executive Member, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, with attached petition signed by over 250 grazing lease holders expressing opposition to the recommendations of the Thurber Committee's Interim Report on Agricultural Leases in Alberta (Thurber Report on Crown Grazing Leases in Alberta), dated May 1998

Sessional Paper 873/98

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

Letter dated November 10, 1998, from Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Rivard and Mr. and Mrs. Normand Boissonneault, to Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, expressing concern for the position of hog producers Sessional Paper 874/98

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 875/98

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

Construction Alberta News, volume 23, number 92, dated November 16, 1998 Sessional Paper 876/98 Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora:

Letter dated October 16, 1998, from Tom Thackeray, Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner, to Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, regarding complaint investigation file no. 1473, with attached Alberta Information and Privacy Commissioner Investigation Report: Office of the Executive Council, dated October 16, 1998

Sessional Paper 877/98

Oral Question Period

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

Dominion Bond Rating Service (DBRS) Government Overview '98 excerpt page 3 highlighting rating considerations strengths as the political will to maintain fiscal discipline

Sessional Paper 878/98

During Oral Question Period, Hon. Mr. Havelock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, tabled the following:

Letter dated July 20, 1998, from Hon. Mr. Havelock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, to Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood, regarding the departmental plan to address workplace culture, and particularly sexual and personal harassment

Sessional Paper 879/98

Recognitions

Mr. Hlady, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View: Sig Gutsche, players, coaches and staff on the 1998 Calgary Stampeders' Grey Cup Championship victory.

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert: 25 year anniversary of the Royal Canadian Legion Ladies Auxiliary Branch 281.

Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Creek: 2001 World Track and Field Championships, and the efforts of the bid committee.

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie: Cripple Creek logging and the protective efforts of the Friends of the West Country, the Alberta Wilderness Association, and the Western Canada Wilderness Coalition.

Ms Kryczka, Hon. Member for Calgary-West: FINA (Federation Internationale de Natation Amateur) World Cup, November 27-28, 1998, a 1999 Swimming World Cup Championship series event.

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, on behalf of the Alberta Liberal Caucus and as Chairman of the Calgary Liberal Caucus: 1998 Calgary Stampeders' Grey Cup Championship victory.

Mrs. Gordon, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Stettler: Jack Hayden, President, Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties.

Motions Under Standing Order 40

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly for consideration of the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly condemns the assassination of Tara Singh Hayer and extends its condolences to his family.

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 48 Election Amendment Act, 1998 — Mr. McFarland

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)

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Government House Leader, the Committee recessed at $5:12~\rm p.m.$ until $8:00~\rm p.m.$

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 2 Conflicts of Interest Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Havelock

Debate continued (on amendment introduced by the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood on April 7, 1998) that the Bill be amended in section 16 in the proposed section 44.2 by adding:

all party

after:

special

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 amendment: 8

Bonner MacDonald Soetaert
Dickson Massey Wickman

Gibbons Paul

Against the amendment: 32

O'Neill **Boutilier** Friedel Broda Graham Paszkowski Burgener Haley Severtson Calahasen Havelock Strang Herard **Taylor** Cao Jacques Thurber Clegg Trynchy Ducharme Klapstein Dunford Laing West Evans Magnus Woloshyn McClellan Yankowsky Fischer

Forsyth Melchin

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

The following Bill was reported:

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

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

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

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 2 Conflicts of Interest Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Havelock

Mr. Clegg, 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 42 (Hon. Member for Calgary-North Hill) — Agreed to Sessional Paper 880/98

Amendment to Bill 46 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) — Defeated Sessional Paper 882/98

Amendment to Bill 46 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview on behalf of the Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 883/98

Amendment to Bill 2 (Introduced by the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood on April 7, 1998) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 884/98

Amendment to Bill 2 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood) — Debate adjourned

Sessional Paper 885/98

Mr. Clegg, Acting Chairman of Committees, also tabled copies of the document tabled by Mr. Magnus, Hon. Member for Calgary-North Hill, during Committee of the Whole consideration of Bill 42, Professional Statutes Amendment Act, 1998

Letter dated November 21, 1998, from Jake Kuiken, President, Alberta Association of Registered Social Workers, to Mr. Magnus, Hon. Member for Calgary-North Hill, regarding Bill 42, Professional Statutes Amendment Act, 1998, relating to the Social Work Profession Act scope of practice Sessional Paper 881/98

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:59 p.m. until Tuesday, November 24, 1998, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski, Speaker

Title: Monday, November 23, 1998