



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 55

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Second Session

Twenty-Fourth Legislature

Tuesday, November 24, 1998

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

The Speaker offered a prayer and a moment of silence was observed in recognition of the death of former Member, Mr. Robert A. Simpson, Hon. Member for Calgary-North, 1963 to 1971, who passed away recently.

Presenting Petitions

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, presented a petition from 16 Albertans requesting Senate elections during the municipal elections in October 1998, to ensure an accountable Senate.

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, presented a petition from 179 Albertans expressing opposition to Bill 37, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 1998.

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, presented a petition from 49 Albertans expressing opposition to Bill 37, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 1998.

Reading and Receiving Petitions

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 to recognize the disadvantaged position of renters in the current Calgary apartment market, and take steps to ensure that safe, affordable accommodation is available to every Albertan.

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.

Notices of Motions

Pursuant to Standing Order 34(2)(a), Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Deputy Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following Written Question and Motion for Returns to be dealt with Wednesday, November 25, 1998:

Written Questions: WQ97.

Motions for Returns: MR98.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s8(1):

Second Quarter Update: 1998-99 Quarterly Budget Report, release date
November 24, 1998

Sessional Paper 886/98

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, pursuant to the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund Act, cA-27.01, s15(2):

Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund: Second Quarter Investment Report
1998-99, Quarter ended September 30, 1998, dated November 1998

Sessional Paper 887/98

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Economic Development:

Highlights of the Alberta Economy, dated September 1998, produced by Alberta Economic Development

Sessional Paper 888/98

Ms Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

E-mail brief dated November 20, 1998, from William Dascavich and Steve Serna to Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, expressing opposition to Bill 37, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 1998

Sessional Paper 889/98

5 e-mail letters dated November 11 and 12, 1998, expressing concern regarding the proposed City of Edmonton group home by-law requiring the licensing of group homes and the charging of foster parents a fee

Sessional Paper 890/98

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

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 891/98

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

Letter dated November 18, 1998, from Janet Cook, President, Catholic Women's League of Canada, Alberta MacKenzie Council, to Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Municipal Affairs, regarding the Provincial Catholic Women's League Convention held June 1998, in which a motion was passed to encourage all members to eliminate child poverty in Alberta and also to build affordable quality houses

Sessional Paper 892/98

Letter dated February 25, 1998, from Cheryl Trelford, Chair, Ronald Harvey Elementary School Council, to Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, regarding financial support for public education by Government rather than through fund raising efforts

Sessional Paper 893/98

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

Letter dated October 5, 1992, from Bruce H. Allen, Research and Approvals Officer, Safety Standards, Work and Safety Standards Division, Alberta Labour, regarding the certification program for manufacturers of pine shakes highlighting Alberta Labour's agreement to participate in a monitoring program

Sessional Paper 894/98

Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Environmental Protection:

Response to Written Question No. WQ30 asked for by Ms Carlson on March 11, 1998:

What process is in place to audit companies that are conducting field operations to ensure they adhere to all plans, conditions attached to approvals or codes of practice under the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act, how many full-time equivalent staff in the Department of Environmental Protection were engaged in this type of work between January 1, 1992 to December 31, 1992 and January 1, 1997 to December 31, 1997, and how many companies were conducting field operations between January 1, 1992 to December 31, 1992 and January 1, 1997 to December 31, 1997?

Sessional Paper 895/98

Response to Written Question No. WQ31 asked for by Ms Carlson on March 11, 1998:

How many full time staff equivalents in the Department of Environmental Protection were employed throughout Alberta in wildlife and fisheries management on January 1, 1997, how many transferred to work for the Alberta Conservation Association after its creation and how many staff were employed to manage fish and wildlife activities in the Department following completion of this transfer on January 1, 1998?

Sessional Paper 896/98

Response to Written Question No. WQ32 asked for by Ms Carlson on March 11, 1998:

How many landfills in Alberta are operated under an approval and how many operate under the registration process under the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act, and in each category how many unannounced spot checks did Alberta Environmental Protection carry out between September 1, 1996 and December 31, 1997, how many infringements were discovered, what was the nature of each infringement and what penalty was imposed in each case?

Sessional Paper 897/98

Response to Written Question No. WQ37 asked for by Ms Carlson on March 11, 1998:

How many staff were employed by Alberta Environmental Protection on January 1, 1993 for pollution control and what were the comparable figures on January 1, 1998?

Sessional Paper 898/98

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development, made a statement as Minister responsible for human rights, recognizing the 50th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights; the International Human Rights Conference “Universal Rights and Human Values: A Blueprint for Peace, Justice and Freedom” to be held November 26-28, 1998 in Edmonton; and International Human Rights Day, December 10, 1998.

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

Oral Question Period

During Oral Question Period, Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, tabled the following:

Letter dated January 5, 1994, from Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, to Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, in response to a November 26, 1993 letter regarding the continued viability of the West Edmonton Mall
Sessional Paper 899/98

During Oral Question Period, Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, tabled the following:

Article undated, entitled “Child Rights, UNICEF (United Nations Children’s Fund): About the Convention”
Sessional Paper 900/98

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

Letter dated November 24, 1998, from Ms Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, regarding the Ministry of Family and Social Services devolution of Children’s Services to the Regional Authorities, with attached summary entitled “Front-line Staff Provide a Failing Grade to Government” and staff survey responses regarding the involvement of staff in the redesign of Children’s Services
Sessional Paper 901/98

Members' Statements

Mr. Shariff, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, made a statement regarding the U.N. (United Nations) Convention on the Rights of the Child ratified December 11, 1991, by all provinces but Alberta.

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, made a statement regarding the experiences of three constituents involved with the Maintenance Enforcement Program, and the overdue Maintenance Enforcement Review initiative.

Mrs. Gordon, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Stettler, made a statement recognizing the debilitating effects of osteoporosis which causes bone fractures, and spoke to its prevention, early detection, and drug therapies initiatives.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

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

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(2)(b), debate adjourned, Ms Forsyth speaking.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

514. Moved by Dr. Nicol:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to cap elementary class size (kindergarten to grade 7) at 18 students, and to limit the instructional load of secondary English, Mathematics, and Science teachers to 80 students.

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(4), the question being put, with Hon. Mr. Kowalski in the Chair, the motion was defeated. The names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 19

Blakeman	Laing	Pannu
Boutilier	Leibovici	Paul
Calahasen	Massey	Sapers
Carlson	Nicol	Sloan
Dickson	O'Neill	Soetaert
Fritz	Olsen	Tannas
Hancock		

Against the motion: 35

Cardinal	Hierath	Melchin
Clegg	Hlady	Nelson
Day	Jacques	Paszkowski
Doerksen	Johnson	Pham
Ducharme	Klapstein	Renner
Dunford	Kryczka	Severtson
Fischer	Langevin	Strang
Forsyth	Lougheed	Taylor
Friedel	Magnus	Thurber
Graham	Marz	Woloshyn
Haley	McClellan	Yankowsky
Herard	McFarland	

Message from His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, delivered a Message from His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor.

The Speaker read the Message to the Assembly (the Members standing).

The Provincial Treasurer then tabled a copy of the Supplementary Supply Estimates, pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s8(1):

1998-99 Supplementary Estimates: General Revenue Fund (No. 3) and Lottery Fund

Sessional Paper 902/98

Government Motions

35. Moved by Hon. Mr. Day:

Be it resolved that the Message of His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, the 1998-99 Supplementary Supply Estimates for the General Revenue Fund, and all matters connected therewith, be referred to Committee of Supply.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

36. Moved by Hon. Mr. Day:

Be it resolved that the Message of His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, the 1998-99 Supplementary Supply Estimates for the Lottery Fund, and all matters connected therewith, be referred to Committee of Supply.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

37. Moved by Hon. Mr. Day:

Be it resolved that, pursuant to Standing Order 58(6), the number of days that the Committee of Supply will be called to consider the 1998-99 Supplementary Supply Estimates for the General Revenue Fund shall be one day.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

38. Moved by Hon. Mr. Day:

Be it resolved that, pursuant to Standing Order 58(2.1), the number of days that the Committee of Supply will be called to consider the 1998-99 Supplementary Supply Estimates for the Lottery Fund shall be one day.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders

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

Mrs. Laing, 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 44 (Hon. Provincial Treasurer) — Agreed to
Sessional Paper 904/98

Mrs. Laing, Acting Chairman of Committees, also tabled copies of the document tabled by Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, during Committee of the Whole consideration of Bill 44, Tax Statutes Amendment Act, 1998

Fact sheet undated, entitled “1998 Alberta Royalty Tax Credit Review Stakeholder Consultation Update”
Sessional Paper 903/98

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Deputy Government House Leader, it was agreed at 5:17 p.m. that when the Assembly reconvened at 8:00 p.m. it would be in Committee of the Whole, and the Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 1998 — 8:00 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 Calgary-Buffalo, on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood on November 23, 1998) that the Bill be amended by striking out section 2 and adding the following after section 4:

4.1 The following is added after Part 1:

Part 1.1
Principles

1.1 Every Member shall conform to the following principles;

- (a) Members of the Legislative Assembly shall act honestly and uphold the highest standards of ethical conduct as is expected of elected officials in democracies;
- (b) Members of the Legislative Assembly have an obligation to perform their duties of office and arrange their private affairs in a manner that promotes public confidence and trust in the integrity of each Member, that maintains the Assembly's dignity and that justifies the respect in which society holds the Assembly and its Members; and
- (c) Members of the Legislative Assembly, in reconciling their duties of office and their private interests, shall act with integrity and impartiality.

A debate followed (on amendment).

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

For the amendment: 9

Dickson	MacDonald	Paul
Gibbons	Nicol	Sapers
Leibovici	Olsen	Sloan

Against the amendment: 34

Barrett	Hancock	Pham
Broda	Hierath	Renner
Calahasen	Hlady	Smith
Cardinal	Jacques	Stelmach
Clegg	Jonson	Stevens
Coutts	Klapstein	Strang
Day	Kryczka	Tarchuk
Doerksen	Langevin	Taylor
Ducharme	Magnus	Thurber
Dunford	Marz	Woloshyn
Evans	Nelson	Yankowsky
Fritz		

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

The following Bill was reported:

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

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

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

Mrs. Gordon, Deputy 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 2 (Introduced the Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood on November 23, 1998) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 905/98

Amendment to Bill 38 (Introduced by the Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo on April 27, 1998) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 906/98

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

Sessional Paper 907/98

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

Sessional Paper 908/98

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

Sessional Paper 909/98

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

Sessional Paper 910/98

Amendment to Bill 38 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview on behalf of the Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 911/98

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:18 p.m. until Wednesday, November 25, 1998, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Tuesday, November 24, 1998