



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 56

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Second Session

Twenty-Fourth Legislature

Wednesday, November 25, 1998

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

Presenting Petitions

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, presented a petition from 20 Edmonton residents regarding an amendment to the Legislative Assembly Act which would make it mandatory for the Government to hold two sittings of the Legislative Assembly each year.

Ms Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, presented a petition from 20 Edmonton and area residents requesting the maintenance of day care operating allowances at 1997 funding levels until receipt of a comprehensive public review.

Ms Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, presented a petition from 793 Albertans expressing support for legislation requiring and enabling the Regional Authorities responsible for services for children and families to make quality child care accessible and affordable.

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, presented a petition from 123 Calgary and area residents expressing support for the adoption by Alberta of the U.N. (United Nations) Convention of the Rights of the Child.

Reading and Receiving Petitions

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 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 Alberta Legislative Assembly to consult with Albertans on the problems with the current CPP, and to discuss alternatives.

On request by Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, the following petition was read and received:

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Speaker's Statement — Tabling Returns and Reports

The Chair would like to make a brief statement at this point in the proceedings about tablings. As Members may know, the practice of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Alberta is to allow Members great leeway with respect to tabling documents. This practice places an obligation on Members to act responsibly to ensure that the time of the House is not taken up unnecessarily on tablings and that those tablings conform with the practices of the House.

It has come to the Chair's attention that last Wednesday, November 18, 1998, photocopies of 500 postcards on Bill 219 were tabled in the Assembly which would be Sessional Paper 824/98. The next day it appears that photocopies of the same 500 postcards were tabled as Sessional Paper 847/98. The Chair would like to reiterate the comments made by the Deputy Speaker on August 20, 1996 that:

“With respect to duplicate tablings, clearly this cannot be allowed to continue. Members must police themselves and be responsible for their actions.”

The Chair also notes that public documents such as excerpts from Hansard or statutes of Alberta should not be tabled. The consequences of unnecessary tablings were referred to by the Speaker on April 11, 1995 when he said:

“The Chair wishes to avoid a situation where either the volume of tablings or the time spent in the Chamber on tablings becomes such that tablings have to be done through the Clerk’s office, as is the case in some jurisdictions.”

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health, pursuant to the Premier's Council on the Status of Persons with Disabilities Act, cP-14.5, s7(2):

Premier’s Council on the Status of Persons with Disabilities, Annual Report 1997-98, entitled “Renewal, growth, momentum, excellence”
Sessional Paper 912/98

Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Municipal Affairs:

Housing Symposium - Affordable Housing for Albertans: Final Report, dated November 1998, produced by Alberta Municipal Affairs
Sessional Paper 913/98

Mr. Shariff, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall:

100 postcards expressing support for the U.N. (United Nations) Convention of the Rights of the Child
Sessional Paper 914/98

U.N. (United Nations) Convention of the Rights of the Child: Full Text of Articles Adopted by the U.N. General Assembly on November 20, 1989
Sessional Paper 915/98

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

Letter dated February 19, 1993, from Bruce Allen, Research and Approvals Officer, Technical Services, Client Services Division, Alberta Labour, to all manufacturers of pine shakes regarding inspection results of pine shakes and highlighting that on only a few rare occasions has any mill, inspected by ARC (Alberta Research Council), achieved a grade of 7% or less
Sessional Paper 916/98

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

Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Request for Access to Information form dated August 10, 1998, with attached correspondence regarding Triple Five Corporation Ltd. refinancing proposal by Gentra and ATB (Alberta Treasury Branches) referred to in the affidavit of Martin H. Walrath, dated November 6, 1998
Sessional Paper 917/98

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 918/98

Ms Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

Early Intervention: Family Profile Portfolio ... The Future of Our Children, dated November 2, 1998, produced by First Steps Parent Council regarding the Capital Health Early Intervention Program

Sessional Paper 919/98

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

Agency sign-in sheet regarding a group meeting to consider National Child Day 1998, with comments relating to the U.N. (United Nations) Convention of the Rights of the Child

Sessional Paper 920/98

202 postcards expressing support for the U.N. (United Nations) Convention of the Rights of the Child

Sessional Paper 921/98

Recognitions

Ms O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert: Pinnacle Awards presented November 18, 1998, in recognition of entrepreneurial excellence.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre: Candace Jane Dorsey, author and YWCA Women of Distinction Award recipient.

Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Creek: Northern Alberta Aquatic Rescue Society (NAARS).

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands: Alberta Medicare Coalition.

Mr. Coutts, Hon. Member for Livingstone-Macleod: Pacific Northwest Economic Region conference on tourism held in Victoria, November 21-22, 1998.

Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora: Telus Mobility, National Quality Institute Award recipient.

Mrs. Burgener, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie: Mount Royal College Applied Degree Program.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Question was accepted:

WQ97. Moved by Dr. Massey:

Of the 12,000 written submissions, e-mails and records of telephone calls to the Private School Funding Task Force established in 1997, what was the breakdown of the numbers of those who made submissions in favour of increasing funding, those opposed to increasing funding, and those who were neutral on the issue?

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

WQ99, WQ100.

Motions for Returns

The following Motion for Returns was rejected:

MR98. Moved by Dr. Massey:

Copies of the 12,000 written submissions, e-mails and records of telephone calls to the Private School Funding Task Force established in 1997.

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

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

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

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

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

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

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.

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: 21

Blakeman	Forsyth	Massey
Bonner	Friedel	Nicol
Burgener	Havelock	Smith
Carlson	Hierath	Soetaert
Day	Hlady	Taylor
Dickson	Leibovici	White
Ducharme	Marz	Zwozdesky

Against the motion: 32

Amery	Johnson	Nelson
Boutilier	Jonson	Olsen
Broda	Klapstein	Pham
Cardinal	Laing	Renner
Clegg	Langevin	Severtson
Coutts	Lougheed	Shariff
Dunford	Lund	Stevens
Fritz	Magnus	Tannas
Gordon	McClellan	Thurber
Herard	McFarland	Yankowsky
Jacques	Melchin	

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.

The question being put, the motion was defeated.

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

Bill 218 Environmental Bill of Rights — Ms Carlson

Ms Carlson 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 5:10 p.m. that when the Assembly reconvened at 8:00 p.m. it would be in Committee of Supply, and the Acting Speaker left the Chair.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 1998 — 8:00 P.M.

Committee of Supply (Day 1 — Supplementary Supply Estimates)

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker assumed the Chair and Mr. Zwozdesky reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions, reports as follows, and requests leave to sit again:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the 1998-99 Supplementary Supply Estimates, General Revenue Fund, reports as follows and requests leave to sit again:

Resolved that a sum not exceeding the following be granted to Her Majesty for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1999, for the Departments and purposes indicated:

Family and Social Services

\$58,740,000 Operating Expense

Health

\$225,165,000 Operating Expense

Justice

\$4,298,000 Operating Expense

Municipal Affairs

\$13,442,000 Operating Expense

Transportation and Utilities

\$130,000,000 Operating Expense

The question being put, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

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

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

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: 25

Amery	Jonson	Pham
Boutilier	Langevin	Renner
Broda	Lund	Shariff
Burgener	Marz	Smith
Cardinal	McFarland	Stelmach
Coutts	Melchin	Stevens
Fritz	Nelson	Tarchuk
Jacques	Paszkowski	Zwozdesky
Johnson		

Against the motion: 7

Carlson	Nicol	Soetaert
Dickson	Sapers	White
Leibovici		

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

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

Adjournment

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Deputy Government House Leader, moved adjournment of the Assembly. 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: 22

Amery	Jonson	Shariff
Broda	Langevin	Smith
Burgener	Lund	Stelmach
Cardinal	Marz	Stevens
Coutts	McFarland	Tarchuk
Fritz	Nelson	White
Jacques	Renner	Zwozdesky
Johnson		

Against the motion: 9

Boutilier
Carlson
Dickson

Leibovici
Melchin
Nicol

Pham
Sapers
Soetaert

The Assembly adjourned at 12:17 a.m. Thursday, November 26, 1998, until 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Wednesday, November 25, 1998