

Legislative Assembly Province of Alberta

No. 59

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Second Session

Twenty-Fourth Legislature

Tuesday, December 1, 1998

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

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Ducharme, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake, presented a petition from 75 Cold Lake and area residents 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 63 Albertans expressing opposition to Bill 37, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 1998.

Reading and Receiving Petitions

On request by Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, 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 Questions and Motions for Returns to be dealt with Wednesday, December 2, 1998:

Written Questions: Stand and retain their places.

Motions for Returns: Stand and retain their places.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health:

Physician Interest Listing, developed by the Alberta Partnership for Health with the co-operation of the Alberta Medical Association and the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta

Sessional Paper 954/98

Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Advanced Education and Career Development:

Response to Written Question No. WQ33 asked for by Mr. Mitchell on March 18, 1998:

What was the number of public servants employed by the Government within the age ranges of 25 years and under, 26 through 30 years, 31 through 45 years, 46 through 60 years, and over 60 years of age for the calendar years 1981, 1992, and 1997?

Sessional Paper 955/98

Response to Written Question No. WQ40 asked for by Mr. Mitchell on March 18, 1998:

What was the average age of, and number of, managers employed in the Alberta civil service in each of the calender years 1981, 1992, and 1997; and what was the average age of, and number of, executive managers employed in the Alberta civil service in each of the calender years 1981, 1992, and 1997?

Sessional Paper 956/98

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, pursuant to the Provincial Court Judges Act, Provincial Judges and Masters in Chambers Pension Plan Regulation 265/88, s5(1):

Provincial Judges and Masters in Chambers Pension Plan, Annual Report for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1997

Sessional Paper 957/98

Provincial Judges and Masters in Chambers Pension Plan, Annual Report for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1998

Sessional Paper 958/98

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, pursuant to the Members of the Legislative Assembly Pension Plan Act, cM-12.5, s4:

Members of the Legislative Assembly Pension Plan, Annual Report for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1998

Sessional Paper 959/98

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer:

Government Response to the Auditor General's 1997-98 Annual Report Sessional Paper 960/98

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development:

Letter dated December 1, 1998, from Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development, to Ms Patricia Trottier, Chair, Calgary 2010 Olympic Winter Games Bid Team, expressing thanks for the team's efforts in attempting to win the bid

Sessional Paper 961/98

11 letters dated December 1, 1998, from Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development, to winning participants competing at the '98 Speedo FINA (Federation Internationale de Natation Amateur) World Cup of Swimming Sessional Paper 962/98

Information package entitled "Reducing Discrimination and Fostering Equality" produced by the Alberta Human Rights and Citizenship Commission

Sessional Paper 963/98

Information package entitled "Keep the Light on Human Rights, Call 1-800 Amnesty" produced by Amnesty International Group, with attached white candle Sessional Paper 964/98

Information bulletin dated December 1, 1998, entitled "Alberta Marks National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women", with attached declaration dated December 6, 1998, entitled "Iqaluit Declaration of the Federal/Provincial/Territorial Status of Women Ministers on Violence Against Women"

Sessional Paper 965/98

Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Municipal Affairs:

Municipal Payment Schedule for the 1998 Senatorial Nominee Election entitled "Senatorial Selection 1998: Municipal Payment Schedule"

Sessional Paper 966/98

CKUA Radio Foundation: Investigation Pursuant to the Charitable Fund-Raising Act, dated November 20, 1997, prepared by Deloitte & Touche

Sessional Paper 967/98

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

News release dated December 1, 1998, entitled "Teachers Speak Out Against Bill 219: New Democrats Table Comments from Thousands of Postcards", prepared by the New Democrat Opposition

Sessional Paper 968/98

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

5 letters dated October 27, 1998, from Albertans to Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, expressing support for changes to the Alberta Insurance Act and Regulation

Sessional Paper 969/98

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

Hansard, November 30, 1998, excerpt page highlighting Hon. Mr. Mar's, Minister of Education, Oral Question Period response regarding level of government funding to public education, with attached excerpt pages from Alberta Public Accounts 1987-88 and 1988-89 for the Department of Education

Sessional Paper 970/98

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

Letter dated November 3,1998, from Betty Connelly to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing support for the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child Sessional Paper 971/98

Mr. Magnus, Chair, Council on Professions and Occupations, pursuant to the Certified General Accountants Act, cC-3.6, s9(2):

Certified General Accountants Association of Alberta (CGA Alberta), Annual Report 1998, entitled "Leaders in Business"

Sessional Paper 972/98

Mr. Magnus, Chair, Council on Professions and Occupations, pursuant to the Dental Disciplines Act, cD-8.5, s8(4):

Alberta Dental Hygienists' Association (ADHA), Annual Report for the year ending June 1996

Sessional Paper 973/98

Alberta Dental Assistants Association (ADAA), Annual Report June 1997 Sessional Paper 974/98

Mr. Magnus, Chair, Council on Professions and Occupations, pursuant to the Psychology Profession Act, cP-25.01, s7(2):

College of Alberta Psychologists, Annual Report 1996-97

Sessional Paper 975/98

College of Alberta Psychologists, Annual Report 1997-98

Sessional Paper 976/98

Mr. Magnus, Chair, Council on Professions and Occupations, pursuant to the Veterinary Profession Act, cV-3.1, s7(4):

Alberta Veterinary Medical Association, 90th Annual Report entitled "1906 to 1996, A Year of Change"

Sessional Paper 977/98

Mr. Magnus, Chair, Council on Professions and Occupations, pursuant to the Opticians Act, cO-8, s12.1(2):

Alberta Opticians Association, Annual Report 1997

Sessional Paper 978/98

Mr. Magnus, Chair, Council on Professions and Occupations, pursuant to the Forestry Profession Act, cF-15.5, s6(4):

Alberta Registered Professional Foresters Association, Annual Report 1996-97 Sessional Paper 979/98

Alberta Registered Professional Foresters Association, Annual Report 1997-98 Sessional Paper 980/98

Mr. Magnus, Chair, Council on Professions and Occupations, pursuant to the Chartered Accountants Act, cC-5.1, s9(2):

Institute of Chartered Accountants of Alberta (CA), Annual Report 1997, entitled "Where Visions Meet"

Sessional Paper 981/98

Institute of Chartered Accountants of Alberta (CA), Annual Report 1998, entitled "Change Through Vision"

Sessional Paper 982/98

Mr. Magnus, Chair, Council on Professions and Occupations, pursuant to the Certified Management Accountants Act, cC-3.8, s9(2):

Certified Management Accountants of Alberta (CMA), Annual Report 1996-97, entitled "Focus on the Future"

Sessional Paper 983/98

Members' Statements

Ms Kryczka, Hon. Member for Calgary-West, made a statement regarding the selection of Vancouver/Whistler for the 2010 Olympic Games, and recognizing the efforts of the Calgary bid committee chaired by Patricia Trottier.

Ms Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, made a statement expressing support for reforms in other jurisdictions to address the needs of vulnerable children, and as well the need for Government support and policy initiatives in Alberta.

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort, made a statement regarding the Alberta Cancer Board's responsibilities for cancer treatment, research, education and prevention assisted with the establishment of the Alberta Cancer Research Endowment Fund and the Conquering Cancer campaign.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

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

Second Reading

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

Bill 218 Environmental Bill of Rights — Ms Carlson

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(2)(b), debate adjourned, Mr. Amery speaking.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

515. Moved by Ms Paul:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to provide more support for women's shelters, for shelter programs and for spousal violence follow-up teams to ensure that abused women and children are not being turned away from these life-saving services.

A debate followed.

Ms O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert, moved the motion be amended as follows:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to provide appropriate support for victims of family violence, through shelter programs and spousal violence follow-up teams to ensure a range of support services is provided for abused women, children and men.

Debate continued (on amendment).

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(4), the question being put on the amendment, the amendment was agreed to. The question being immediately put on the motion as amended, the motion as amended was agreed to unanimously.

At 4:26 p.m. Mr. Renner, Hon. Member for Medicine Hat, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 8(2) to proceed to consideration of Government Bills and Orders.

Government Bills and Orders

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)

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(3), the Committee recessed at 5:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Progress was reported on the following Bills:

- Bill 2 Conflicts of Interest Amendment Act, 1998 Hon. Mr. Havelock
- Bill 49 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 1998 (No. 3) Hon. Mr. Day

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 49 (Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora) — Debate adjourned Sessional Paper 984/98

Amendment to Bill 2 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) — Defeated Sessional Paper 985/98

Amendment to Bill 2 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood) — Debate adjourned

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Third Reading

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

- Bill 44 Tax Statutes Amendment Act, 1998 Hon. Mr. Day
- Bill 46 Securities Amendment Act, 1998 Hon. Mr. Day
- Bill 47 Protection from Second-hand Smoke in Public Buildings Amendment Act, 1998 Ms Fritz

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

Bill 48 Election Amendment Act, 1998 — Mr. McFarland

A debate followed.

Mr. Renner 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)

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 61(4), at 11:45 p.m. the Chairman interrupted the proceedings and immediately put the question on the amendment to Bill 49, Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 1998 (No. 3), which was defeated.

The Chairman immediately put the question proposing the approval of Bill 49, Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 1998 (No. 3), which was agreed to.

The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 49 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 1998 (No. 3) — Hon. Mr. Day

Mr. Clegg, 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 49 (Introduced by the Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora on December 1, 1998) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 987/98

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:47 p.m. until Wednesday, December 2, 1998, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski, Speaker

Title: Tuesday, December 1, 1998