

Legislative Assembly Province of Alberta

No. 6

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Third Session

Twenty-Fourth Legislature

Wednesday, February 24, 1999

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 109 Albertans requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Ms Paul, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, presented a petition from 112 Albertans requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Notices of Motions

Mr. Dickson, Official Opposition House Leader, gave oral notice of his intention to raise a claim of contempt of the Legislative Assembly and Members thereof, the breach being by Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health, regarding limited access by Members of the Official Opposition to attend the Health Summit to be held in Calgary, February 25-27, 1999.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Upon recommendation of His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, and notice having been given:

Bill 11 Public Sector Pension Plans Amendment Act, 1999 — Hon. Mr. Day

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health, pursuant to the Public Health Act, cP-27.1, s6(2):

Public Health Advisory and Appeal Board, Annual Report 1997-98

Sessional Paper 61/99

Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health, pursuant to the Regional Health Authorities Act, cR-9.07, s13(3), and Alberta Regulation 286/94:

Provincial Mental Health Advisory Board, Annual Report 1997-98

Sessional Paper 62/99

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

Third Quarter Update: 1998-99 Quarterly Budget Report, release date February 24, 1999

Sessional Paper 63/99

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

Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund: Third Quarter Investment Report 1998-99, Quarter Ended December 31, 1998, release date February 24, 1999

Sessional Paper 64/99

Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Family and Social Services:

Clinical Practice Guidelines for the Prevention and Diagnosis of Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (FAS) from Margaret E. Clarke, Chair, FAS Working Group, Alberta Clinical Practice Guidelines Program Steering Committee, to Alberta Physicians and other reviewers, dated February 8, 1999

Sessional Paper 65/99

Fact sheet dated February 23, 1999, entitled "Protection of Children Involved in Prostitution Incident Report, Time Period: February 15, 1999 through February 21, 1999"

Sessional Paper 66/99

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

Competition advertisement for position of Program Manager, Provincial Mental Health Advisory Board Mobile Crisis Team, Competition No. R49901 for program: CRHA (Calgary Regional Health Authority)/PMHAB (Provincial Mental Health Advisory Board) Crisis Intervention Services, with a closing date of February 26, 1999

Sessional Paper 67/99

Competition advertisement for position of Crisis Intervention Therapists, Mobile Crisis Team, PMHAB (Provincial Mental Health Advisory Board), Calgary Region, Competition No. 4027, with a closing date of March 1, 1999

Sessional Paper 68/99

Letter dated February 3, 1999, from Denis Lapointe on behalf of Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, to Paul Rushforth, CEO, Calgary Regional Health Authority, regarding the case of a suicidal fifteen year old seeking medical or psychologist treatment, but delayed nine days before receiving psychiatric services

Sessional Paper 69/99

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry:

Fact sheet dated February 15, 1999, entitled "Update from D.W.A.G. (Disenfranchised Widows Action Group)" from C. Berube, Co-chair, Alberta Chapter, D.W.A.G., regarding Alberta Workers' Compensation Board settlements for widows

Sessional Paper 70/99

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

News release dated February 22, 1999, entitled "Pembina Institute Warns Government and Industry to Respond Quickly to Public Concerns about Health and Environmental Impacts of Oil and Gas Pollution," with attached report dated February 1999, entitled "Beyond Eco-terrorism: The Deeper Issues Affecting Alberta's Oilpatch," produced by the Pembina Institute

Sessional Paper 71/99

Letter dated October 15, 1998, from Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, to Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Environmental Protection, regarding environmental concerns associated with the remedial treatment of untreated pine shake roofs, with attached background documents regarding remedial use of Copper-8-Quinolinolate and PQ-57 on pine roofs

Sessional Paper 72/99

Recognitions

Mr. Boutilier, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray: Passing of former Wood Buffalo Councillor Winnie Sommer.

Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition: Retirement of Archbishop Joseph MacNeil of Edmonton, April 1999.

Ms Kryczka, Hon. Member for Calgary-West: Athletes, coaches, organizers and volunteers involved in the Alberta Special Olympics Winter Games to be held in Calgary, February 26-28, 1999.

Mr. Gibbons, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning: Opening of Northeast Community Health Centre, January 27, 1999, as celebrated in a February 23, 1999 ceremony.

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands: Friends of Medicare Coalition and their consultative commission.

Claim of Contempt — Limited Access to the Health Summit

Pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s10(1) and Beauchesne articles 123, 124 and 125, Mr. Dickson, Official Opposition House Leader, raised a possible claim of contempt of the Legislative Assembly and Members thereof by Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health, regarding the limited access by Members of the Official Opposition to attend the Health Summit held in Calgary, February 25-27, 1999.

The Speaker heard from: Mr. Dickson, Official Opposition House Leader; Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader; and Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, on the procedural process appropriate to this issue.

The Speaker stated that the procedural process normally to be followed would be either through a Standing Order 30, Standing Order 40, or Point of Privilege pursuant to Standing Order 15. The Speaker ruled that the request for leave was not in order.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

WQ1, WQ2, WQ3 WQ4, WQ5, WQ6, WQ7, WQ19, WQ20, WQ21, WQ22, WQ23, WQ24, WQ25, WQ26, WQ27, WQ28, WQ29, WQ30, WQ31, WQ32, WQ33, WQ34, WQ38, WQ42, WQ43, WQ44, WQ45, WQ46, WQ47, WQ48, WQ49, WQ50.

Motions for Returns

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

MR8, MR9, MR10, MR11, MR12, MR13, MR14, MR15, MR16, MR17, MR18, MR35, MR36, MR37, MR39, MR40, MR41, MR51, MR52, MR53, MR54, MR55, MR56, MR57.

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 202 Farming Practices Protection Statutes Amendment Act, 1999 — Mr. Thurber

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

Bill 203 Privatization Accountability Act - Mrs. MacBeth

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(1), debate adjourned, Mr. Sapers speaking.

Adjournment

The Assembly adjourned at 5:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1999 — 8:00 P.M.

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 Deputy 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 (No. 2): General Revenue Fund and Lottery Fund

Sessional Paper 73/99

Government Motions

8. 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 (No. 2) for the General Revenue Fund, and all matters connected therewith, be referred to Committee of Supply.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

9. Moved by Hon. Mr. Day:

Be it resolved that the Assembly resolve itself into Committee of Supply, when called, to consider supply to be granted to Her Majesty.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

10. 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 (No. 2) for the Lottery Fund, and all matters connected therewith, be referred to Committee of Supply.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

11. 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 (No. 2) for the Lottery Fund shall be one day.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

12. 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 (No. 2) for the General Revenue Fund shall be one day.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

13. Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that the Assembly resolve itself into Committee of the Whole, when called, to consider certain Bills on the Order Paper.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.



Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 5 Surveys Amendment Act, 1999 — Mr. Yankowsky

Consideration of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech (Day 4)

Moved by Mrs. Fritz and seconded by Mr. Strang:

That an humble address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor as follows:

To His Honour Mr. H. A. "Bud" Olson, the Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Alberta:

We, Her Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly, now assembled, beg leave to thank Your Honour for the gracious speech Your Honour has been pleased to address to us at the opening of the present session.

A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:46 p.m. until Thursday, February 25, 1999, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski, Speaker

Title: Wednesday, February 24, 1999