

### Legislative Assembly Province of Alberta

No. 7

# **VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

Third Session

Twenty-Fourth Legislature

Thursday, February 25, 1999

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

The Speaker made a statement in recognition of the 83rd anniversary of the February 26, 1916, introduction of Bill 48 by MLA Charles Wilson Cross to amend the Alberta Election Act to confer the franchise on women. The Bill was assented to on April 19, 1916.

#### **Presenting Petitions**

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, presented a petition from 32 Edmonton and area residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

#### Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees

Mr. White, Chairman, Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts, presented the following report:

Report of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts, Twenty-Fourth Legislature, Second Session (Spring and Fall Sittings), January 1998 - December 1998

Sessional Paper 74/99

#### **Introduction of Bills (First Reading)**

Notice having been given:

Bill 12 Domestic Relations Amendment Act, 1999 — Ms Graham

Bill 14 Municipal Government Amendment Act, 1999 — Mr. Klapstein

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the following Bills were placed on the Order Paper under Government Bills and Orders:

Bill 12 Domestic Relations Amendment Act, 1999 — Ms Graham

Bill 14 Municipal Government Amendment Act, 1999 — Mr. Klapstein

#### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Mrs. Laing, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow:

Letter dated December 4, 1998, from Audrey Bridgewater to Mrs. Laing, Chair, Standing Policy Committee on Community Services, regarding previous communication with Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding difficulty in obtaining transcripts from a Family Court trial and court reporting fees levied pursuant to the Alberta Rules of Court

Sessional Paper 75/99

Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health:

Responses to questions raised by Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, Department of Health, 1998-99 Supplementary Estimates debate Sessional Paper 76/99

Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Advanced Education and Career Development, pursuant to the Apprenticeship and Industry Training Act, cA-42.3, s6(2):

Alberta Apprenticeship and Industry Training Board, Annual Report 1997-98 Sessional Paper 77/99

Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Advanced Education and Career Development, pursuant to the Students Finance Act, cS-24, s5(2), and the Alberta Heritage Scholarship Act, cA-27.1, s5(2):

Students Finance Board, Annual Report 1998: Including the Report of the Alberta Heritage Scholarship Fund, covering the period April 1, 1997 to March 31, 1998 Sessional Paper 78/99

Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Labour:

Response sheet entitled "Response to February 18, 1999, questions by Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, during Oral Question Period, taken under notice for Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Labour," regarding promotion of the pine shake industry and Alberta Building Code amendments relating to untreated pine shake roofs

Sessional Paper 79/99

Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Education:

Response sheet entitled "Tabling of Supplementary Information: Question, February 22, 1999, by Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Education," regarding school board recruitment, selection and appointment of superintendents, and the role of the Minister of Education

Sessional Paper 80/99

Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

Letter dated February 23, 1999, from Jordan Cleland, Executive Assistant to the Minister, Alberta Family and Social Services, to Line Porfon, Researcher, Alberta Liberal Caucus, in response to a request for a briefing package on Bill 6, Child Welfare Amendment Act, 1999, with attached newspaper column by Naomi Lakritz entitled "Province struck just the right note on adoptions"

Sessional Paper 81/99

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

Fact sheet dated September 24, 1998, entitled "Pine Shakes: Wood Preservative Treatments," produced by the Environmental Service, Department of Environmental Protection

Sessional Paper 82/99

Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora:

Letter dated February 19, 1999, from Shirley Fry, Alberta Chapter member, Disenfranchised Widows Action Group (D.W.A.G.), to Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, regarding discriminatory treatment of widows who were widowed prior to 1982, and expressing support for amendments to the Workers' Compensation Board (WCB) legislation

Sessional Paper 83/99

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

Fax dated February 23, 1999, from Shirley Armstrong to Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, expressing concern regarding changes to the Statute of Limitations Act to be put into force on March 1, 1999

Sessional Paper 84/99

#### **Members' Statements**

Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement regarding St. Albert's "CityPlan" community consultation initiative dealing with community planning, transportation and land development components.

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, made a statement regarding Marie-Jeanne (M-J) Anctil-Zandbeek's personal experience in attempting to obtain long term care for her grandfather Raoul Bergevin, and the need for health care planning for long term care patient needs.

#### **Projected Government Business**

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(5), Mr. Sapers, Acting Official Opposition House Leader, asked a question pertaining to the order of Government Business to be brought before the Assembly for the following week.

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government Business for the week of March 1 to March 4, 1999:

Monday, March 1 Aft. - Government Bills and Orders Second Reading Bills 7, 9, 10 **Committee of Supply** Supplementary Supply -Lottery Fund (Day 1 of 1) **Revert to Introduction of Bills** Bill 13 Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne And as per Order Paper Eve. - Government Bills and Orders Second Reading Bills 7, 9, 10 Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne

		If necessary to complete:
		Committee of Supply
		Supplementary Supply - Lottery Fund
		<b>Revert to Introduction of Bills</b>
		Bill 13
		And as per Order Paper
Tuesday, March 2	(4:30) _	Government Bills and Orders
		Second Reading
		Bill 13
		Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne
		And as per Order Paper
	Eve	Government Bills and Orders
		Second Reading
		Bills 6, 8, 11, 13, 14, 15
		Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne
		Government Bills and Orders
		Second Reading
		Bill 13
		And as per Order Paper
Wednesday, March 3	Eve	Government Bills and Orders
		Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne
		Government Bills and Orders
		Committee of the Whole
		Bills 13, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
		And as per Order Paper

Thursday, March 4

# Aft. - Government Bills and Orders Second Reading Bills 12 and 15 Third Reading Bill 13 Address in Reply to the Speech

from the Throne

And as per Order Paper

# **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

**Committee of Supply** (Day 1 — Supplementary Supply Estimates)

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

(Assembly in Committee)

Pursuant to Standing Order 58(6), and after some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker assumed the Chair and Mrs. Gordon reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

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

All resolutions relating to the 1998-99 Supplementary Supply (No. 2) Estimates for the General Revenue Fund have been approved:

Mr. Speaker, I wish to table a list of those resolutions voted upon by the Committee of Supply pursuant to Standing Orders

Sessional Paper 85/99

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:

#### Legislative Assembly

\$256,000	Office of the Auditor General Operating Expense
\$40,000	Office of the Chief Electoral Officer
	Capital Investment (transfer from the
	Operating Expense Vote)

#### **Advanced Education and Career Development**

\$27,400,000 Operating Expense

#### **Agriculture, Food and Rural Development**

\$14,100,000 Operating Expense

#### **Community Development**

\$1,800,000 Operating Expense

#### **Family and Social Services**

\$17,600,000	Operating Expense
\$7,300,000	Operating Expense (transfer from the
	Capital Investment Vote)

#### Health

\$18,100,000	Operating Expense
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#### **Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs**

\$830,000	Operating Expense
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#### Justice

\$2,324,000	Operating Expense
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#### **Municipal Affairs**

\$798,000	Capital Investment (transfer from the
	Operating Expense Vote)

#### **Public Works, Supply and Services**

\$6,200,000	Capital Investment
\$800,000	Capital Investment (transfer from the
	Operating Expense Vote)

#### **Transportation and Utilities**

\$12,500,000 Capital Investment

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

# Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:17 p.m. until Monday, March 1, 1999, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski, Speaker

Title: Thursday, February 25, 1999