



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 8

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Third Session

Twenty-Fourth Legislature

Monday, March 1, 1999

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

Reading and Receiving Petitions

On request by Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government to increase support for children in public and separate schools to a level that covers increased costs due to contract settlements, curriculum changes, technology, and aging schools.

On request by Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, the following petition was read and received:

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Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 15 Natural Heritage Act — Hon. Mr. Lund

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development:

Letter dated March 1, 1999, from Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development, to Mrs. Cathy Borst offering congratulations to Team Canada for an outstanding performance at the 1999 Scott Tournament of Hearts

Sessional Paper 86/99

Letter dated March 1, 1999, from Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development, to Ms Renée Handfield offering congratulations to Team Alberta for its participation at the 1999 Scott Tournament of Hearts

Sessional Paper 87/99

Letter dated March 1, 1999, from Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development, to Kenneth Jacob, Vice-President, Edmonton Chapter, National Black Coalition of Canada, offering congratulations on the awards ceremony held on February 27, 1999, with attached seven letters to the award recipients for their achievements and community service

Sessional Paper 88/99

Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Environmental Protection:

Response to Written Question No. WQ72 asked for by Ms Carlson on April 8, 1998:

What was the total budget in the 1995-96 and in the 1996-97 financial years for each of the following programs: Fisheries Habitat Development Program, Fisheries Management Enhancement Program, the Fish Stocking Program, the Wildlife Habitat Development Program, the Wildlife Management Enhancement Program, and the Report-a-Poacher Program?

Sessional Paper 89/99

Response to Written Question No. WQ73 asked for by Ms Carlson on April 8, 1998:

What were the costs to the Government of operating, respectively, Moonshine Lake, Miquelon Lake and Wyndham-Carsland provincial parks in each fiscal year between 1992/93 and 1997/98 inclusive; what was the total revenue brought in through camping and related fees in each park in each fiscal year and how much of that revenue was retained by any operators with contracts to operate the campgrounds?

Sessional Paper 90/99

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

Letter dated February 22, 1999, from Leta Schmaltz, Alberta Chapter member, D.W.A.G. (Disenfranchised Widows Action Group), to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, regarding Alberta Workers' Compensation Board pensions and benefits for widows

Sessional Paper 91/99

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

Letter dated February 26, 1999, from Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Family and Social Services, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, to Mr. Jake Kuiken, President, Alberta Association of Registered Social Workers, in recognition of Social Work Week, March 1-7, 1999

Sessional Paper 92/99

E-mail message dated February 26, 1999, from Sandy Stefanyk to Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Family and Social Services, regarding National Social Workers Week, March 1-7, 1999, and appreciation for services provided by the Ministry

Sessional Paper 93/99

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

Speech entitled "Reconciling the Past and Shaping the Future: Health and Medicare," Keynote Speaker: Thomas W. Noseworthy, presented at the Health Summit '99, Calgary, Alberta, February 25, 1999

Sessional Paper 94/99

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

E-mail message dated February 19, 1999, from Jim Heinbuch to Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health, and Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding the firing of the Lakeland Regional Health Authority Board, the requirement of balanced budgets, and expressing support for the election of future board members to ensure community accountability

Sessional Paper 95/99

Town of Devon Regular Council Meeting Minutes, Monday, February 22, 1999, held in the Administration Building, Devon, Alberta at 7:01 p.m., with attached draft copy of the meeting minutes held Monday, February 8, 1999

Sessional Paper 96/99

Examination of WestView Regional Health Authority, produced by the Auditor General, dated November 25, 1998

Sessional Paper 97/99

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

Petition signed by 105 Albertans requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs

Sessional Paper 98/99

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

34 letters from Hazel Cameron Elementary School students to Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing concern regarding poor building conditions causing safety and air quality issues in Hazel Cameron Elementary School, Vulcan, Alberta

Sessional Paper 99/99

E-mail message dated February 21, 1999, from Stan Shum to Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, expressing concern regarding current insufficient funding levels for public education in Alberta

Sessional Paper 100/99

Letter dated February 4, 1999, from Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Education, to Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, in response to a March 18, 1998 request for data on private school funding, with attached fact sheet dated December 1998, entitled "Estimated Provincial Funding for Private Schools: 1998/1999 School Year"

Sessional Paper 101/99

Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development:

Surface Rights Board and Land Compensation Board, Annual Report 1998

Sessional Paper 102/99

Alberta Dairy Control Board, Annual Report 1997-98

Sessional Paper 103/99

Alberta Dairy Control Board, Annual Report of Production and Sales 1997-98

Sessional Paper 104/99

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

Letter dated February 19, 1999, from Phyllis M.E. La Fleur, to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, with attached submission presented to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health, in response to a request for public input on the future of health care as discussed at the Health Summit '99, February 25-27, 1999

Sessional Paper 105/99

Letter dated March 28, 1995, from Research and Approvals, Technical Services, Client Services Division, Alberta Labour, to SGS Canada Inc. regarding certification program for wood shakes as reviewed in a submission to act as a certification agency for the pine shake industry in Alberta

Sessional Paper 106/99

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Petition signed by 99 Albertans requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs

Sessional Paper 107/99

Mr. White, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder:

Petition signed by 51 Albertans requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs

Sessional Paper 108/99

Recognitions

Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert: DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) public education program graduation of Sir Alexander Mackenzie School grade six students, February 24, 1999.

Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview: 20 women competitors and coaches representing Alberta in women's hockey at the Canadian Winter Games, Corner Brook, Newfoundland, February 20, 1999 to March 6, 1999.

Mr. Tannas, Hon. Member for Highwood: students, teachers, administrators, trustees and parents of Christ the Redeemer School Division, with 1998 Provincial Achievement Tests excellence in grades 3, 6 and 9.

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods: poor building conditions causing safety and air quality concerns at Hazel Cameron Elementary School, Vulcan, Alberta, and the need for a plan for dealing with school building conditions.

Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Creek: Team Alberta competing at the Canadian Winter Games, Corner Brook, Newfoundland, February 20, 1999 to March 6, 1999, and Brandon O'Neill's winning of a bronze medal in men's team artistic gymnastics.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar: Olive Wade's 100th birthday celebration, February 25, 1999, and 1997 Silver Cross Mother by the Vegreville Legion.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

The following Bills were read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 7 Alberta Health Care Insurance Amendment Act, 1999 — Hon. Mr. Jonson

Bill 9 Tobacco Tax Amendment Act, 1999 — Hon. Mr. Day

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

Bill 10 Land Titles Amendment Act, 1999 — Mrs. O'Neill

A debate followed.

Ms Olsen moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Committee of Supply (Day 1 — Lottery Fund Supplementary Supply Estimates)

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the 1998-99 Supplementary Supply (No. 2) Estimates for the Lottery 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 purposes indicated:

2001 World Championships in Athletics

\$1,000,000

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

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Hon. Mr. Havelock, Deputy Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to revert to Introduction of Bills.

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

Bill 13 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 1999 — Hon. Mr. Day

Consideration of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech (Day 6)

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.

Ms Leibovici moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:24 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

MONDAY, MARCH 1, 1999 — 8:00 P.M.

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A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:24 p.m. until Tuesday, March 2, 1999, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Monday, March 1, 1999