



**Legislative Assembly  
Province of Alberta**

No. 9

## **VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

Third Session

Twenty-Fourth Legislature

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Tuesday, March 2, 1999

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

### **Presenting Petitions**

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from 79 Edmonton and area residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, presented a petition from 60 Edmonton and area residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

### **Notices of Motions**

Pursuant to Standing Order 34(2)(a), Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following Written Questions and Motions for Returns to be dealt with Wednesday, March 3, 1999:

Written Questions:       WQ20, WQ21, WQ22, WQ23, WQ30, WQ31,  
  WQ32, WQ33, WQ38.

Motions for Returns:     MR56, MR57.

## Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer:

Alberta's Labour Force and Employment Structure over the Last Quarter Century: Assessing the Changes, Information Bulletin No. 51, produced by Edward J. Chambers, Western Centre for Economic Research, University of Alberta, dated December 1998

Sessional Paper 109/99

Mr. Wickman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford:

The Employment and Employability of Deaf Canadians: A Project Report of the Canadian Association of the Deaf, produced by James Roots and David Kerr, dated 1998, describing 14 recommendations to protect and promote the rights, needs and concerns of deaf Canadians

Sessional Paper 110/99

Bingo Licence List Report dated January 15, 1999, listing associations and organizations benefiting from bingo activities

Sessional Paper 111/99

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

Squaring the Circle: Can Health Care be Affordable?, presentation by Professor Paul Boothe, Institute for Public Economics, University of Alberta

Sessional Paper 112/99

Registered Acupuncturists Position Statement: Health Summit '99, produced by the Acupuncture Society of Alberta, Alberta Traditional Chinese Medical Science and Acupuncture Association, dated February 25, 1999

Sessional Paper 113/99

Health Summit '99: Delegate Recommendations Question 1 "Essential Components," February 25-27, 1999, Calgary, Alberta

Sessional Paper 114/99

Health Summit '99: Delegate Recommendations Question 2 "Changes to Delivery and Management," February 25-27, 1999, Calgary, Alberta

Sessional Paper 115/99

Health Summit '99: Delegate Recommendations Question 3 "Albertans' Responsibilities to Preserve and Protect Their Own Health," February 25-27, 1999, Calgary, Alberta

Sessional Paper 116/99

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood:

Themes and Conclusions from Three Years of Discussions With Alberta Citizens: Background for Health Summit '99, February 25-26, 1999, produced by the Provincial Health Council of Alberta

Sessional Paper 117/99

Perspectives on the Health of Urban Aboriginals: Submission to Health Summit '99 from Region 4 Aboriginal Health Council, produced by the CRHA (Calgary Regional Health Authority), dated February 25, 1999

Sessional Paper 118/99

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

The Burden of Mental Illness in Alberta: An Overview of Research and the Views of Albertans, A Background Paper Commissioned for Health Summit '99, by the Provincial Mental Health Advisory Board, and prepared by Gus Thompson, Ph.D., Departments of Psychiatry and Public Health Sciences, University of Alberta, dated February 1999

Sessional Paper 119/99

Response to the "Blue Ribbon Panel" on Bill 37 (Health Statutes Amendment Act, 1998): Purpose of Canada's Universal Public Health System, prepared by Wendy Armstrong, and produced by the Alberta Consumers Association, Consumers' Association of Canada (Alberta)

Sessional Paper 120/99

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

Future Directions for Alberta's Health System: A Submission to Health Summit '99, produced by the CRHA (Calgary Regional Health Authority)

Sessional Paper 121/99

Presentation of Alberta Public Opinion Polling Results, presented by Michael Heffring, Ph.D., Environics Research Group (Western), dated February 26, 1999

Sessional Paper 122/99

Mr. Gibbons, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning:

News release dated February 23, 1999, entitled "Health Summit should affirm basic principles, define scope of programs and services, says Medical Association. More than 80% of survey respondents say they wait for health services: creates family stress, depression, unable to work," produced by the Alberta Medical Association

Sessional Paper 123/99

Information Package for 1999 Alberta Health Summit, February 25, 26, 27, 1999, produced by the Alberta Chambers of Commerce (ACC)

Sessional Paper 124/99

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

Letter dated February 25, 1999, from Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, to Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, in response to a January 26, 1999 letter requesting information on the status of any potential changes to provincial taxation on income, describing the current review of the Tax Review Committee Report as well as the opportunity to convert to a tax on income system, as part of the 1999-2000 business planning process to be outlined in Budget 2000

Sessional Paper 125/99

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Letter dated February 15, 1999, from Twyla and Glenn Durksen, Ekota Elementary School parents, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding current and future financial issues facing the Edmonton Public School Board to balance budgets in the next fiscal year

Sessional Paper 126/99

Letter dated February 26, 1999, from Peter Sherrington, President, Alberta Wilderness Association, to Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, expressing concern regarding the proposed Natural Heritage Act, with attached fact sheet dated February 26, 1999, entitled "The proposed Natural Heritage Act: legalizing the end of wilderness"

Sessional Paper 127/99

## **Oral Question Period**

During Oral Question Period, Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, tabled three newspaper articles which the Speaker subsequently declared to be out of order.

## **Members' Statements**

Mrs. Tarchuk, Hon. Member for Banff-Cochrane, made a statement recognizing Pharmacy Awareness Week, March 1-7, 1999, and the public awareness campaign by the Alberta Pharmaceutical Association to educate the public regarding nonprescription drug use.

Mr. White, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, made a statement recognizing National Engineering Week, February 27, 1999 to March 6, 1999, and the events sponsored by APEGGA (Association of Professional Engineers, Geologists and Geophysicists of Alberta) to raise public awareness of the role of professional engineers.

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort, made a statement regarding the establishment of the Innovation Fund recommended by the School Facilities Task Force to encourage capital infrastructure, a partnership funding effort by the Ministry of Education, Calgary Board of Education, and Therion Development, a local property developer.

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

### **Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders**

#### **Second Reading**

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

Bill 203 Privatization Accountability Act — Mrs. MacBeth

A debate followed.

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, moved the motion be amended by deleting all the words after the word “that”, and substituting the following:

Bill 203, Privatization Accountability Act, be not now read a Second time, because the Legislative Assembly believes that a thorough cost benefit analysis of all Government privatized and contracted out operations since 1990 is required involving public consultation before proceeding with this Bill.

Debate continued on the amendment.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(2)(b), debate adjourned on the amendment, Ms Olsen speaking.

### **Motions Other Than Government Motions**

**502.** Moved by Mr. Hlady:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to implement a single rate of provincial income tax based on a percentage of total taxable income, rather than a percentage of federal tax.

A debate followed.

Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, moved the motion be amended by striking out:

to implement

and substituting:

to consider the implementation of

and by adding the following after “percentage of federal tax”:

when it is affordable within the context of a balanced budget; it does not result in an unfair distribution of the tax burden on middle income and low income Albertans; and it does not have to be paid for by cuts to public health care and education.

The Deputy Speaker ruled that the amendment was not in order.

Debate continued.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(2)(c), debate adjourned, Hon. Mr. Day speaking.

## **Government Bills and Orders**

### **Second Reading**

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

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

### **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:16 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 1999 — 8:00 P.M.

## **Government Bills and Orders**

### **Second Reading**

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

Bill 15 Natural Heritage Act — Hon. Mr. Lund

A debate followed.

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

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

Bill 6 Child Welfare Amendment Act, 1999 — Mr. Severtson

A debate followed.

Mrs. Sloan moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

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

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

A debate followed.

Mrs. Soetaert moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

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

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

A debate followed.

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

### **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:22 p.m. until Wednesday, March 3, 1999, at 1:30 p.m.

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Hon. Ken Kowalski,  
Speaker

Title: Tuesday, March 2, 1999