



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Third Session

Twenty-Fourth Legislature

Wednesday, March 3, 1999

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

Presenting Petitions

Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, presented a petition from 116 Albertans requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Mr. Gibbons, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, presented a petition from 112 Albertans requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Mr. Wickman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, presented a petition from 107 Albertans requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development:

87 letters dated March 2, 1999, from Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development, to Team Alberta competitors for medal winning performances at the 1999 Canada Winter Games held in Corner Brook, Newfoundland, February 20, 1999 to March 6, 1999

Sessional Paper 128/99

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

Letter dated March 3, 1999, from Mr. Dickson, Official Opposition House Leader, to Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, regarding Standing Order 80 which prohibits the Legislative Assembly from receiving petitions which ask for expenditures

Sessional Paper 129/99

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

Information bulletin dated June 2, 1998, entitled "Basic Precautions Needed to Avoid Hantavirus," with attached backgrounder, produced by Dr. Karen Grimsrud, Deputy Provincial Health Officer, Alberta Health

Sessional Paper 130/99

Occupational Health and Safety bulletin dated October 1994, entitled "Information for Workers: Hantavirus," produced by Workplace Health and Safety, Alberta Labour

Sessional Paper 131/99

Information bulletin dated March 9, 1998, entitled "Exercise Caution to Avoid Hantavirus," with attached backgrounder, produced by Dr. Karen Grimsrud, Deputy Provincial Health Officer, Alberta Health

Sessional Paper 132/99

News release dated September 4, 1998, entitled "First Case of Hantavirus in Southern Alberta Confirmed," with attached backgrounder, produced by Dr. Karen Grimsrud, Deputy Medical Officer of Health, Alberta Health

Sessional Paper 133/99

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

Letter dated March 2, 1999, from Dianne L. Williams to Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, expressing concern regarding the current level of funding allocated to public education

Sessional Paper 134/99

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands:

Executive summary undated entitled "Attitudes Toward Same-Sex Couples, Attitudes Toward the Extension of Benefits to Same-Sex Couples, Attitudes Toward Status of Same-Sex Couples," produced by the Angus Reid Group Inc. and Canada Department of Justice

Sessional Paper 135/99

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

Memorandum dated July 18, 1989, from Linden Holmen, Director, Research and Development Section, Alberta Municipal Affairs, to the Vice President, Property Management, Alberta Mortgage and Housing Corporation, regarding shakes and shingles from Alberta pine as reported in "Shingles and Shakes from Alberta Jack Pine and Aspen: A Feasibility Study, March 31, 1988," report produced by Silvacom Ltd.

Sessional Paper 136/99

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

Letter dated February 17, 1999, from Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, to Dr. Charles H. Harley, President, College of Physicians and Surgeons, expressing concern regarding the Council of the College of Physicians and Surgeons' decision to review standards for long stay non-hospital surgical facilities

Sessional Paper 137/99

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Letter dated February 12, 1999, from Margaret A. Main to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding the proposed Natural Heritage Act

Sessional Paper 138/99

Letter dated February 22, 1999, from Robin White to Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Environmental Protection, expressing concern regarding the proposed Natural Heritage Act

Sessional Paper 139/99

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development, made a statement recognizing 1999 as the International Year of Older Persons as declared by the United Nations with the theme "Towards a Society for All Ages," and community efforts throughout Alberta to promote understanding of seniors' contributions to society.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, on behalf of the Liberal Opposition commented on the statement.

Recognitions

Mr. Tannas, Hon. Member for Highwood: hosting efforts of Mr. Bill Young, staff, students and parents of Highwood High School during the Alberta School Athletic Association Provincial High School Wrestling Championships.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre: volunteers and organizers of the 1999 Labatt Brier held in Edmonton, March 6-14, 1999.

Mr. Doerksen, Hon. Member for Red Deer-South: Team Canada hearing impaired athletes competing in the Winter World Games for the Deaf held in Davos, Switzerland, March 3-15, 1999.

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie: Blaine Iskiw, constituent representing Nova Scotia at the 1999 Labatt Briar held in Edmonton, March 6-14, 1999.

Mr. Yankowsky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clairview: passing away of Father Hamor, February 13, 1999.

Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Creek: Beth Israel Sisterhood presentation of a new Sefer Torah, Judaism document, to the Beth Israel Synagogue congregation.

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands: March 8, 1908 labour demonstration to be recognized on March 6, 1999 in an International Women's Day celebration.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Questions were accepted:

WQ20. Moved by Ms Leibovici:

How many long term care facilities are currently being renovated to add new beds and what is the total number of long term care beds being added to the health care system?

WQ21. Moved by Ms Leibovici:

How many Regional Health Authorities have examinations/audits underway, how many have been completed and what is the total cost to taxpayers?

WQ22. Moved by Ms Leibovici:

How much money has been raised from corporate sponsors to support the "You're Amazing" health promotion project and how much has the Department of Health invested in this project between January 1, 1997 and February 17, 1999?

WQ23. Moved by Ms Leibovici:

What projects are underway which promote alternative approaches to paying physicians through the tripartite process involving Alberta Health, the Alberta Medical Association and Regional Health Authorities?

WQ32. Moved by Mr. White:

Of the money collected under the U.S. lumber countervail agreement since 1995, how much has the Federal Government returned to the Province each year, how was the money utilized by the Province and how much was used specifically for the development of forest product markets outside the United States?

WQ38. Moved by Ms Leibovici:

How much money was provided to needle exchange programs in Calgary, Edmonton, Red Deer and Grande Prairie to prevent HIV infection among non-prescription drug users for the fiscal year 1997-98, and from April 1, 1998 to February 17, 1999?

The following Written Question was accepted as amended:

WQ30. Moved by Mr. White:

How many qualified forest officers were employed by Alberta Environmental Protection on April 1, of each year, from 1992 to 1998?

Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Environmental Protection, moved the motion be amended to read:

How many forest officers, *with the working title or classification of Forest Officer, Forester, Agrologist, and Manager in Land and Forest Service*, were employed by Alberta Environmental Protection on April 1, of each year, from 1992 to 1998?

The following Written Questions were rejected:

WQ31. Moved by Mr. White:

How much money has the Government collected each year between 1995 and 1998 for timber damage assessments on Crown land outside forest management agreement areas that is harvested by non-forest operators such as energy and utility companies, and how have those funds been utilized to offset the land-based impact on the annual allowable cut?

WQ33. Moved by Dr. Nicol:

How many current agricultural leaseholders have pledged the natural resource royalties or revenues on their leased land as security under an agreement with a bank or financial institution and how many of these collateral agreements terminate each year between 1999 and 2020?

Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Environmental Protection, moved the motion be amended to read:

How many current agricultural leaseholders have pledged their leased land as security under an agreement with a bank or financial institution and how many of these *lease* agreements terminate each year between 1999 and 2020?

The amendment was agreed to. Since the information that would be provided under the amended written question was already available, Dr. Nicol urged rejection of the amended written question, which was agreed to.

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

WQ1, WQ2, WQ3, WQ4, WQ5, WQ6, WQ7, WQ19, WQ24, WQ25, WQ26, WQ27, WQ28, WQ29, WQ34, WQ42, WQ43, WQ44, WQ45, WQ46, WQ47, WQ48, WQ49, WQ50, WQ58, WQ59, WQ61, WQ62, WQ63, WQ67, WQ71, WQ72, WQ89, WQ90, WQ119, WQ122, WQ123, WQ124, WQ125, WQ126, WQ127, WQ128, WQ129, WQ130, WQ131.

Motions for Returns

The following Motions for Returns were rejected:

MR56. Moved by Mr. White:

Copies of studies and reports prepared by, or for, the Ministry of Energy, or sent to the Ministry of Energy, for the period December 1, 1998 to February 18, 1999, evaluating the potential aggregate surplus or deficit in the Balancing Pool (BP) from the auctioning of Power Purchase Arrangements (PPAs).

MR57. Moved by Mr. White:

Copies of studies and reports prepared by, or for, the Ministry of Energy, or sent to the Ministry of Energy, for the period January 1, 1998, to February 18, 1999, evaluating the impact of electricity deregulation on the utility bills of various classes of Alberta consumers.

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, MR60, MR64, MR65, MR66, MR68, MR69, MR70, MR73, MR74, MR75, MR76, MR77, MR78, MR79, MR80, MR81, MR82, MR83, MR84, MR85, MR86, MR87, MR88, MR91, MR92, MR93, MR94, MR95, MR96, MR97, MR98, MR99, MR100, MR101, MR102, MR103, MR104, MR105, MR106, MR107, MR108, MR109, MR110, MR111, MR112, MR113, MR114, MR115, MR116, MR117, MR118, MR120, MR121.

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

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, on March 2, 1999, that 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.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

The question being put, with Hon. Mr. Kowalski in the Chair, the motion for Second reading of Bill 203, Privatization Accountability Act, was defeated. The names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 17

Barrett	Leibovici	Pannu
Blakeman	MacBeth	Sapers
Bonner	MacDonald	Soetaert
Carlson	Massey	White
Dickson	Nicol	Wickman
Gibbons	Olsen	

Against the motion: 42

Amery	Haley	O'Neill
Broda	Hancock	Pham
Burgener	Hierath	Renner
Calahasen	Hlady	Severtson
Cao	Jacques	Shariff
Cardinal	Johnson	Stelmach
Coutts	Jonson	Stevens
Day	Klapstein	Strang
Doerksen	Laing	Tannas
Fischer	Lougheed	Taylor
Forsyth	Lund	Trynchy
Friedel	Marz	Woloshyn
Fritz	McClellan	Yankowsky
Graham	Melchin	Zwozdesky

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

Bill 204 Medicare Protection Act — Ms Barrett

A debate followed.

Mr. Stevens, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore, moved the motion be amended by deleting all the words after the word “that”, and substituting the following:

Bill 204, Medicare Protection Act, be not now read a Second time, because the Legislative Assembly believes that the report that is pending from the Health Summit should be reviewed before proceeding with this Bill.

Mr. Stevens moved adjournment of the debate on the amendment, which was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., it was agreed at 5:19 p.m. that when the Assembly reconvened at 8:00 p.m. it would be in Committee of the Whole, and the Speaker left the Chair.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3, 1999 — 8:00 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bills were reported:

- Bill 1 Fiscal Responsibility Act — Hon. Mr. Klein
- Bill 2 Dairy Industry Act — Mr. Klapstein
- Bill 3 Agriculture Financial Services Amendment Act, 1999 — Mr. Severtson
- Bill 5 Surveys Amendment Act, 1999 — Mr. Yankowsky
- Bill 13 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 1999 — Hon. Mr. Day

Mr. Shariff, 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 1 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 140/99

Amendment to Bill 1 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 141/99

Amendment to Bill 1 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 142/99

Amendment to Bill 1 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 143/99

Amendment to Bill 1 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 144/99

Amendment to Bill 2 (Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 145/99

Adjournment

On motion by Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:17 p.m. until Thursday, March 4, 1999, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Wednesday, March 3, 1999