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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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Twenty-Fourth Legislature

Monday, March 8, 1999

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

The Speaker made a statement in recognition of Commonwealth Day, March 8, 1999. To commemorate the occasion the Members received a copy of Her Majesty The Queen's message.

Presenting Petitions

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood, presented a petition from 61 Albertans requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Ms Graham, Chair, Select Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented the following petitions for Private Bills:

of Kenneth J. Burton for the National Bond Insurance Corporation Act;

of Shaw Communications Inc. for the Shaw Communications Inc. Amendment Act, 1999; and

of Howard Goldford and Randy Hauge for the Consumers Insurance Company Act.

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, presented a petition from 142 Albertans requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Notices of Motions

Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, gave oral notice of her intention to move the following motion under Standing Order 40:

Be it resolved that this Assembly ratify the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 16 Maintenance Enforcement Amendment Act, 1999 — Mr. Ducharme

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

Bill 16 Maintenance Enforcement Amendment Act, 1999 — Mr. Ducharme

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier:

Letter dated January 13, 1999, from Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, to the Right Hon. Jean Chrétien, Prime Minister of Canada, expressing support for the objectives and principles contained in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, with attached response dated March 3, 1999, from the Right Hon. Jean Chrétien, Prime Minister of Canada, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding Canada's ratification of the Convention on December 11, 1991

Sessional Paper 154/99

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development:

Letter dated March 8, 1999, from Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development, to Ms Laurie Eisler, Head Coach, University of Alberta Pandas Volleyball Team, offering congratulations on winning their fifth CIAU (Canadian Interuniversity Athletic Union) women's volleyball championship

Sessional Paper 155/99

Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Labour:

Alberta Elevating Devices and Amusement Rides Safety Association (AEDARSA), Annual Report April 1, 1997 to March 31, 1998, and Business Plan 1998-2000, prepared for the Minister of Labour, dated June 30, 1998

Sessional Paper 156/99

Authorized Accredited Agencies, Annual Report April 1, 1996 to March 31, 1997

Sessional Paper 157/99

Pine Shakes Records Released November 2, 1998 and November 16, 1998,
pursuant to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act
Sessional Paper 158/99

Pine Shakes Records Released December 8, 1998 and December 21, 1998,
pursuant to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act
Sessional Paper 159/99

Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health, pursuant to the Dental Profession Act, cD-9.5,
s6(4):

Alberta Dental Association, Annual Report 1997-98
Sessional Paper 160/99

Ms Graham, Chair, Select Standing Committee on Private Bills:

Certificate of Continuance of Alberta Wheat Pool, filed pursuant to section 2 of
the Alberta Wheat Pool Amendment Act, 1998, and section 156 of the
Saskatchewan Co-operatives Act, 1996, as notice certifying that Alberta Wheat
Pool was continued as a co-operative under Saskatchewan's co-operatives
legislation, dated October 30, 1998
Sessional Paper 161/99

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

Letter dated March 5, 1999, from Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, to Mr. Rod Fraser,
President, University of Alberta, expressing dismay regarding a perceived
one-sided and ideologically biased attack by the Parkland Institute
Sessional Paper 162/99

Letter dated March 8, 1999, from Mr. Jim Stanford, Ph.D., Economist, National
Automobile, Aerospace, Transportation and General Workers Union of Canada
(CAW-Canada), to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding an
attack on various social and economic researchers as expressed in a March 5,
1999 letter to Mr. Rod Fraser, President, University of Alberta, which threatens
academic freedom
Sessional Paper 163/99

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands:

Letter dated February 16, 1999, from Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, to Mr. Jake
Kulken, President, Alberta Association of Registered Social Workers, regarding
the Government's position on the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the
Child
Sessional Paper 164/99

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

Fact sheet entitled "Poverty Indicators," based on work done by the Federal/Provincial/Territorial Working Group on Social Development Research and Information, depicting a comparison of poverty measurements in each province

Sessional Paper 165/99

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

Fact sheet entitled "Detailed Tables," produced by the Angus Reid Group, Inc., dated January 1999, regarding public opinion relating to the current spending level on public education

Sessional Paper 166/99

Fact sheet entitled "Rates of Increase in Basic Instruction Grants and Inflation: Public School Systems and Private Schools 1995/96 through 2000/01," dated March 8, 1999

Sessional Paper 167/99

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Letter dated February 10, 1999, from Mr. and Mrs. D. Selvig, parents, to Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, expressing concern for the current and future financial problems facing the Edmonton Public School Board and Ekota Elementary School

Sessional Paper 168/99

Letter undated from Cliff and Alison Playdon, parents, to Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, expressing concern for the current and future financial problems facing public education due to increased costs

Sessional Paper 169/99

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

Progressive Conservative Association Fund Report, excerpt pages highlighting political contributions made by Earl's Restaurants Ltd. during the periods January 1, 1995 to December 31, 1995; January 1, 1996 to December 31, 1996; and February 11, 1997 to May 11, 1997

Sessional Paper 170/99

Letter dated January 21, 1999, from Mrs. Bonny Jackson to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, expressing concern regarding the Provincial Achievement Test cohort reporting system for students in grades three and six

Sessional Paper 171/99

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

The Growing Gap: A Report on Growing Inequality Between the Rich and Poor in Canada, prepared by Armine Yalznizyan, Centre for Social Justice, dated October 1998

Sessional Paper 172/99

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly:

Memoranda dated March 5, 1999, from Mr. McFarland, Hon. Member for Little Bow, to Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, requesting that Private Members' Motion 503 be removed from the Order Paper

Sessional Paper 173/99

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development, made a statement offering congratulations to the Team Alberta athletes competing at the Canada Winter Games, held in Corner Brook, Newfoundland, February 20, 1999 to March 6, 1999, and the hosting efforts by Corner Brook, Newfoundland and Labrador. The role of coaches, volunteers, organizers, parents and Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation involved in amateur sport activities was also recognized.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, also offered congratulations to the Team Alberta competitors participating at the Canada Winter Games.

Oral Question Period

During Oral Question Period, Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Education, tabled the following:

Class Size, Academic Achievement and Public Policy, prepared by Suzanne Ziegler, published in CEA/ACE (Canadian Education Association) Connections, volume 1, number 1, dated November 1997

Sessional Paper 174/99

Recognitions

Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Creek: Nellie McClung Alternative Program students Victoria Baldwin, Lavinia Berndt, Kristina Friesen, Rachelle Huppelschoten, and Kelly Rolfe, recipients of the 1999 Edmonton Science Olympics winners in the truss building competition, and Nicole LaHaie, top prize winner for an International Women's Day poem.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre: International Women's Day, March 8, 1999, with events celebrating achievements by women and efforts to promote women's rights.

Mrs. Laing, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow: International Women's Day, March 8, 1999, as resolved by the United Nations in 1977 and themed in 1999 "Going Strong Celebrating Older Women," to coincide with 1999 as the International Year of Older Persons.

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood: Constable Dennis Montpetit's courageous efforts during a dangerous March 3, 1999 law enforcement incident.

Mr. McFarland, Hon. Member for Little Bow: Team Alberta athletes, families, coaches, and officials participating on behalf of Team Alberta in the Canada Winter Games held in Corner Brook, Newfoundland, February 20, 1999 to March 6, 1999

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert: contribution of coaches in athletic competitions, and in particular the Sturgeon School Division Junior Basketball Tournament, March 6-7, 1999.

Mr. Lougheed, Hon. Member for Clover Bar-Fort Saskatchewan: Jenny Cartmell, Captain and the University of Alberta Pandas Volleyball Team, offering congratulations on winning their fifth national women's volleyball championship, and her receiving the CIAU (Canadian Interuniversity Athletic Union) Mary Lyons Award as Canada's most outstanding player.

Motions Under Standing Order 40

Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly for consideration of the following motion:

Be it resolved that this Assembly ratify the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

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 6 Child Welfare Amendment Act, 1999 — Mr. Severtson

Bill 8 Provincial Court Judges Amendment Act, 1999 — Ms Graham

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

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.

Debate adjourned pursuant to Standing Order 19(1)(c), with Mr. White speaking.

Consideration of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech (Day 10)

Pursuant to Standing Order 19(1)(c), at 5:15 p.m. the Deputy Speaker immediately put the question on the following motion which was agreed to:

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.

Government Motions

14. Moved by Hon. Mr. Havelock on behalf of Hon. Mr. Klein:

Be it resolved that the Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne be engrossed and presented to His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor by such Members of the Assembly as are Members of Executive Council.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., it was agreed at 5:16 p.m. that when the Assembly reconvened at 8:00 p.m. it would be in Committee of the Whole, and the Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

MONDAY, MARCH 8, 1999 — 8:00 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bills were reported:

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

Bill 8 Provincial Court Judges Amendment Act, 1999 — Ms Graham

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

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

Bill 11 Public Sector Pension Plans Amendment Act, 1999 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Day

Mr. Herard, 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 10 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 175/99

Amendment to Bill 10 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 176/99

Amendment to Bill 10 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 177/99

Amendment to Bill 10 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 178/99

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:53 p.m. until Tuesday, March 9, 1999, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Monday, March 8, 1999