



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 13

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Third Session

Twenty-Fourth Legislature

Tuesday, March 9, 1999

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

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Langevin, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul, presented a petition from 948 constituents expressing support for continued funding and the need to increase the number of available beds within Our Lady's Health Centre, Vilna, Alberta.

Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, presented a petition from 105 Edmonton and area residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Mr. Lougheed, Hon. Member for Clover Bar-Fort Saskatchewan, presented a petition from 40 constituents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, presented a petition from 84 constituents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 101 Albertans requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

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

Mr. White, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, presented a petition from 105 Edmonton and area residents requesting a comprehensive public commission on K-12 (kindergarten to grade 12) education and to increase funding for public and separate schools until the commission reports.

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, presented a petition from 140 Albertans requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees

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

Mr. Speaker, in accordance with Standing Order 94, I have reviewed the petitions that were presented Monday, March 8, 1999, and can advise the House that all but one of the petitions comply with Standing Orders 85 to 89.

The Standing Committee on Private Bills has considered the remaining petition and recommends to the Assembly that Standing Order 89(1)(b) be waived for the petition for Shaw Communications Inc. Amendment Act, 1999, subject to the petitioner completing the necessary advertising before the Committee hears the petitioner.

The question being put, concurrence in the report was granted.

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 10, 1999:

Written Questions: WQ1, WQ2, WQ3, WQ5, WQ19, WQ26, WQ27,
 WQ29, WQ46, WQ48, WQ50.

Motions for Returns: MR11, MR12, MR13, MR15, MR17, MR18,
 MR77, MR108, MR109.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs:

News release dated March 8, 1999, entitled "Capital City Savings Provides Loan Program for Pine Shake Homeowners," with attached backgrounder entitled "Capital City Savings Pine Shakes Loan Program," produced by Capital City Savings

Sessional Paper 179/99

Hon. Mr. Havelock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General:

Letter dated March 9, 1999, from Hon. Mr. Havelock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, to Honourable Anne McLellan, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, regarding youth justice reform and the need for consultation relating to the proposed replacement legislation for the Young Offenders Act

Sessional Paper 180/99

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Poem entitled "Save Our Parks," written by Elizabeth Gentry, Sixty-one Ranch Ltd., Cremona, Alberta, expressing concern regarding Bill 15, Natural Heritage Act

Sessional Paper 181/99

Letter dated February 17, 1999, from Christyann Sloan to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding Bill 15, Natural Heritage Act

Sessional Paper 182/99

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

Alberta Strategic Tourism Marketing Plan: Draft/Confidential, prepared for Strategic Tourism Marketing Council, prepared by Western Management Consultants, dated January 21, 1999, excerpt pages 6 and 7 highlighting Canada's vision for the tourism industry through the Canadian Tourism Commission (CTC) and Alberta's Strategic Tourism Marketing Council (STMC)

Sessional Paper 183/99

Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert:

Letter dated February 26, 1999, from Nora Biggs to Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert, expressing concern regarding a loss of WCB (Workers' Compensation Board) pension benefits upon remarriage

Sessional Paper 184/99

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

Letter dated February 9, 1999, from Phyllis M.E. La Fleur to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding the February 4, 1999 television address, the need to support the publicly funded health care system and expressing concern regarding Alberta's Principles on Private Medicine and Medicare

Sessional Paper 185/99

Members' Statements

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, made a statement recognizing Alberta high school curlers competing at the Alberta Schools Athletic Association Provincial Curling Championships held in Camrose, March 6-7, 1999, the hosting efforts by Camrose, and the welcome home party for medal winning athletes participating at the Canada Winter Games held in Corner Brook, Newfoundland, February 20, 1999 to March 6, 1999.

Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, made a statement expressing support for the principles of tolerance and acceptance of all members of society, the need for an independent Human Rights and Citizenship Commission, and support for these principles through the actions, words, and attitudes of every Member of the Legislative Assembly.

Mr. Severtson, Hon. Member for Innisfail-Sylvan Lake, made a statement recognizing the establishment of the Alberta Youth Heritage Project, a high school education initiative to educate students about their provincial and community heritage, a partnership involving Alberta museums, Alberta Community Development, Fort Edmonton Park, Historical Society of Alberta, Alberta Society of Archivists, Visual Arts Alberta, with funding support provided by Museums Alberta, Alberta Community Development, and through the Alberta Historical Resources Foundation.

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 204 Medicare Protection Act — Ms Barrett

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Mr. Stevens, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore on March 3, 1999, that 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.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(2)(b), debate on the amendment adjourned, Mr. Dickson 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.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(4), the question being put, with Hon. Mr. Kowalski in the Chair, the motion was agreed to. The names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 40

Boutilier	Graham	McFarland
Broda	Haley	Melchin
Calahasen	Hancock	O'Neill
Cao	Hierath	Pham
Cardinal	Jacques	Severtson
Clegg	Johnson	Smith
Day	Jonson	Stelmach
Doerksen	Kryczka	Tannas
Ducharme	Laing	Tarchuk
Dunford	Langevin	Thurber
Evans	Lougheed	Trynchy
Forsyth	Magnus	Woloshyn
Friedel	McClellan	Yankowsky
Fritz		

Against the motion: 9

Barrett	MacBeth	Pannu
Bonner	Nicol	Soetaert
Dickson	Olsen	White

504. Moved by Mrs. MacBeth:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to immediately undertake a broad public consultation and to initiate a full debate in the Assembly on the role of private, for-profit health care providers, including hospitals, clinics, agencies, and individual physicians, in the delivery of health services.

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(2)(c), debate adjourned, Ms Olsen speaking.

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 1 Fiscal Responsibility Act — Hon. Mr. Hancock on behalf of Hon. Mr. Klein

Second Reading

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

Bill 12 Domestic Relations Amendment Act, 1999 — Ms Graham

A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Day, Acting Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:23 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 1999 — 8:00 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

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

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

Bill 12 Domestic Relations Amendment Act, 1999 — Ms Graham

A debate followed.

Dr. Massey moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:52 p.m. until Wednesday, March 10, 1999, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Tuesday, March 9, 1999