



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 14

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Third Session

Twenty-Fourth Legislature

Wednesday, March 10, 1999

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

The Speaker made a statement in recognition of the 39th anniversary of the March 10, 1960 Third Reading of the Bill granting the right to vote in national elections to First Nations people of Canada.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, presented a petition from 139 Albertans requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

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

Reading and Receiving Petitions

Ms Graham, Chair, Select Standing Committee on Private Bills, moved that, further to the report of the Standing Committee on Private Bills that was reported in the Assembly on Tuesday, March 9, 1999, the following petitions for Private Bills presented in the Assembly on Monday, March 8, 1999, now be deemed to be read and received:

- 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.

Notices of Motions

Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, gave oral notice of his intention to move the following motion under Standing Order 40:

Be it resolved that this Legislative Assembly refer the Report of the Auditor General on the 1994 Refinancing of West Edmonton Mall to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts forthwith.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

Press release dated March 9, 1999, entitled "Provincial Consumer Survey on Access to Cataract Surgery Casts Doubt on Claims by Private Health Interests," with attached backgrounder entitled "Access to Cataract Surgery Survey 1998," produced by the Consumers' Association of Canada (Alberta)

Sessional Paper 186/99

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Letter dated February 8, 1999, from Deborah Harrison, parent, 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

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Letter undated from N. Mortemore, parent, 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 188/99

Letter undated from Mr. Franz Gruener, parent, 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
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Mr. Wickman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford:

Sample Video Lottery Retailer Agreement, to be contracted between the Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission and a video lottery retailer pursuant to the Alberta Gaming and Liquor Act to conduct and manage or participate in the conduct or management of video lotteries in Alberta

Sessional Paper 190/99

Mr. Strang, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead:

Petition signed by 88 Grande Cache and area residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs

Sessional Paper 191/99

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

Designated Supply Sub-committee Agreement, dated March 8, 1999, between the House Leader of the Government of Alberta, the House Leader of Her Majesty's Loyal Opposition, and the House Leader of the Opposition New Democrats, to be read in conjunction with the Standing Orders of the Legislative Assembly which take precedence

Sessional Paper 192/99

Recognitions

Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert: fifth consecutive win for the University of Alberta Pandas Volleyball Team at the CIAU (Canadian Interuniversity Athletic Union) women's volleyball championship held March 6, 1999.

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark: ninth annual National Social Work Week, March 1-7, 1999, in celebration of the role and contribution of social workers.

Mrs. Tarchuk, Hon. Member for Banff-Cochrane: Daniel Blackburn, Shane Stevens, Stefan Kuhn, Colin DeGeer, Jan Hudec, Colin Bell, Maryke Ciaramidaro, Sandra Keith, and Paula Pearson medal winning athletes of Team Alberta competing at the Canada Winter Games held in Corner Brook, Newfoundland, February 20, 1999 to March 6, 1999.

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods: Dr. Susan A. McDaniel and Dr. David Schindler, 1999 recipients of the Gordin Kaplan Award for Excellence in Research at the University of Alberta.

Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Creek: Francis Winspear Centre for Music in Edmonton, recipient of the Performing Arts Centre of the Year Award at the Canadian Session and Touring Industry Awards held in Toronto, March 5, 1999.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona: First Nations people voting rights following amendments to the Indian Act and the Canada Election Act, March 10, 1960.

Mr. Tannas, Hon. Member for Highwood: International Baccalaureate (IB) program offered by Holy Trinity Academy in Okotoks, the first secondary school to receive official IB status in rural Canada.

Motions Under Standing Order 40

Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly for consideration of the following motion:

Be it resolved that this Legislative Assembly refer the Report of the Auditor General on the 1994 Refinancing of West Edmonton Mall to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts forthwith.

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Questions were accepted:

WQ2. Moved by Mrs. Sloan:

What is the number of children with Child Welfare status who have been placed in hotel rooms in the Edmonton region in the fiscal year of 1997-98 and between April 1, 1998 and February 17, 1999?

WQ3. Moved by Mrs. Sloan:

What is the number of children with Child Welfare status who have been placed in jail cells, remand centres, or single men's hostels in the fiscal year of 1997-98 and between April 1, 1998 and February 17, 1999, in the Province?

WQ5. Moved by Mr. Dickson on behalf of Dr. Nicol:

For each year between the introduction of the Farm Income Disaster Program in 1995 and December 31, 1998, how many farmers were eligible for assistance under the program, how many were rejected and for what reasons, and how many of those who were rejected had operations that were viable in the long term but were suffering from a cash flow problem?

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, tabled Response to Written Question No. WQ5

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WQ19. Moved by Dr. Nicol:

How many farmers received assistance under the Farm Income Disaster Program each year between its inception in 1995 and December 31, 1998, despite the fact that they could have sustained their operations without assistance because they did not have a cash flow problem or because they had sufficient equity?

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, tabled Response to Written Question No. WQ19

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WQ26. Moved by Ms Blakeman:

How many active files in the Maintenance Enforcement Program are in receipt of payments from a jurisdiction named in the Declaration of Reciprocating States Regulation?

WQ27. Moved by Ms Blakeman:

How many active files in the Maintenance Enforcement Program are paid to creditors in a jurisdiction named in the Declaration of Reciprocating States Regulation?

WQ29. Moved by Ms Blakeman:

What criteria does Alberta Justice use to determine whether a jurisdiction should be approached with a view to negotiating an agreement leading to the jurisdiction's inclusion in the Declaration of Reciprocating States Regulation?

WQ48. Moved by Ms Blakeman:

How many agreements is the Department of Justice currently negotiating with other jurisdictions pursuant to the Reciprocal Enforcement of Maintenance Orders Act?

WQ50. Moved by Ms Blakeman:

How many maintenance enforcement accounts were in arrears and by how much were they in arrears on December 31, 1998?

The following Written Questions were rejected:

WQ1. Moved by Mrs. Sloan:

Which hotels in the Edmonton region were children who were receiving services under the Child Welfare Act placed in during the fiscal year of 1997-98 and between April 1, 1998 and February 17, 1999?

WQ46. Moved by Dr. Pannu:

What is the extent (in dollars) of the deferred maintenance and capital works expenditures projected by the fiscal year 1999-2000 for all municipal jurisdictions in the Province?

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

WQ4, WQ6, WQ7, WQ24, WQ25, WQ28, WQ34, WQ42, WQ43, WQ44, WQ45, WQ47, WQ49, WQ58, WQ59, WQ61, WQ62, WQ63, WQ67, WQ71, WQ72, WQ89, WQ90, WQ119, WQ122, WQ123, WQ124, WQ125, WQ126, WQ127, WQ128, WQ129, WQ130, WQ131, WQ132, WQ133, WQ154, WQ155, WQ156, WQ171, WQ172, WQ173, WQ174, WQ175, WQ176, WQ177, WQ178, WQ179.

Motions for Returns

The following Motions for Returns were accepted:

MR11. Moved by Mr. Dickson on behalf of Mrs. Sloan:

Request for proposals and updates on the one year pilot projects started in the spring of 1998 which involve completing department-funded psychological and functional assessment of selected Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped applicants and recipients.

MR12. Moved by Mr. Dickson on behalf of Mrs. Sloan:

Policy review report on Aboriginal adoptions due February, 1998.

MR13. Moved by Mr. Dickson on behalf of Mrs. Sloan:

Update documents on the proposed AISH (Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped) review and reforms since September, 1998.

MR18. Moved by Mr. Sapers on behalf of Mrs. Sloan:
Child Welfare League of Canada report on adoptions in Alberta, 1997-1999.

MR77. Moved by Mr. Sapers:
All invoices billed to the Public Affairs Bureau for the design, production, distribution and marketing of the report entitled "Information and Communications Technology: A Strategy for Alberta" released November 12, 1998.

The following Motion for Returns was accepted as amended:

MR15. Moved by Dr. Nicol:
Any correspondence or consulting reports compiled between January 1, 1995 and February 16, 1999, that indicate that a Farm Income Disaster Program which would allow payments on a negative margin would not be consistent with the guidelines of the World Trade Organization.

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, moved the motion be amended to read:

Any correspondence or consulting reports, *that do not compromise client/solicitor and third party confidentiality*, compiled between January 1, 1995 and February 16, 1999, that indicate that a Farm Income Disaster Program which would allow payments on a negative margin would not be consistent with the guidelines of the World Trade Organization.

The question being put, with Mr. Tannas in the Chair, the amendment was agreed to. The names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 44

Amery	Fritz	Paszkowski
Boutilier	Gordon	Pham
Broda	Haley	Renner
Calahasen	Hancock	Shariff
Cao	Havelock	Smith
Cardinal	Hierath	Stelmach
Clegg	Hlady	Stevens
Coutts	Johnson	Strang
Day	Jonson	Tarchuk
Doerksen	Langevin	Thurber
Ducharme	Lougheed	Trynchy
Dunford	Magnus	Woloshyn
Evans	Mar	Yankowsky
Fischer	Marz	Zwozdesky
Forsyth	O'Neill	

Against the amendment: 9

Blakeman	Leibovici	Olsen
Dickson	Massey	Soetaert
Gibbons	Nicol	Wickman

The following Motion for Returns was rejected:

MR17. Moved by Mr. Dickson on behalf of Mrs. Sloan:

The review results from the inquiry into the death of Jordan Quinney, completed by the Department of Family and Social Services.

The following Motion for Returns was adjourned:

MR108. Moved by Mr. Sapers:

Copy of the October 29, 1993, memorandum from the Premier to the former Deputy Premier and Minister of Economic Development and Tourism relating to the refinancing of the West Edmonton Mall.

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(1), debate adjourned, Mr. Sapers speaking.

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

MR8, MR9, MR10, MR14, MR16, MR35, MR36, MR37, MR39, MR40, MR41, MR51, MR52, MR53, MR54, MR55, MR60, MR64, MR65, MR66, MR68, MR69, MR70, MR73, MR74, MR75, MR76, 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 (debate adjourned), MR109, MR110, MR111, MR112, MR113, MR114, MR115, MR116, MR117, MR118, MR120, MR121, MR134, MR135, MR136, MR137, MR138, MR139, MR140, MR141, MR142, MR143, MR144, MR145, MR146, MR147, MR148, MR149, MR150, MR151, MR152, MR153, MR157, MR158, MR159, MR160, MR161, MR162, MR163, MR164, MR165, MR166, MR167, MR168, MR169, MR170, MR180, MR181, MR182, MR183, MR184, MR185, MR186, MR187, MR188, MR189, MR190, MR191, MR192, MR193.

Adjournment

The Assembly adjourned at 5:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10, 1999 — 8:00 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, and the Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 4 Surface Rights Amendment Act, 1999 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Stelmach

Mr. Clegg, Acting Chairman of Committees, tabled copies of the amendment considered by the Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 4 (Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development) — Agreed to

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Second Reading

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

Bill 12 Domestic Relations Amendment Act, 1999 — Ms Graham

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

Bill 15 Natural Heritage Act — Hon. Mr. Lund

A debate followed.

Ms Olsen moved adjournment of the debate, which was defeated.

Debate continued.

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: 25

Amery	Dunford	Lund
Boutilier	Fischer	Mar
Broda	Fritz	Marz
Calahasen	Haley	Nelson
Cao	Hancock	Pham
Cardinal	Hlady	Renner
Clegg	Langevin	Shariff
Coutts	Lougheed	Stevens
Doerksen		

Against the motion: 8

Dickson	MacDonald	Olsen
Gibbons	Massey	Sloan
Leibovici	Nicol	

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

Bill 15 Natural Heritage Act — Hon. Mr. Lund

Adjournment

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, moved adjournment of the Assembly. 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: 25

Amery	Dunford	Lund
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Broda	Fritz	Marz
Calahasen	Haley	Nelson
Cao	Hancock	Pham
Cardinal	Hlady	Renner
Clegg	Langevin	Shariff
Coutts	Lougheed	Stevens
Doerksen		

Against the motion: 8

Dickson	MacDonald	Olsen
Gibbons	Massey	Sloan
Leibovici	Nicol	

Adjournment

The Assembly adjourned at 10:32 p.m. until Thursday, March 11, 1999, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Wednesday, March 10, 1999