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Province of Alberta**

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**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

Third Session

Twenty-Fourth Legislature

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Monday, March 15, 1999

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

The Speaker made a statement in recognition of the 93rd anniversary of the First Session of the First Legislature of the Province of Alberta which was convened on March 15, 1906 and held in Edmonton's Thistle Curling Rink. Since March 15, 1906, Members of the Legislative Assembly have spent over 1,010,000 minutes in parliamentary deliberations.

**Presenting Petitions**

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, presented a petition from 163 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 494 post-secondary students regarding the proposed Bill 15, Natural Heritage Act and expressing support for revisions to require publicly elected board approval for hunting and vehicle use in any natural areas, and to increase the standards for approval and monitoring of industrial activity.

Ms Paul, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, presented a petition from 105 Albertans requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, presented a petition from 337 Albertans requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

### **Introduction of Bills (First Reading)**

Upon recommendation of His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, and notice having been given:

Bill 19 Appropriation (Interim Supply) Act, 1999 — Hon. Mr. Day

### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Hon. Mr. Paszkowski, Minister of Transportation and Utilities:

Alberta Transportation and Utilities, Primary Highway Construction and Rehabilitation Program 1999/2000 - 2001/02, with attached Secondary Highway Construction and Rehabilitation Program 1999/2000 (Including Public Roads Through Indian Reserves)

Sessional Paper 224/99

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

Letter dated March 11, 1999, from Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Family and Social Services, to AISH (Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped) and Assured Support clients regarding the announced review and proposed changes to program benefits

Sessional Paper 225/99

Fact sheet entitled "Important information about proposed changes to: AISH (Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped) and Assured Support, summarizing proposed changes to take effect as of October 1, 1999

Sessional Paper 226/99

Alberta Family and Social Services - Proposed Changes to AISH (Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped) and Assured Support Programs, Results of Public Consultation: Report to the Minister of Family and Social Services, prepared by Bill McMillan, Partner, Equus Consulting Group, dated February 1999

Sessional Paper 227/99

Alberta Ministry of Family and Social Services, AISH (Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped) Policy Consultation, prepared by Angus Reid Group, Inc., dated January 1999

Sessional Paper 228/99

Mr. Jacques, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Wapiti:

Letter dated March 8, 1999, from Darlene (Murray) Urness to Mr. Jacques, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Wapiti, regarding a loss of Workers' Compensation pension benefits upon remarriage in March 1984 and urging the Government to discontinue this discriminatory practice

Sessional Paper 229/99

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development:

Letter dated March 15, 1999, from Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development, to Mr. Ken Hunka offering congratulations to Team Alberta for its participation at the 1999 Labatt Brier held in Edmonton, March 6-14, 1999

Sessional Paper 230/99

Letter dated March 15, 1999, from Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development, to members of the Canadian Women's Hockey Team offering congratulations on their gold medal victory at the World Women's Hockey Championships held in Finland

Sessional Paper 231/99

Letter dated March 15, 1999, from Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development, to Ms Trix Baker, Head Coach, University of Alberta Pandas Basketball Team, offering congratulations on winning their first CIAU (Canadian Interuniversity Athletic Union) women's basketball championship

Sessional Paper 232/99

Letter dated March 12, 1999, from Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development, to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, in response to questions raised during Committee of Supply debate on the Lottery Fund Supplementary Estimates on March 1, 1999

Sessional Paper 233/99

Ms Fritz, Hon. Member for Calgary-Cross:

Fact sheet entitled "Community Events Activities Guide for March 21 - United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination," with attached NAARR (Northern Alberta Alliance on Race Relations) Campaign '99 Program of Activities entitled "Break the Cycle of Racism," held March 5, 1999 in Edmonton

Sessional Paper 234/99

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert:

Letter dated February 10, 1999, from Dorcas Kilduff, Chairperson, Parent Advisory Council, Wood Haven Junior High School, to Mr. Jacques, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Wapiti, Chairman, Funding Framework Review, regarding an equitable division of funding to education

Sessional Paper 235/99

École Woodhaven Junior High School fact sheet detailing staff reductions; supplies, contracted services and general services; special education; and deficit position, with attached "Principals' Monthly Enrollment Report for September 1998"

Sessional Paper 236/99

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

CRHA (Calgary Regional Health Authority) fact sheet dated March 11, 1999, entitled "Increased health spending will help sustain recent growth, says Calgary health region"

Sessional Paper 237/99

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Letter dated March 9, 1999, from Peter Sherrington, President, Alberta Wilderness Association, to Members of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta regarding Bill 15, Natural Heritage Act and logging in the Lakeland Recreation Area, expressing concern regarding the legislation's failure to protect parks and other protected areas from industrial development

Sessional Paper 238/99

Letter dated March 11, 1999, from R.D. Robinson, Convenor, Environment Group, CFUW (Canadian Federation of University Women) Edmonton, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to Bill 15, Natural Heritage Act

Sessional Paper 239/99

Letter dated March 11, 1999, from Sonja Mihelcic, Campaign Director, Prairie Chapter, Sierra Club, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding Endangered Species National Day of Action and expressing support for the need to implement endangered species legislation

Sessional Paper 240/99

E-mail message dated March 12, 1999, from Elena Cecchetto to Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Environmental Protection, expressing concern regarding the loss of habitat resulting in species becoming endangered and extinct in Alberta

Sessional Paper 241/99

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

Letter dated March 4, 1999, from Corrinne G. Christopherson, D.W.A.G. (Disenfranchised Widows Action Group), to Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry, regarding the loss of Workers' Compensation pension benefits upon remarriage October 25, 1974 and urging the Government to discontinue this discriminatory practice

Sessional Paper 242/99

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

Letter dated January 20, 1999, from Sharon Sutherland, President, Schizophrenia Society of Alberta, to Society members regarding concerns arising from possible changes to AISH (Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped) and Assured Support program benefits

Sessional Paper 243/99

## **Oral Question Period**

During Oral Question Period, Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, tabled the following:

Information update dated March 15, 1999, entitled "Calculating personal income tax under Alberta's new system"

Sessional Paper 244/99

## **Recognitions**

Mr. Severtson, Hon. Member for Innisfail-Sylvan Lake: Farm Safety Week, March 10-17, 1999, and the student education project "Plant the Seed of Farm Safety," a partnership project between Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, John Deere Limited, and Holes Greenhouses and Gardens Limited.

Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview: University of Alberta Pandas Basketball Team 1999 CIAU (Canadian Interuniversity Athletic Union) women's basketball champions.

Mr. Marz, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills: heroic efforts by Shannon Marie Turnbull who passed away on March 3, 1999 from cancer.

Dr. Nicol, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East: Farm Safety Week, March 10-17, 1999, and the efforts by groups to promote farm safety through public awareness.

Mr. Amery, Hon. Member for Calgary-East: Dr. Victor D'Agata, 50th anniversary of practicing medicine as celebrated at a March 6, 1999 reception.

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo: Leigh Clark, Jamie Clark, and Bruce Kirkby, Calgary adventurers upon successfully crossing the Empty Quarter of the Arabian desert.

Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert: John Hume, 1998 Nobel Peace Prize recipient, guest speaker at the annual Emerald Ball held March 13, 1999 in support of the Ireland Fund of Canada.

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

### **Committee of Supply** (Main Estimates)

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

(Assembly in Committee)

### **Adjournment**

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(3), at 5:30 p.m. the Committee recessed until 8:00 p.m.

MONDAY, MARCH 15, 1999 — 8:00 P.M.

### **Committee of Supply** (Main Estimates)

(Assembly in Committee)

The Chairman called for consideration of the motion proposing the establishment of four subcommittees of the Committee of Supply.

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

For the motion: 32

Amery	Havelock	O'Neill
Broda	Herard	Paszkowski
Burgener	Hlady	Renner
Cardinal	Jacques	Severtson
Coutts	Johnson	Shariff
Day	Jonson	Stevens
Dunford	Klapstein	Trynchy
Forsyth	Laing	West
Friedel	McClellan	Woloshyn
Fritz	McFarland	Yankowsky
Graham	Melchin	

Against the motion: 8

Dickson  
Gibbons  
MacBeth

Massey  
Nicol  
Sloan

White  
Wickman

The motion read as follows:

Be it resolved that:

1. Pursuant to Standing Order 57(1), four (4) subcommittees of the Committee of Supply be established by the Committee of Supply with the following names:

Subcommittee A  
Subcommittee B  
Subcommittee C  
Subcommittee D

2. The membership of the respective subcommittees be as follows:

**Subcommittee A**

Gordon (Chair)	Dunford	Marz
Severtson (Deputy Chair)	Friedel	Massey
Bonner	Hierath	Oberg
Boutilier	Jacques	O'Neill
Burgener	Johnson	Pannu
Cardinal	Lougheed	Sapers
Ducharme	Mar	

**Subcommittee B**

Tannas (Chair)	Fritz	McClellan
Laing (Deputy Chair)	Graham	Melchin
Barrett	Hancock	Olsen
Blakeman	Havelock	Paszkowski
Calahasen	Jonson	Sloan
Dickson	Kryczka	Soetaert
Doerksen	Leibovici	Tarchuk
Forsyth		

**Subcommittee C**

Tannas (Chair)	Hlady	Stelmach
Fischer (Deputy Chair)	Klapstein	Stevens
Barrett	MacDonald	Strang
Cao	McFarland	Thurber
Clegg	Nicol	Trynchy
Evans	Smith	Woloshyn
Gibbons	Soetaert	

**Subcommittee D**

Gordon (Chair)	Langevin	Shariff
Haley (Deputy Chair)	Lund	Taylor
Amery	Magnus	West
Broda	Nelson	White
Carlson	Pannu	Wickman
Coutts	Paul	Zwozdesky
Herard	Pham	

3. The following portions of the main estimates (The "Main Estimates") of expenditure for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2000, unless previously designated by the Leader of the Opposition to be considered by the Designated Supply Subcommittees, be referred to the subcommittees for their reports to the Committee of Supply as follows:

**Subcommittee A**

Advanced Education and Career Development  
Executive Council  
Treasury

**Subcommittee B**

Community Development  
Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs  
Justice and Attorney General  
Transportation and Utilities

**Subcommittee C**

Agriculture, Food and Rural Development  
Labour  
Public Works, Supply and Services



**Subcommittee D**

Economic Development  
Energy  
Science, Research and Information Technology

- 4. When the Committee of Supply is called to consider the Main Estimates it shall, on the six (6) calendar days after the agreement of the motion establishing the subcommittees, excluding Thursdays designated by the Official Opposition, when Main Estimates are under consideration, resolve itself into two (2) of the four (4) subcommittees, both of which shall meet and report to the Committee of Supply.

And after some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker assumed the Chair and Mr. Herard reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration a certain resolution proposing the establishment of four subcommittees of the Committee of Supply and reports approval thereof. I am tabling copies of this resolution for the official records of the Assembly

Sessional Paper 245/99

Mr. Speaker, I would also like to table copies of a motion as amended passed this day in Committee of Supply appointing Members to Designated Supply Subcommittees under Standing Order 56(2):

**Education**

Severtson (Chair)	Graham	Olsen
Burgener	Hierath	O'Neill
Dickson	Hlady	Pannu
Friedel	Massey	Stevens

**Environmental Protection**

Boutilier (Chair)	Ducharme	Pannu
Amery	Gibbons	Strang
Carlson	Langevin	White
Coutts	Magnus	Yankowsky

**Family and Social Services**

Laing (Chair)	Carlson	Melchin
Barrett	Johnson	Olsen
Cao	Kryczka	Shariff
Cardinal	Lougheed	Sloan

## Health

Forsyth (Chair)	Doerksen	Leibovici
Barrett	Fritz	Pham
Broda	Herard	Sloan
Dickson	Jacques	Tarchuk

## Municipal Affairs

Fischer (Chair)	Gibbons	McFarland
Barrett	Klapstein	Paul
Clegg	MacDonald	Thurber
Ducharme	Marz	Zwozdesky

Sessional Paper 246/99

Mr. Speaker, I would also like to table copies of a letter from Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, designating the estimates for consideration of five departments by the Designated Supply Subcommittees pursuant to Standing Order 56(2)(a):

- Education
- Environmental Protection
- Family and Social Services
- Health
- Municipal Affairs

Sessional Paper 247/99

The question being put, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to.

## Government Motions

**18.** Moved by Hon. Mr. Day:

Be it resolved that the Assembly approve in general the business plans and fiscal policies of the Government.

A debate followed.

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

## **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:

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

Mr. Shariff, 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 6 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview) — Defeated  
Sessional Paper 248/99

### **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:29 p.m. until Tuesday, March 16, 1999, at 1:30 p.m.

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Hon. Ken Kowalski,  
Speaker

Title: Monday, March 15, 1999