



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 17

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Third Session

Twenty-Fourth Legislature

Tuesday, March 16, 1999

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

Presenting Petitions

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, presented a petition from 105 Edmonton and area residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, presented a petition from 35 St. Albert residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, presented a petition from 109 Albertans requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

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 17, 1999:

Written Questions: WQ4, WQ6, WQ7, WQ24, WQ34, WQ42,
 WQ43, WQ44, WQ45.

Motions for Returns: MR8, MR9, MR10, MR14, MR16, MR35, MR36, MR37, MR39, MR40, MR41, MR107, MR108, MR109.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 18 Engineering, Geological and Geophysical Professions Amendment Act, 1999 — Mr. Klapstein

Bill Pr1 National Bond Insurance Corporation Act — Mrs. O'Neill

Bill Pr2 Shaw Communications Inc. Amendment Act, 1999 — Mr. Zwozdesky

Bill Pr3 Consumers Insurance Company Act — Ms Blakeman

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

Bill 18 Engineering, Geological and Geophysical Professions Amendment Act, 1999 — Mr. Klapstein

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Letter dated March 16, 1999, from Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, in response to a March 3, 1999 request for revisions to Bill 12, Domestic Relations Amendment Act, 1999

Sessional Paper 249/99

Mr. Severtson, Hon. Member for Innisfail-Sylvan Lake:

7 letters dated February 25, 1999 to March 4, 1999, from members of the Disenfranchised Widows Action Group (D.W.A.G.), to Mr. Severtson, Hon. Member for Innisfail-Sylvan Lake; Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer; and Mr. Doerksen, Hon. Member for Red Deer-South, regarding a loss of Workers' Compensation pension benefits upon remarriage

Sessional Paper 250/99

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood:

Handwritten note with quote "No man's life, liberty or property are safe while the Legislature is in Session," attributed to N.Y. Judge, 1886

Sessional Paper 251/99

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Letter dated March 6, 1999, from the Marlowe household to Members of the Legislative Assembly, expressing support for Bill 207, Seniors Benefit Statutes Amendment Act, 1999

Sessional Paper 252/99

Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Environmental Protection:

Return to Order of the Assembly No. MR96 asked for by Mr. Zwozdesky on April 29, 1998:

Where consent of the other parties can be obtained, copies of the following agreements relating to the Al-Pac Pulp Mill Project: Paper Mill Agreement between the borrowers, dated September 4, 1991; Guarantee Agreement (Paper Mill Commitment), dated September 4, 1991, made by Mitsubishi Corporation in favour of the Province; Guarantee Agreement (Paper Mill Commitment), dated September 4, 1991, made by Kanzaki Paper Mfg. Co. Ltd. in favour of the Province; and Option to Purchase, dated September 4, 1991, made among the borrowers and the Minister of Forestry, Lands and Wildlife and acknowledged by Al-Pac.

Sessional Paper 253/99

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

Return to Order of the Assembly No. MR95 asked for by Dr. Pannu on April 29, 1998:

Copies of all documents associated with the contracting out of laundry services, both on site and off site, at the Mitchener Centre in Red Deer, from January 1, 1994 to the present.

Sessional Paper 254/99

Mr. Friedel, Hon. Member for Peace River:

Letter dated March 4, 1999, from Yvonne Ruel, Alberta Chapter, Disenfranchised Widows Action Group (D.W.A.G.), to Mr. Friedel, Hon. Member for Peace River, regarding a loss of Workers' Compensation pension benefits upon remarriage and urging the Government to discontinue this discriminatory practice

Sessional Paper 255/99

Letter dated March 8, 1999, from Beverly Lowe, Alberta Chapter, Disenfranchised Widows Action Group (D.W.A.G.), to Mr. Friedel, Hon. Member for Peace River, regarding a loss of Workers' Compensation pension benefits upon remarriage and urging the Government to discontinue this discriminatory practice

Sessional Paper 256/99

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Intergovernmental and Aboriginal, made a statement regarding a celebration in the Legislative Assembly that morning hosted by the Speaker to honour National Francophonie Week, March 16-22, 1999, in recognition of the contribution of French Canadians and the Francophone community to Alberta, and announcing the establishment of a Provincial Francophone Secretariat to be chaired by Mr. Ducharme, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake.

Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, first commented on the statement in French and then delivered her comments in English.

Oral Question Period

During Oral Question Period, Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, tabled the following:

Newspaper article, undated, entitled "Alberta leads the way in tax reform"
Sessional Paper 257/99

Calgary Herald newspaper article dated March 16, 1999, entitled "Alberta takes the lead where others are taxed to follow"
Sessional Paper 258/99

Edmonton Journal newspaper article dated October 23, 1990, entitled "Alberta hospitals receive grim budget prognosis"
Sessional Paper 259/99

Edmonton Journal newspaper article dated May 9, 1992, entitled "Hospital system faces an overhaul"
Sessional Paper 260/99

Members' Statements

Mr. Ducharme, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake, made a statement in French in recognition of National Francophonie Week, March 16-22, 1999, as celebrated March 16, 1999 at a Legislative Assembly event hosted by the Speaker and a second event hosted by the Canadian Heritage Department held at Canada Place. As well the Members received a commemorative pin from the Association canadienne-française de l'Alberta.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, made a statement regarding environmental damage occurring in Alberta due to industrial development, particularly with the transfer of protection activities to the private sector, and the need to revise Bill 15, Natural Heritage Act to ensure environmental protection of wilderness areas.

Mr. Stevens, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore, made a statement in recognition of Dr. Dean Vause, Executive Director, Alberta Adolescent Recovery Centre (AARC), a non-profit addiction treatment centre for youth with over 100 graduates since its inception in 1992 and a successful model of a long-term treatment program for chemically dependent youth.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Public Bills and Orders Other Than 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 202 Farming Practices Protection Statutes Amendment Act, 1999 —
Mr. Thurber

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 202 (Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Calmar) —
Agreed to

Sessional Paper 261/99

Motions Other Than Government Motions

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(4), the question being put, the motion was defeated.

505. Moved by Ms Graham:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to examine the establishment of a unified family court or other similar family law court structure to handle all cases related to family law, in an effort to provide a more efficient and accessible way to deal with problems arising from family breakdown and disputes.

A debate followed.

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

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.

TUESDAY, MARCH 16, 1999 — 8:00 P.M.

Committee of Supply (Days 1 and 2— Main Estimates)

(Assembly in Subcommittees)

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

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the Department of Community Development, reports progress thereon, and requests leave to sit again.

The Committee of Supply has also had under consideration certain resolutions of Executive Council (Subcommittee A), reports progress thereon, and requests leave to sit again.

The Committee of Supply has also had under consideration certain resolutions of the Department of Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs (Subcommittee B), reports progress thereon, and requests leave to sit again.

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

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 19 Appropriation (Interim Supply) Act, 1999 — Hon. Mr. Hancock on behalf of Hon. Mr. Day

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 61(3), at 11:45 p.m. the Deputy Speaker immediately put the question on the appropriation Bill standing on the Order Paper for Second reading, which was agreed to.

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

Bill 19 Appropriation (Interim Supply) Act, 1999 — Hon. Mr. Hancock on behalf of Hon. Mr. Day

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:46 p.m. until Wednesday, March 17, 1999, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Tuesday, March 16, 1999