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Province of Alberta**

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Third Session

Twenty-Fourth Legislature

Wednesday, March 17, 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 132 Edmonton residents 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 107 Edmonton and area residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Dr. Nicol, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, presented a petition from 132 Albertans requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Mr. Doerksen, Hon. Member for Red Deer-South:

8 letters dated February 25, 1999 to March 5, 1999, from members of the Disenfranchised Widows Action Group (D.W.A.G.), to Mr. Severtson, Hon. Member for Innisfail-Sylvan Lake; Mr. Doerksen, Hon. Member for Red Deer-South; and Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, regarding a loss of Workers' Compensation Board pension benefits upon remarriage and urging the Government to amend the legislation to reinstate pensions

Sessional Paper 262/99

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

47 letters dated February 19, 1999 from concerned parents of Ormsby School to Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, expressing concern regarding the current financial problems facing Edmonton public schools, and in particular Ormsby School in attempting to balance their budget with increasing costs

Sessional Paper 263/99

Mr. Wickman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford:

Memorandum dated May 25, 1993, from Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, to all Cabinet Members regarding the appointment of members to agencies, boards and commissions, with attached news release and backgrounders dated October 28, 1993, entitled "Alberta Government Revamps Appointment Policy"

Sessional Paper 264/99

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

Letter dated March 2, 1999, from T.J. Ferguson, Chairperson, Spruce Grove Community Policing Municipal Committee, Royal Canadian Mounted Police, and letter dated January 15, 1999, from Bill Kirtley, Chairman, Stettler and County Community Advisory Committee, both addressed to Hon. Mr. Paszkowski, Minister of Transportation and Utilities, and expressing support for legislation under the Traffic Safety Act that would prohibit individuals from riding in the box of pickup trucks

Sessional Paper 265/99

Letter dated December 14, 1998, from Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, to all Members of the Legislative Assembly regarding guidelines for submitting petitions

Sessional Paper 266/99

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

Letter dated March 15, 1999, from Heather Smyth and John Wilson to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding Bill 12, Domestic Relations Amendment Act, 1999, expressing opposition to the building of “legislative fences” that exclude same-sex couples from legal benefits that heterosexual couples enjoy

Sessional Paper 267/99

4 e-mail messages dated February 26, 1999 to March 15, 1999, as a sample of many items of correspondence received regarding Bill 12, Domestic Relations Amendment Act, 1999, expressing support for equal rights for same-sex couples

Sessional Paper 268/99

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo:

Bill 12, Domestic Relations Amendment Act, 1999, sponsored by the Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed, with highlighted revisions and stricken out text in sections 1 through 8

Sessional Paper 269/99

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

Media release dated March 15, 1999, from the Alberta Pine Shake Homeowners Association (APSHA) entitled “Alberta Pine Shake Homeowners Association - Working Towards Tax Adjustment,” prepared by Fred D. Holtslag, President, APSHA

Sessional Paper 270/99

Letter dated March 15, 1999, from Bauni M. Mackay, President, Alberta Teachers’ Association, to Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Labour, expressing concern regarding the recent appointment of Mr. S. Kushner to the Labour Relations Board

Sessional Paper 271/99

Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora:

Information sheet entitled “Imitation is the sincerest form of flattery,” depicting the Alberta Liberal Fiscal Plan entitled “A Balanced Approach,” March 1997, and the Progressive Conservative Budget entitled “Budget ‘99: The Right Balance,” March 1999

Sessional Paper 272/99

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo:

Letter dated March 17, 1999, from Mr. Dickson, Official Opposition House Leader, to Mr. Stevens, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore, expressing opposition to and requesting the withdrawal of the reasoned amendment to Bill 204, Medicare Protection Act

Sessional Paper 273/99

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands:

New Democrat Opposition position paper dated March 17, 1999, entitled "Equality for All: A Position Paper on Same-Sex Issues," submitted by Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, and Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona

Sessional Paper 274/99

Recognitions

Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert: University of Alberta Pandas Basketball Team gold medal winners at the 1999 CIAU (Canadian Interuniversity Athletic Union) Women's Basketball Championship.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre: International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, March 21, 1999, as recognized in events organized by the Northern Alberta Alliance on Race Relations (NAARR).

Ms Kryczka, Hon. Member for Calgary-West: Fiona Smith, Jennifer Botterill, Danielle Goyette, and Hayley Wickenheiser, members of the Canadian Women's Hockey Team gold medal winners of a fifth consecutive world championship held in Espoo, Finland, March 13-14, 1999.

Dr. Nicol, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East: University of Lethbridge Faculty of Arts and Science linking of environmental education with colleges through their two plus two Environmental Sciences Degree Program.

Ms Graham, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed: Leah Hepner, Junior Women's gold medal winner at the Canadian Figure Skating Championships held in Ottawa, January 27-31, 1999.

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands: 21st Canadian Deaf Curling Championships sponsored by the Edmonton Deaf Curling Association to be held at the Avonair Curling Club, March 21-27, 1999.

Ms Fritz, Hon. Member for Calgary-Cross: University of Calgary hosting its first Citizenship Court Ceremony to be held March 22, 1999, in partnership with the Calgary Police Service to recognize the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, March 21, 1999.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Question was accepted:

WQ42. Moved by Dr. Pannu:

What is the extent (in dollars) of the deferred maintenance and capital expenditures projected by the fiscal year 1999-2000 for each of the school boards in the Province?

The following Written Questions were accepted as amended:

WQ4. Moved by Mrs. Soetaert:

How much did the Department of Transportation and Utilities spend in each of the fiscal years 1994-95, 1995-96, 1996-97 and 1997-98 for sanding, salting and the clearance of snow on provincial highways; how much was paid to Department staff; and how much was paid to private contractors?

Hon. Mr. Paszkowski, Minister of Transportation and Utilities, moved the motion be amended to read:

How much did the Department of Transportation and Utilities spend in each of the fiscal years 1994-95, 1995-96, 1996-97 and 1997-98 *for primary highway maintenance activities for the winter months (November to March)*?

WQ24. Moved by Mrs. Soetaert:

How much did Alberta Transportation and Utilities spend in each fiscal year 1994-95, 1995-96, 1996-97 and 1997-98 for provincial highway maintenance (excluding snow clearing and related work), how much was paid to Department staff and how much was paid to private contractors?

Hon. Mr. Paszkowski, Minister of Transportation and Utilities, moved the motion be amended to read:

How much did Alberta Transportation and Utilities spend in each fiscal year 1994-95, 1995-96, 1996-97 and 1997-98 for *primary highway maintenance activities for the summer months (April to October)*?

WQ34. Moved by Mrs. Soetaert:

How much did Alberta Transportation and Utilities spend in each fiscal year 1994-95, 1995-96, 1996-97 and 1997-98 for work conducted by departmental staff pertaining to provincial primary highway maintenance and preservation; with respect to each year, how much was spent on administration, how much on work carried out on the highways, how much on inspections and auditing?

Hon. Mr. Paszkowski, Minister of Transportation and Utilities, moved the motion be amended to read:

How much did Alberta Transportation and Utilities spend in each fiscal year 1994-95, 1995-96, 1996-97 and 1997-98 for work conducted by departmental staff pertaining to primary highway maintenance *with respect to supervision, inspections and audit?*

The following Written Questions were rejected:

WQ6. Moved by Mr. Sapers:

Did the Agenda and Priorities Committee, the Treasury Board, and/or members of the Executive Council ever receive risk assessments or valuation analyses of the July 13, 1994, and September 26, 1994, refinancing proposals between the Alberta Treasury Branches, Nomura Asset Capital Corporation and Nomura Securities International?

WQ7. Moved by Mr. Sapers:

What analysis was prepared for Treasury Board and/or members of the Executive Council to show that the October 31, 1994, refinancing package for the West Edmonton Mall involved less risk and exposure to the Alberta Treasury Branches than the March 10, 1994, proposal between Alberta Treasury Branches and Genra Canada Investments Inc.?

WQ43. Moved by Dr. Pannu:

What is the extent (in dollars) of the deferred maintenance and capital cost for major highways and secondary roads (separately) under provincial jurisdiction projected by the fiscal year 1999-2000?

WQ44. Moved by Dr. Pannu:

What is the extent (in dollars) of the deferred maintenance and capital expenditures projected by the fiscal year 1999-2000 in each of the 17 Alberta Regional Health Authorities?

WQ45. Moved by Dr. Pannu:

What is the extent (in dollars) of the deferred maintenance and capital cost projected by the fiscal year 1999-2000 for the Department of Public Works, Supply and Services?

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

WQ25, WQ28, 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, WQ196, WQ197, WQ198, WQ199, WQ204.

Motions for Returns

The following Motion for Returns was accepted:

MR8. Moved by Ms Leibovici:

The final report submitted by George B. Cuff and Associates Ltd. on the deficit elimination plan of the Lakeland Regional Health Authority.

A debate followed.

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: 46

Amery	Hierath	Pannu
Barrett	Jacques	Paszkowski
Blakeman	Johnson	Pham
Bonner	Jonson	Renner
Boutilier	Klapstein	Severtson
Broda	Kryczka	Sloan
Burgener	Langevin	Smith
Cardinal	Leibovici	Soetaert
Clegg	Lougheed	Strang
Dickson	MacDonald	Tannas
Ducharme	Mar	Tarchuk
Dunford	Marz	Taylor
Fritz	McFarland	Thurber
Graham	Nicol	Trynchy
Haley	O'Neill	Yankowsky
Herard		

Against the motion: 2

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Debate on the following Motion for Returns was adjourned:

MR9. Moved by Ms Leibovici:

All deficit elimination plans submitted by Regional Health Authorities between April 1, 1998 and February 17, 1999.

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(1), debate adjourned, Ms Blakeman speaking.

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

MR9 (debate adjourned), 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, MR194, MR195, MR200, MR201, MR202, MR203, MR205.

Adjournment

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17, 1999 — 8:00 P.M.

Committee of Supply (Days 3 and 4 — Main Estimates)

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

(Assembly in Subcommittees)

And after some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair and Mrs. Gordon reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the Department of Labour (Subcommittee C), reports progress thereon, and requests leave to sit again.

The Committee of Supply has also had under consideration certain resolutions of the Department of Energy (Subcommittee D), 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

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

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

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 61(4), at 11:45 p.m. the Chairman interrupted the proceedings and immediately put the question on the appropriation Bill standing on the Order Paper referred to Committee of the Whole, which was agreed to.

The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported:

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

Adjournment

On motion by Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:47 p.m. until Thursday, March 18, 1999, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Wednesday, March 17, 1999