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Province of Alberta**

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Third Session

Twenty-Fourth Legislature

Thursday, March 18, 1999

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

The Speaker made a statement in recognition of the 10th anniversary of 12 Members of the Legislative Assembly elected on March 20, 1989.

Presenting Petitions

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, presented a petition from 135 Edmonton, Spruce Grove and St. Albert residents 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 134 Edmonton and Calgary 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 173 Albertans requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees

Mr. Friedel, Chairman, Select Special Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act Review Committee, presented the following report:

Select Special Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act Review Committee, Final Report, March 1999

Sessional Paper 294/99

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 20 School Amendment Act, 1999 — Hon. Mr. Mar

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development:

News release dated March 18, 1999, entitled “Alberta recognizes the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination,” produced by Alberta Community Development

Sessional Paper 275/99

Information bulletin dated March 18, 1999, entitled “Information Rights Week to focus on people,” produced by Alberta Community Development

Sessional Paper 276/99

Mr. Trynchy, Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne:

Letter dated March 3, 1999, from Nancy Miller to Mr. Trynchy, Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne, regarding a loss of Workers’ Compensation Board pension benefits upon remarriage and urging the Government to end this discriminatory practice

Sessional Paper 277/99

Letter dated March 8, 1999, from Doreen McKeigue, member of the Alberta Chapter, Disenfranchised Widows Action Group (D.W.A.G.), regarding a loss of Workers’ Compensation Board pension benefits upon remarriage and urging the Government to end this discriminatory practice

Sessional Paper 278/99

Ms Paul, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs:

Letter dated March 15, 1999, from Mrs. Catherine Varvis to Ms Paul, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, regarding the desperate financial plight encountered with a family-owned liquor store following privatization of retail liquor businesses in Alberta

Sessional Paper 279/99

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

88 letters dated February 28, 1999, from concerned parents of Dan Knott Junior High School to Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, expressing concern regarding the current financial problems facing the Edmonton Public School Board, and in particular Dan Knott Junior High School in attempting to balance their budget with increasing costs resulting in a loss of professional positions

Sessional Paper 280/99

Mr. Langevin, Chairman, Select Standing Committee on Legislative Offices:

Office of the Ethics Commissioner, Financial Statements as at March 31, 1998, produced by the Auditor General

Sessional Paper 281/99

Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner, Financial Statements as at March 31, 1998, produced by the Auditor General

Sessional Paper 282/99

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

E-mail message dated March 16, 1999, from Inez Walker, Chair, Sexual Orientation, Pastoral Care and Justice Task Group, to Members of the Legislative Assembly expressing support for the extension of existing protections to all citizens in matters of same-sex relationships, same-sex benefits and adoption by same-sex couples

Sessional Paper 283/99

Letter dated March 16, 1999, from Jonathan Chinn to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding Bill 12, Domestic Relations Amendment Act, 1999, due to the exclusion of gay and lesbian relationships from the definition of common law relationships

Sessional Paper 284/99

E-mail message dated March 11, 1999, from Ludger Gal to Members of the Legislative Assembly, expressing support for equal rights for all citizens regardless of sexual orientation

Sessional Paper 285/99

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

Fact sheet dated March 17, 1999, entitled "MD-MLA Contact: There's no problem with direct billing of patients, so why Bill 7? Is it the stepping stone to American HMO-type Medicare for Albertans?" produced by Ronald A. Kustra, Assistant Executive Director, Alberta Medical Association

Sessional Paper 286/99

Letter dated January 29, 1999, from Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health, to Ms Mathewson, Past President, Northern Alberta Brain Injury Society, in

response to a December 15, 1998 letter regarding the need for enhanced services for individuals with brain injuries

Sessional Paper 287/99

Letter dated March 17, 1999, from Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, to Mrs. Forsyth, Chair, Health Designated Supply Subcommittee, requesting pursuant to Standing Order 56(4) the attendance of prescribed persons to respond to questions when the subcommittee convenes

Sessional Paper 288/99

Mr. Stevens, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore:

Letter dated March 18, 1999, from Mr. Stevens, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore, to Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, in response to a March 17, 1999 letter expressing opposition to, and requesting the withdrawal of, the reasoned amendment to Bill 204, Medicare Protection Act

Sessional Paper 289/99

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

Letter dated March 18, 1999, from Julie C. Lloyd, Barrister and Solicitor, to Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo; Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre; and Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood, expressing support by Equal Alberta for the amendment to Bill 12, Domestic Relations Amendment Act, 1999, as filed on March 17, 1999

Sessional Paper 290/99

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

Article revised August 5, 1996, entitled "Does Cutting Tax Rates Increase Economic Growth?" produced by Richard Kogan

Sessional Paper 291/99

Article revised August 13, 1996, entitled "Supply Side Tax Cuts: Issue Analysis and Background Information," produced by the Concord Coalition

Sessional Paper 292/99

Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

Letter dated March 16, 1999, from Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, to Mrs. Laing, Chair, Family and Social Services Designated Supply Subcommittee, requesting pursuant to Standing Order 56(4) the attendance of prescribed persons to respond to questions when the subcommittee convenes

Sessional Paper 293/99

Ms Kryczka, Chair, Seniors Advisory Council for Alberta, pursuant to the Seniors Advisory Council for Alberta Act, cS-13.2, s7(2):

Seniors Advisory Council for Alberta, Year in Review 1997-98, Review of Activities for the Year Ending March 31, 1998

Sessional Paper 295/99

Oral Question Period

During Oral Question Period, Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Labour, tabled the following:

Fact sheet dated March 1999, entitled "Polybutylene (Poly-B) Pressure Water Piping," produced by Alberta Labour

Sessional Paper 296/99

Members' Statements

Mr. Shariff, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, made a statement regarding cultural diversity as recognized with the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, March 21, 1999, first celebrated in 1989, and the Alberta Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Education Fund which promotes respect, equality and cultural diversity through educational programs and services.

Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, read a Theodore Roosevelt quote applicable to Cathryn Staring-Parish, Cynthia Joines and Donna White in their efforts to coordinate the Save Our Schools (SOS) petition drive to support increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Creek, made a statement regarding the Canadian Multicultural Education Foundation formed in 1985 to promote multicultural public education and awareness as celebrated in a Harmony Breakfast held at the Mayfield Inn in Edmonton, March 20, 1999, marking the eve of the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, March 21, 1999.

Projected Government Business

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(5), Mr. Dickson, Official Opposition House Leader, asked a question pertaining to the order of Government Business to be brought before the Assembly for the following week.

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government Business for the week of March 22 to March 25, 1999:

Monday, March 22	Aft.	- Government Bills and Orders
		Government Motions
		Government Motion 18
		Second Reading
		Bills 16, 17
		Third Reading
		Bills 7, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

		And as per Order Paper
	Eve.	- Government Bills and Orders Committee of Supply Main Estimates Days 6 and 7 Subcommittees (A) Treasury (Assembly) (Day 6, Main Estimates) (B) Justice and Attorney General (Room 512, Legislature Building) (Day 7, Main Estimates) And as per Order Paper
Tuesday, March 23	(4:30)	- Government Bills and Orders Committee of Supply Community Development (Main Estimates) And as per Order Paper
	Eve.	- Government Bills and Orders Committee of Supply Main Estimates Days 8 and 9 Subcommittees (D) Economic Development (Assembly) (Day 9, Main Estimates) (C) Agriculture, Food and Rural Development (Room 512, Legislature Building) (Day 8, Main Estimates) And as per Order Paper
Wednesday, March 24	Eve.	- Government Bills and Orders Committee of Supply Main Estimates Days 10 and 11 Subcommittees (B) Transportation and Utilities (Assembly) (Day 10, Main Estimates)

(A) Advanced Education and
Career Development (Room 512,
Legislature Building)
(Day 11, Main Estimates)

And as per Order Paper

Thursday, March 25

Aft. - **Government Bills and Orders**

Committee of Supply

Official Opposition Designation
for Thursday
(Day 12, Main Estimates)

And as per Order Paper

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Committee of Supply (Day 5 — Main Estimates)

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

(Assembly in Committee)

The Committee of Supply considered the motion proposed by Mr. Dickson, Official Opposition House Leader, pursuant to Standing Order 56(4) and 66, and the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s14, requesting that the Committee of Supply summon prescribed witnesses to attend before the Designated Supply Subcommittee on Family and Social Services on March 19, 1999 at 8:00 a.m.

The question being put, with Mrs. Gordon in the Chair, the motion was defeated. The names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 11

Blakeman	Gibbons	Sapers
Bonner	Leibovici	Sloan
Carlson	Pannu	White
Dickson	Paul	

Against the motion: 40

Amery	Dunford	Hlady
Broda	Friedel	Jacques
Burgener	Fritz	Johnson
Cardinal	Graham	Jonson
Clegg	Hancock	Klapstein
Coutts	Hierath	Kryczka
Doerksen		Laing
Ducharme		Langevin

Lougheed	Paszkowski
McFarland	Renner
Melchin	Severtson
Nelson	Smith
O'Neill	Stevens
	Strang
	Tannas
	Tarchuk
	Thurber
	Trynchy
	Woloshyn
	Yankowsky
	Zwozdesky

During Committee of Supply consideration of the Estimates of the Department of Labour, Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Labour, moved that the Committee rise and report. The question being put, with Mrs. Gordon in the Chair, the motion was agreed to. The names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 23

Broda	Jacques	Severtson
Cardinal	Johnson	Smith
Clegg	Klapstein	Strang
Coutts	Langevin	Thurber
Doerksen	Lougheed	Trynchy
Ducharme	McFarland	Yankowsky
Friedel	O'Neill	Zwozdesky
Hierath	Renner	

Against the motion: 8

Blakeman	Gibbons	Sapers
Bonner	MacDonald	Sloan
Carlson	Pannu	

The Acting Speaker assumed the Chair and Mr. Clegg reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

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

Mr. Speaker, I would like to table copies of a motion agreed to this day by the Committee of Supply, changing the membership of the Designated Supply Subcommittees, for the official records of the Assembly:

Moved by Mr. Dickson, that the membership to the Designated Supply Subcommittees be changed as follows:

Education, Mrs. Soetaert to replace Ms Olsen

Environmental Protection, Ms Sloan to replace Mr. Gibbons
Family and Social Services, Mr. MacDonald to replace Ms Olsen
Family and Social Services, Dr. Massey to replace Ms Carlson
Municipal Affairs, Mr. Bonner to replace Ms Paul

Sessional Paper 297/99

Mr. Speaker, I would also like to table copies of a motion defeated this day by the Committee of Supply, proposed by Mr. Dickson, Official Opposition House Leader:

Motion pursuant to Standing Order 56(4) and 66, and the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s14, requesting that the Committee of Supply summon prescribed witnesses to attend before the Designated Supply Subcommittee on Family and Social Services on March 19, 1999 at 8:00 a.m. — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 298/99

Mr. Speaker, I would also like to table copies of a motion defeated this day by the Committee of Supply, proposed by Mr. Dickson, Official Opposition House Leader:

Motion pursuant to Standing Order 56(4) and 66, and the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s14, requesting that the Committee of Supply summon prescribed witnesses to attend before the Designated Supply Subcommittee on Health on March 22, 1999 at 8:00 a.m. — Defeated

Sessional Paper 299/99

On the motion to concur in the report of the Committee of Supply, the question being put, with Mrs. Gordon in the Chair, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to. The names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 22

Broda	Johnson	Severtson
Cardinal	Klapstein	Smith
Clegg	Langevin	Strang
Coutts	Lougheed	Thurber
Doerksen	McFarland	Trynchy
Ducharme	O'Neill	Yankowsky
Friedel	Renner	Zwozdesky
Jacques		

Against the motion: 8

Blakeman	Gibbons	Sapers
Bonner	MacDonald	Sloan
Carlson	Pannu	

Adjournment

On motion by Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:19 p.m. until Monday, March 22, 1999, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker