



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 20

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Third Session

Twenty-Fourth Legislature

Monday, March 22, 1999

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

Presenting Petitions

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from 109 Edmonton and area residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Ms Paul, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, presented a petition from 112 Edmonton and area residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood, presented a petition from 224 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 218 Edmonton and area residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Mr. Gibbons, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, presented a petition from 102 Edmonton and area residents 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 109 Edmonton and area residents 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 102 Edmonton and area residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

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

Mr. White, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, presented a petition from 112 Edmonton and area residents 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 128 Edmonton and area residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Reading and Receiving Petitions

On request by Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of the Province of Alberta, petition the Alberta Legislative Assembly to revise Bill 15, Natural Heritage Act, first read Monday, March 1, 1999, as follows:

1. Require a publicly elected board approval for hunting and vehicle use in any natural areas. Disallow all currently prohibited hunting and vehicles in natural areas such as White Goat, Siffleur, Ghost River and Kananaskis until such time the publicly elected board reviews recommendations of environment scientists, Provincial and National Parks staff and the public.
2. Introduce significantly higher standards of environmental qualifications for approval and monitoring of industrial activity in natural areas, to protect ecologically fragile natural areas.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Municipal Affairs:

Credit Counselling Services of Alberta, Annual Report 1998 entitled "Helping to Build a Healthier Community," with attached five information brochures
Sessional Paper 300/99

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development:

Government of Alberta Strategic Business Plan for Seniors 1999-2000 to 2001-2002, dated March 1999

Sessional Paper 301/99

Letter dated March 22, 1999, from Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development, to Avery Harrison, Head Coach, S.A.I.T. (Southern Alberta Institute of Technology) Trojan Women's Basketball Team, offering congratulations to the team and coaches on winning the CCAA (Canadian Colleges Athletic Association) National Championships

Sessional Paper 302/99

Letter dated March 22, 1999, from Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development, to Mr. Don Horwood, Head Coach, University of Alberta Golden Bears Basketball Team, offering congratulations to the players, coaches and training staff of the University of Alberta Golden Bears for competing at the final game of the CIAU (Canadian Interuniversity Athletic Union) Men's Basketball Championships

Sessional Paper 303/99

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

Letter dated March 8, 1999, from Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, to Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Labour, regarding the final report of the Select Special Committee on Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy and attempts to address the implications of Bill C-54 through the Committee, with attached position paper entitled "Dissent from the Preliminary Report of the Select Special Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act Review Committee," revised January 20, 1999

Sessional Paper 304/99

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

New Democrat Opposition Backgrounder dated March 22, 1999, entitled "Education Funding: The Klein Legacy"

Sessional Paper 305/99

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

M.E.A.C. - Maintenance Enforcement Action Committee information brochure

Sessional Paper 306/99

E-mail message dated March 17, 1999, from Robert Wm. Smith, Equal Alberta, to Members of the Legislative Assembly, regarding Bill 12, Domestic Relations Amendment Act, 1999, the position of the lesbian and gay community in defining the term "spouse" and expressing support for equality for all members of society regardless of race, colour, religious belief, cultural background, social and economic status, sex and sexual orientation

Sessional Paper 307/99

Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Creek:

Letter dated February 26, 1999, from Pauline Knittle, Disenfranchised Widows Action Group (D.W.A.G.) member, to Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, regarding a loss of Workers' Compensation Board pension benefits upon remarriage and urging the Government to end this discriminatory practice
Sessional Paper 308/99

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

Letter dated February 16, 1999, from Ms Lois Argue to Hon. Mr. Monty Solberg, Reform Party of Canada Critic for Finance, expressing concern regarding current funding levels allocated to seniors and in particular retired provincial public service employees

Sessional Paper 309/99

Petition signed by 16 Edmonton residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs

Sessional Paper 310/99

Petition signed by 28 Edmonton residents expressing opposition to discrimination based on sexual orientation, and requesting the extension of the same rights to both heterosexual and homosexual citizens

Sessional Paper 311/99

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

18 letters from parents of Meyokumin School to Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, requesting increased funding for public education and expressing concern regarding the current financial problems facing Meyokumin School in attempting to deal with current education funding levels resulting in a loss of professional positions

Sessional Paper 312/99

Mr. White, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder:

Letter dated March 18, 1999, from Sylvia Masikewich, Finance Chairperson, Dovercourt Community League, to Mr. White, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, expressing concern regarding the mishandling of major changes in the Terms and Conditions and Bingo Operating Guidelines by the Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission

Sessional Paper 313/99

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

Fact sheet dated August 23, 1998, entitled "Senate Reform: A Proposal," produced by R. Pudrycki

Sessional Paper 314/99

Recognitions

Mr. Tannas, Hon. Member for Highwood: Emergency 911 service provision by firefighters, police and emergency medical service personnel to Highwood, Nanton, Stavely, Fort Macleod, Claresholm, Granum, Livingstone-Macleod, and Willow Creek.

Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition: Lymburn Elementary School rally in support for increased funding to public education, March 21, 1999.

Mr. Amery, Hon. Member for Calgary-East: Information Rights Week, March 22-28, 1999, initiated by the Canadian Library Association and themed "Put People in the Picture."

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo: Information Rights Week, March 22-28, 1999, sponsored by the Canadian Library Association and the role of librarians working in conjunction with computer information through the Internet.

Ms Fritz, Hon. Member for Calgary-Cross: YMCA Minority Achievement Program (YMAP) career planning and life skills training program with assistance in job placements.

Mr. Gibbons, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning: Alberta Lung Association's 11th annual asthma and allergy fund raising campaign, March 15, 1999 to April 3, 1999.

Mr. Lougheed, Hon. Member for Clover Bar-Fort Saskatchewan: Coach Don Horwood and the University of Alberta Golden Bears Basketball Team competing at the final game of the CIAU (Canadian Interuniversity Athletic Union) Men's Basketball Championships held in Halifax, March 19-21, 1999.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

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

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

Hon. Mr. Havelock moved adjournment of the debate, which was 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.

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

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 16 Maintenance Enforcement Amendment Act, 1999 — Mr. Ducharme

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

Bill 17 Quality Assurance Activity Statutes Amendment Act, 1999 —
Mr. Doerksen

A debate followed.

Mrs. Sloan moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., it was agreed at 5:22 p.m. that when the Assembly reconvened at 8:00 p.m. it would be in Committee of Supply, and the Speaker left the Chair.

MONDAY, MARCH 22, 1999 — 8:00 P.M.

Committee of Supply (Days 6 and 7 — Main Estimates)

(Assembly in Subcommittees)

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

Mr. Speaker:

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

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

Mr. Speaker, I would like to table copies of a document tabled by Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, during Committee of Supply (Subcommittee A) consideration of the Estimates of the Department of Treasury, pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s3, s13:

Treasury Ministry Business Plan 1999-2002

Sessional Paper 315/99

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

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

- Bill 2 Dairy Industry Act — Mr. Renner on behalf of Mr. Klapstein
- Bill 3 Agriculture Financial Services Amendment Act, 1999 — Mr. Severtson
- Bill 4 Surface Rights Amendment Act, 1999 — Hon. Mr. Hancock on behalf of Hon. Mr. Stelmach
- Bill 5 Surveys Amendment Act, 1999 — Mr. Renner on behalf of Mr. Yankowsky
- Bill 6 Child Welfare Amendment Act, 1999 — Mr. Severtson
- Bill 19 Appropriation (Interim Supply) Act, 1999 — Hon. Mr. Day

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:26 p.m. until Tuesday, March 23, 1999, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Monday, March 22, 1999