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Province of Alberta**

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Third Session

Twenty-Fourth Legislature

Tuesday, March 23, 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 61 Edmonton and area residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort, presented a petition from 1,565 Albertans urging the Government to designate the Grand Theatre/Lougheed Building in Calgary, in recognition of its Provincial importance and historical value.

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 24, 1999:

Written Questions: WQ25, WQ28, WQ47, WQ49, WQ58, WQ59,
WQ61, WQ62, WQ63, WQ67.

Motions for Returns: MR9, MR10, MR14, MR16, MR35, MR36,
MR37, MR39, MR40, MR41, MR51, MR52,
MR53, MR54, MR55, MR60, MR64, MR65,
MR66, MR76, MR107, MR108, MR109, MR111.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Municipal Affairs:

Community Action Plan: Reducing Homelessness in Calgary, sponsored by the Homeless Initiative Ad Hoc Steering Committee, dated May 25, 1998

Sessional Paper 316/99

Count of Homeless Persons in Downtown Calgary: May 21, 1998, prepared by the Social Research Unit, Community and Social Development Department, City of Calgary, dated July 1998

Sessional Paper 317/99

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer:

Media release dated March 23, 1999, entitled "Alberta Tops Fiscal Performance Index," highlighting Alberta's out-performing of all other Canadian provinces and the 46 American states ranked, with attached report entitled "Fiscal Performance Index 1999," produced by the Fraser Institute

Sessional Paper 318/99

Mr. Cardinal, Hon. Member for Athabasca-Wabasca:

Letter dated March 12, 1999, from Rod J. Dempster, Vice President, Weyerhaeuser Canada, to Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Environmental Protection, affirming support for Bill 15, Natural Heritage Act

Sessional Paper 319/99

Letter dated March 11, 1999, from William M. Hunter, Vice President, Operations and General Manager, Alberta Pacific Forest Industries Inc., to Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Environmental Protection, expressing support for Bill 15, Natural Heritage Act and the Special Places 2000 initiative

Sessional Paper 320/99

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

Fact sheet undated ranking 1997-98 school year per-pupil expenditures in the Canadian provinces and American states highlighting Alberta's 58th ranking, prepared by the Canadian Teachers' Federation, the U.S. Department of Education, and the National Education Association

Sessional Paper 321/99

News release dated August 28, 1992, entitled "Major Construction Contract Awarded for Holy Cross Hospital in Calgary," with attached excerpt pages of the Public Accounts 1993-94 and 1994-95 detailing expenditures for the Holy Cross Hospital, Calgary

Sessional Paper 322/99

Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health:

Response to a question raised by Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, on February 23, 1999 as accepted by Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health

Sessional Paper 323/99

Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health, pursuant to the Regional Health Authorities Act, cR-9.07, s13(3):

Aspen Regional Health Authority #11, Annual Report 1997-98

Sessional Paper 324/99

Lakeland Regional Health Authority, Annual Report 1997-98

Sessional Paper 325/99

Mistahia Health Region, Annual Report 1997-98

Sessional Paper 326/99

Peace Health Region, Annual Report 1997-98

Sessional Paper 327/99

Keeweenaw Lakes Regional Health Authority #15, Annual Report 1997-98

Sessional Paper 328/99

Northern Lights Regional Health Services, Annual Report 1997-98

Sessional Paper 329/99

Northwestern Health Services Region, Annual Report 1997-98

Sessional Paper 330/99

Capital Health Authority, Annual Report 1997-98

Sessional Paper 331/99

Crossroads Regional Health Authority, Annual Report 1997-98

Sessional Paper 332/99

David Thompson Health Region (DHR), Annual Report 1997-98

Sessional Paper 333/99

WestView Regional Health Authority, Annual Report 1997-98

Sessional Paper 334/99

East Central Regional Health Authority #7 (ECRHA7), Annual Report 1997-98

Sessional Paper 335/99

Calgary Regional Health Authority (CRHA), Annual Report 1997-98

Sessional Paper 336/99

Headwaters Health Authority, Annual Report 1997-98

Sessional Paper 337/99

Palliser Health Authority, Annual Report 1997-98

Sessional Paper 338/99

Chinook Health Region (CHR), Annual Report 1997-98

Sessional Paper 339/99

Health Authority #5, Annual Report 1997-98

Sessional Paper 340/99

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

Letter dated March 18, 1999, from Bernie Karcher, President, Uncles at Large (Edmonton Area) Society, to Bob King, Chairperson and Chief Executive Officer, expressing concern regarding the likely negative effects of the new Bingo Guidelines and Conditions proposed by the Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission

Sessional Paper 341/99

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development:

Responses to questions raised on March 16, 1999, Department of Community Development, 1999-2000 Committee of Supply debate

Sessional Paper 342/99

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods:

Blank petition form expressing support for funding allocations to speech language pathology and occupational therapies based on children's needs, copy provided to Members of the Legislative Assembly

Sessional Paper 343/99

Mrs. Burgener, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie:

Letter dated March 4, 1999, from Mrs. Burgener, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, to Mr. Erhard Bucholz, President and Chief Executive Officer, Canada Lands Company, summarizing the February 19, 1999 discussion regarding CFB (Canadian Forces Base) Calgary following a meeting in Ottawa

Sessional Paper 344/99

Letter dated March 18, 1999, from Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, to the Right Honourable Jean Chrétien, Prime Minister of Canada, regarding the interest by Calgary's Mount Royal College to acquire approximately 10% of the Canadian Forces Base Calgary

Sessional Paper 345/99

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

Letter dated February 15, 1999, from Mrs. Gunn Kureluk to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding the current funding levels to education and the inequity in the proportion of instructional funds each school division receives to cover the costs of instructional staff

Sessional Paper 346/99

Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Labour:

Safety Codes Council, Three-Year Business Plan (1999-2001), dated January 25, 1999

Sessional Paper 347/99

Authorized Accredited Agencies, Annual Report 1997-98

Sessional Paper 348/99

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

Letter dated February 9, 1999, from Wendy Webb, parent of a grade one Laurier Heights School student, to Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, expressing concern regarding the current funding level allocated to public education

Sessional Paper 349/99

Letter dated February 9, 1999, from Birgit Raynard-Pettit, parent of a Laurier Heights School student, to Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, expressing concern regarding the current funding level allocated to public education

Sessional Paper 350/99

Letter dated February 21, 1999, from Kathie and Michael Brett to Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Education, regarding funding allocations to schools and expressing concern regarding the meeting of minimal standards by schools

Sessional Paper 351/99

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

Letter dated February 19, 1999 from Nellie Spicer, Chair, Restorative Justice Task Group, Alberta and Northwest Conference of the United Church of Canada, to Hon. Mr. Havelock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, expressing concern regarding the restriction of rights and freedoms based on sexual orientation, with attached 11 letters dated March 14-16, 1999, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and Mr. Gibbons, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, expressing concern regarding the discriminatory provisions included in Bill 12, Domestic Relations Amendment Act, 1999 relating to same-sex couples

Sessional Paper 352/99

Letter dated March 9, 1999, from Danny Kinal, Principal, St. Clement Catholic Elementary/Junior High School, to Mr. Strang, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead, and Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding the elimination of racial discrimination and the inappropriate comment by Mr. Strang, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead, in the Legislative Assembly on March 8, 1999

Sessional Paper 353/99

Calgary Herald editorial dated February 15, 1999, page A14, entitled "A voice at last," describing the underfunding of Calgary's infrastructure needs as addressed by Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition

Sessional Paper 354/99

Members' Statements

Mrs. Burgener, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, made a statement regarding the partisan position of the Prime Minister of Canada with respect to Calgary Mount Royal College's interest to acquire base lands of CFB (Canadian Forces Base) Calgary through the Canada Lands Company, and further failures by the Federal Government to support the national responsibilities of post-secondary education, veteran affairs, and historic sites.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding labour difficulties experienced by Hinton's millworkers, Dynamic Furniture, Georgia Pacific, Canada Safeway, Maple Leaf Foods, and Michener Centre, and the importance of the integrity and legitimacy of the Labour Relations Board in promoting harmonious labour relations in Alberta.

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, made a statement recognizing Bryce Brody, Alanna Prevoux, Karen Derringer, and Anna-Marie Tomichesky, Leaders of Tomorrow Award recipients, sponsored by Camrose and District Support Services for dedication and excellence in volunteer efforts and community contributions.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 202 Farming Practices Protection Statutes Amendment Act, 1999 —
Mr. Thurber

Second Reading

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

Bill 204 Medicare Protection Act — Ms Barrett

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by Mr. Stevens, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore on March 3, 1999, that the motion be amended by deleting all the words after the word "that", and substituting the following:

Bill 204, Medicare Protection Act, be not now read a Second time, because the Legislative Assembly believes that the report that is pending from the Health Summit should be reviewed before proceeding with this Bill.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(2)(b), debate on the amendment adjourned, Ms Leibovici speaking.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

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(4), the question being put, the motion was agreed to unanimously.

506. Moved by Mrs. Forsyth:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to examine the creation of a system of accountability for Alberta's health care system which would outline performance measures in an attempt to monitor system efficiency and identify a standard of care for patients.

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(2)(c), debate adjourned, Mr. Broda 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 23, 1999 — 8:00 P.M.

Committee of Supply (Days 8 and 9 — Main Estimates)

(Assembly in Subcommittees)

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

Mr. Speaker:

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

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

Mr. Speaker, I would like to table copies of a document tabled by Ms Kryczka, Chair, Seniors Advisory Council for Alberta, during Committee of Supply consideration of the Estimates of the Department of Community Development:

Backgrounder dated November 3, 1998, entitled "Steering Committee Members for the Study on the Impact of the Aging Population," produced by Alberta Community Development

Sessional Paper 355/99

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 8 Provincial Court Judges Amendment Act, 1999 — Ms Graham

Bill 9 Tobacco Tax Amendment Act, 1999 — Hon. Mr. Hancock on behalf of Hon. Mr. Day

Bill 10 Land Titles Amendment Act, 1999 — Hon. Mr. Hancock on behalf of Mrs. O'Neill

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

Bill 11 Public Sector Pension Plans Amendment Act, 1999 — Hon. Mr. Hancock on behalf of Hon. Mr. Day

A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:37 p.m. until Wednesday, March 24, 1999, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Tuesday, March 23, 1999