

Legislative Assembly Province of Alberta

No. 24

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Third Session

Twenty-Fourth Legislature

Monday, March 29, 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 58 Albertans 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 68 Albertans 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 26 Lethbridge 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 61 Albertans 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 101 Albertans requesting public consultations involving existing clients prior to any changes affecting the Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped (AISH) Program.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from 62 Nampa and Peace River residents 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 35 Albertans requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Notices of Motions

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, gave oral notice of her intention to move the following motion under Standing Order 40:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to make public today the complete unedited report and recommendations of the Bill 37 Review Panel.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier:

Return to Order of the Assembly No. MR77 asked for by Mr. Sapers on March 10, 1999:

All invoices billed to the Public Affairs Bureau for the design, production, distribution and marketing of the report entitled "Information and Communications Technology: A Strategy for Alberta" released November 12, 1998.

Sessional Paper 392/99

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

Letter dated March 29, 1999, from Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, to Mr. Daum, University of Alberta Golden Bears, offering congratulations to the University of Alberta Golden Bears Hockey Team on winning the gold medal at the CIAU (Canadian Interuniversity Athletic Union) University Cup Hockey Championship

Sessional Paper 393/99

Letter dated March 25, 1999, from Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, to Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, in response to a March 24, 1999 letter requesting a meeting with the Superintendent of Edmonton Public Schools, trustees, parent councils, and any interested citizens to discuss the state of public education in Alberta

Sessional Paper 394/99

Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Environmental Protection:

Alberta's Commitment to Sustainable Resource and Environmental Management, dated March 1999

Sessional Paper 395/99

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

Letter dated March 23, 1999, from Paul Galbraith, President, Students' Union, University of Calgary, to Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, expressing concern regarding the Government's post-secondary education tuition policy, with an attached report entitled "University Accessibility in Alberta," prepared by the Students' Union, University of Calgary, dated March 1, 1999 Sessional Paper 396/99

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

Letter dated March 17, 1999, from the St. Joseph's School Council, St. Joseph's Elementary School, to Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, expressing concern regarding the current funding allocations and requesting increased funding for public and separate education

Sessional Paper 397/99

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Letter dated March 29, 1999, from Darryl Anderson to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, registering a protest regarding the lack of consultation by Government with teachers on the proposed amendments to the School Act, and the deprofessionalization of teachers with the elimination of the Board of Reference

Sessional Paper 398/99

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

Letter dated November 12, 1998, from Cindy Mah, Consultant, KPMG Consulting Services, to Mr. Graham Ferguson, Vice President Government and Individual, Alberta Blue Cross, regarding the results of the 1998 survey of provincial prescription drug benefit formulas

Sessional Paper 399/99

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs:

Responses to questions raised on March 16, 1999, Department of Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs, 1999-2000 Committee of Supply debate

Sessional Paper 400/99

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood:

Background Paper No. 11: Administration of Family Law, The Unified Family Court, Constitutional Opinions, produced by the Institute of Law Research and Reform, University of Alberta, dated May 1978

Sessional Paper 401/99

Working Paper No. 1: The Family Court, produced by the Law Reform Commission of Canada

Sessional Paper 402/99

Working Paper: Family Court, produced by the Institute of Law Research and Reform, University of Alberta, dated April 1972

Sessional Paper 403/99

Report No. 25: Family Law Administration - The Unified Family Court, produced by the Institute of Law Research and Reform, University of Alberta, dated April 1978

Sessional Paper 404/99

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

24 feedback forms dated February 16-24, 1999, from parents of James Gibbons School students to Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Education, and Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, expressing ideas regarding the future of public education as described in district priorities for 1999-2002 adopted by the Board of Trustees

Sessional Paper 405/99

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Paszkowski, Minister of Transportation and Utilities, made a statement regarding the joint agreement reached on March 29, 1999 between the Department of Transportation and Utilities and the Canadian Association of Oilwell Drilling Contractors (CAODC) to address highway safety concerns regarding the safe transportation of oilwell service rigs.

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, commented on the statement.

Recognitions

Mrs. Gordon, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Stettler: Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties Spring Convention held in Edmonton, March 29-31, 1999.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre: World Theatre Day, March 27, 1999, and Alberta's theatrical community and organizations.

Mr. Lougheed, Hon. Member for Clover Bar-Fort Saskatchewan: most valuable player Cam Danyluk and the University of Alberta Golden Bears Hockey Team on winning their ninth CIAU (Canadian Interuniversity Athletic Union) University Cup Hockey Championship, March 28, 1999.

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo: Young Authors Celebrate '99 Conference held at Bishop Grandin High School in Calgary, March 27, 1999.

Mr. Ducharme, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake: 4-Wing Cold Lake personnel for their contribution to the NATO peace effort in Yugoslavia.

Mr. Wickman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford: Mill Woods Pentecostal Assembly holding an Easter production called "Have You Heard" on March 27-30, 1999 in their new facility.

Motions Under Standing Order 40

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly for consideration of the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to make public today the complete unedited report and recommendations of the Bill 37 Review Panel.

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

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

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

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

A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Smith, Acting Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:26 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

MONDAY, MARCH 29, 1999 - 8:00 P.M.

Committee of Supply (Days 13 and 14 — 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 Mr. Clegg reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the Department of Science, Research and Information Technology (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 Public Works, Supply and Services (Subcommittee C), 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.

Adjournment

On motion by Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:11 p.m. until Tuesday, March 30, 1999, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski, Speaker

Title: Monday, March 29, 1999