



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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Tuesday, March 30, 1999

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

Presenting Petitions

Dr. Nicol, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, presented a petition from 101 Lethbridge and area 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 101 Edmonton and area residents requesting public consultations involving existing clients prior to any changes affecting the Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped (AISH) Program.

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 31, 1999:

Written Questions: WQ71, WQ72, WQ89, WQ90, WQ119, WQ122,
 WQ123, WQ124, WQ125, WQ126, WQ127,
 WQ128, WQ129, WQ130, WQ131, WQ132,
 WQ133, WQ154, WQ155, WQ156.

Motions for Returns: 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, 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.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 26 Family Law Statutes Amendment Act, 1999 — Mr. Doerksen

Bill 27 Regulated Forestry Profession Act — Mr. Strang

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the following Bills were placed on the Order Paper under Government Bills and Orders:

Bill 26 Family Law Statutes Amendment Act, 1999 — Mr. Doerksen

Bill 27 Regulated Forestry Profession Act — Mr. Strang

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Dr. West, Minister of Energy:

Responses to questions raised on March 17, 1999, Department of Energy, 1999-2000 Committee of Supply (Subcommittee D) debate

Sessional Paper 406/99

News release dated March 30, 1999, entitled "EUB (Alberta Energy and Utilities Board) Prepared to Approve Suncor Millennium Oil Sands Mine Application," with attached Decision Report 99-7 dated March 29, 1999, entitled "Application by Suncor Energy Inc. for Amendment of Approval No. 8101 for the Proposed Project Millennium Development"

Sessional Paper 407/99

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer:

Press release dated March 22, 1999, entitled "Moody's Places the Domestic Currency Rating of the Province of Alberta Under Review for Possible Upgrade," produced by Moody's Investors Service

Sessional Paper 408/99

Credit news release dated March 19, 1999, entitled "CBRS (Canadian Bond Rating Service) Reaffirms the Province of Alberta at 'AA+' and 'A-1(High)'" produced by the Canadian Bond Rating Service

Sessional Paper 409/99

Fact sheet chart dated September 30, 1998, entitled "Canadian Government Ratings at a Glance," produced by Alberta Treasury Liability Management, detailing credit ratings assigned to the Federal Government and other Provincial Governments

Sessional Paper 410/99

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development:

Responses to questions raised on March 23, 1999, Department of Community Development, 1999-2000 Committee of Supply debate

Sessional Paper 411/99

Letter dated March 29, 1999, from Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development, to Mr. Rob Daum, Head Coach, Golden Bears Men's Hockey Team, offering congratulations to the University of Alberta Golden Bears Hockey Team on winning their ninth national title with their gold medal win at the CIAU (Canadian Interuniversity Athletic Union) University Cup Hockey Championship

Sessional Paper 412/99

Letter dated March 29, 1999, from Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development, to Howie Draper, Head Coach, Pandas Hockey Team, offering congratulations to the University of Alberta Pandas Hockey Team on winning the silver medal at the CIAU (Canadian Interuniversity Athletic Union) National Women's Hockey Championship

Sessional Paper 413/99

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

Letter dated March 23, 1999, from A. Blair McPherson to Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, regarding an Edmonton Sun newspaper article published in the March 21, 1999 issue, expressing concern relating to threats to education and democracy through the control of educational content and the method of teaching, with attached Edmonton Journal Letter to the Editor dated March 23, 1999, entitled "Underfunded Public (Catholic) Schools"

Sessional Paper 414/99

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

Letter dated March 2, 1999, from B.D. Ward, Assistant Registrar, College of Physicians and Surgeons, Province of Alberta, to Ms Heather Smith, President, United Nurses of Alberta, requesting comments about medical standards proposed for non-hospital facilities that would, if approved, perform surgical procedures currently performed only in hospitals, with attached report dated December 1997, entitled "College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta: Standards for Non-hospital Surgical Facilities"

Sessional Paper 415/99

Letter dated March 30, 1999, from Mrs. M. Christine Burdett to Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, expressing opposition on behalf of the Friends of Medicare to Bill 37, Health Statutes Amendment Act, 1998 (24th Legislature, 2nd Session), and expressing support for the legislative proposals in Bill 204, Medicare Protection Act, and Bill 201, Alberta Patients' Bill of Rights (24th Legislature, 2nd Session)

Sessional Paper 416/99

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands:

E-mail message dated February 23, 1999, from Bill Williams to Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, expressing concern regarding the inadequate compensation awarded to victims of forced sterilization, improper confinement and abuse, with attached letters dated February 2 and 22, 1999 sent to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier

Sessional Paper 417/99

E-mail message dated March 5, 1999, from Bill Williams to Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, offering biographical information and expressing appreciation for efforts made on behalf of his wife Phyllis Hamilton who was previously a ward of the Government

Sessional Paper 418/99

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

Letter dated March 29, 1999, from Mike O'Brien, President, Calgary Catholic Teachers, Calgary Separate School Local No. 55, Alberta Teachers' Association, to Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, expressing opposition to proposed amendments in Bill 20, School Amendment Act, 1999, which would abolish the Board of Reference

Sessional Paper 419/99

Letter dated March 29, 1999, from Kurt Moench, President, Calgary Public Teachers, Alberta Teachers' Association, to Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Education, requesting the withdrawal of Bill 20, School Amendment Act, 1999, until consultations with the Alberta Teachers' Association has occurred and expressing opposition to the abolishment of the Board of Reference

Sessional Paper 420/99

Organizational Review Report, produced by the Calgary Regional Health Authority (CRHA), with attached remarks by Dr. John Morgan, Chair, Calgary Regional Health Authority, dated March 30, 1999

Sessional Paper 421/99

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

Hansard excerpt pages dated February 17, 1999 to March 22, 1999, regarding comments made by Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Family and Social Services, relating to changes to the Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped Program (AISH), with attached seven related newspaper articles

Sessional Paper 422/99

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

The Cost of Privatization: A Case Study of Home Care in Manitoba, produced by Evelyn Shapiro, Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives

Sessional Paper 423/99

Members' Statements

Mr. Shariff, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, made a statement regarding the Eid Al-Adha Festival, a Muslim holiday celebrated at the end of the annual pilgrimage to Mecca, extending Eid Mubarak wishes on behalf of Mr. Amery, Hon. Member for Calgary-East, and expressing appreciation to the Speaker for hosting the first celebration of Eid on behalf of the Alberta Legislative Assembly to be held March 30, 1999 in the Legislature Rotunda.

Dr. Nicol, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, made a statement recognizing the Parents as Teachers Program in Lethbridge, a parenting skills education and support program provided by volunteer parents, and supported by the Lethbridge Public School Board, Senator Buchanan Elementary School, Alberta School, Chinook Regional Health Authority, Lethbridge Public Library, and Sun Country Children Services.

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, made a statement recognizing the 75th anniversary of the Camrose Rotary Club, their efforts towards community development and involvement through the guiding principles "Service above self and he profits most who serves the best," and offering congratulations on their qualification for a Presidential Citation indicating high achievement for community excellence.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

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.

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

For the amendment: 38

Amery	Herard	Renner
Broda	Hierath	Severtson
Burgener	Johnson	Stelmach
Cardinal	Jonson	Stevens
Clegg	Klapstein	Tannas
Coutts	Kryczka	Taylor
Doerksen	Laing	Thurber
Ducharme	Lougheed	Trynchy
Evans	Magnus	West
Fischer	Marz	Woloshyn
Forsyth	McClellan	Yankowsky
Haley	O'Neill	Zwozdesky
Hancock	Paszkowski	

Against the amendment: 15

Barrett	Gibbons	Nicol
Blakeman	Leibovici	Olsen
Bonner	MacBeth	Pannu
Carlson	MacDonald	Sapers
Dickson	Massey	Sloan

Motions Other Than Government Motions

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

507. Moved by Mrs. MacBeth:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to establish a Fiscal Stabilization Fund to be used strategically to smooth over the instability of Alberta's revenue base and to ensure that health care, education and social service programs are protected from the threat of further expenditure reductions.

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(2)(c), debate adjourned, Mr. Sapers speaking.

Committee of Supply (Day 15 — Main Estimates)

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions, reports as follows, and requests leave to sit again:

Resolved that a sum not exceeding the following be granted to Her Majesty for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2000, for the Department and purposes indicated:

Executive Council

\$14,022,000 Operating Expense

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, it was agreed at 5:14 p.m. that when the Assembly reconvened at 8:00 p.m. it would be in Committee of Supply, and the Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

TUESDAY, MARCH 30, 1999 — 8:00 P.M.

Committee of Supply (Day 15 — Main Estimates)

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions, reports as follows, and requests leave to sit again:

Resolved that a sum not exceeding the following be granted to Her Majesty for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2000, for the Departments and purposes indicated:

Energy

\$79,486,000 Operating Expense and Capital Investment

Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs

\$24,450,000 Operating Expense

Justice

\$372,020,000 Operating Expense and Capital Investment

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

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:02 p.m. until Wednesday, March 31, 1999, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Tuesday, March 30, 1999