



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 27

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Third Session

Twenty-Fourth Legislature

Thursday, April 1, 1999

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

Presenting Petitions

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from 106 Edmonton and area residents 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 43 Lethbridge and area residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, presented a petition from 113 Lethbridge and Edmonton 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 235 Albertans requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from 100 Edmonton and area residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 29 Securities Amendment Act, 1999 — Mr. Hlady

Bill 30 Employment Pension Plans Amendment Act, 1999 — Mrs. Tarchuk

Bill 31 Agricultural Dispositions Statutes Amendment Act, 1999 — Mr. Thurber

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Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Letter dated April 1, 1999, from Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, to the Honourable Paul Okalik, Premier of Nunavut, offering congratulations on behalf of the Official Opposition of Alberta on the creation of Canada's third territory, Nunavut

Sessional Paper 448/99

Letter dated April 1, 1999, from Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, to the Honourable Brian Tobin, Premier of Newfoundland and Labrador, offering congratulations on behalf of the Official Opposition of Alberta on the 50th anniversary of the entry of Newfoundland into Confederation

Sessional Paper 449/99

Mr. Gibbons, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning:

Alberta Capital Region Alliance Ltd., Annual Report 1998

Sessional Paper 450/99

Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health:

Return to Order of the Assembly No. MR8 asked for by Ms Leibovici on March 17, 1999:

The final report submitted by George B. Cuff and Associates Ltd. on the deficit elimination plan of the Lakeland Regional Health Authority.

Sessional Paper 451/99

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

Alberta Teachers' Association (ATA) newspaper insert dated March 30, 1999, entitled "You're fired!, There's no appeal," expressing opposition to the provisions in Bill 20, School Amendment Act, 1999, which would abolish the Board of Reference

Sessional Paper 452/99

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

Reuters news article dated April 1, 1999, entitled "After a year, few notice California power deregulation," written by Deena Beasley

Sessional Paper 453/99

Letter dated March 17, 1999, from Angela Heywood to the Alberta Students Finance Board regarding her completion of a Help Desk Analyst Program and subsequent employment opportunities, with attached letters between herself and Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Advanced Education and Career Development, regarding the Careers in Transition (CIT) Program

Sessional Paper 454/99

Pamphlet entitled "The Calgary Multicultural Health Care Initiative: Healthy Living for a Diverse Community," produced by the Calgary Immigrant Aid Society

Sessional Paper 455/99

Calgary Immigrant Aid Society article dated 1999, entitled "Calgary Multicultural Health Care Initiative Model"

Sessional Paper 456/99

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

Media news release dated March 31, 1999, entitled "Premier Rejects Proposal to Protect Ten Critical Sites: Alberta's Precious Places Slated for Development," produced by the Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society and the Alberta Wilderness Association

Sessional Paper 457/99

Petition signed by 20 Albertans requesting the withdrawal of the sections in Bill 20, School Amendment Act, 1999, which proposes to remove the Board of Reference

Sessional Paper 458/99

Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Advanced Education and Career Development:

Response to questions raised by Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, during Oral Question Period on March 31, 1999, regarding a job training course offered by CIT (Careers in Transition Inc.)

Sessional Paper 459/99

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, made a statement regarding the establishment of the new Northern Territory of Nunavut, April 1, 1999, rooted in a vision of self-determination for the Inuit people and a hope for a better future for northern communities. Recognition was also given to the special relationship between Alberta and the Northwest Territories with many agreements and partnership efforts.

Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, commented on the statement.

The Speaker stated that the flag of Nunavut would also be joining the flags of Canada, its provinces and territories already on display in the Legislative Assembly as soon as it is received.

Oral Question Period

During Oral Question Period, Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, tabled the following:

Excerpt page dated October 2, 1998, of a radio talk show conversation occurring between Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, and callers regarding the provision of private and public health care service delivery
Sessional Paper 460/99

Hansard excerpt page 1746 dated July 2, 1992, highlighting an Oral Question Period exchange between Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, and Ms Betkowski, Hon. Minister of Health, regarding hospital services privatization
Sessional Paper 461/99

During Oral Question Period, Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health, tabled the following:

News release dated February 22, 1999, entitled "Legislation proclaimed preventing two-tier health system," produced by Jeff Brown, Communications Branch, Saskatchewan Health, with attached 1996 Chapter H-0.02, An Act Respecting Health Facilities cited as The Health Facilities Licensing Act, and Chapter H-0.02 Regulation No. 1, Order in Council 38/1999, dated January 19, 1999

Sessional Paper 462/99

Members' Statements

Mrs. Laing, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow, made a statement regarding Tartan Day, April 6, 1999, to commemorate the anniversary of Scottish Independence in 1320. The Members received a swatch of the Alberta Tartan first recognized in 1961, with colours representing the green of our forests, the blue of our skies, pink for the wild rose, and black for our resources.

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, made a statement regarding an Ontario Court decision relating to a woman sterilized in error by her physician, and the need to assist new immigrants with such efforts as undertaken by the Calgary Immigrant Aid Society through the Calgary Multicultural Health Care Initiative.

Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement regarding the religious holidays as celebrated through the holy season with the Jewish Passover, and with the Christian traditions of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

The Speaker made a statement recognizing the many significant dates and commemorative designations occurring in April 1999.

Projected Government Business

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

Hon. Mr. Havelock, Deputy Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government Business for the week of April 12 to April 15, 1999:

Monday, April 12	Aft.	- Government Bills and Orders Second Reading Bills 21, 24, 27, 20 And as per Order Paper
	Eve.	- Government Bills and Orders Committee of Supply Main Estimates Day 18 - Reporting: Designated Supply Subcommittees: Health, Education, Family and Social Services Advanced Education and Career Development

			Second Reading
			Bills 24, 20
			And as per Order Paper
Tuesday, April 13	(4:30)	-	Government Bills and Orders
			Second Reading
			Bill 22
			And as per Order Paper
	Eve.	-	Government Bills and Orders
			Committee of Supply
			Main Estimates Day 19 -
			Reporting:
			Designated Supply
			Subcommittees:
			Environmental Protection,
			Municipal Affairs
			Transportation and Utilities,
			Community Development,
			Science, Research and
			Information Technology
			Second Reading
			Bills 23, 30, 25
			And as per Order Paper
Wednesday, April 14	Eve.	-	Government Bills and Orders
			Committee of Supply
			Main Estimates Day 20 -
			Final Estimates Day
			Reporting:
			Public Works,
			Supply and Services
			Second Reading
			Bills 29, 26, 31
			And as per Order Paper

Thursday, April 15

Aft. - **Government Bills and Orders**

Committee of Supply

Lottery Fund Estimates -
Day 1 of 2

Second Reading

Bills 26, 23, 29, 25

And as per Order Paper

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Committee of Supply (Day 17 — Main Estimates)

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

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, 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 Transportation and Utilities, 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.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Hon. Mr. Havelock, Deputy Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to revert to Introduction of Bills.

Notice having been given:

Bill 25 Insurance Act — Ms Graham

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Deputy Government House Leader, the following Bill was placed on the Order Paper under Government Bills and Orders:

Bill 25 Insurance Act — Ms Graham

Adjournment

Pursuant to Government Motion No. 6 agreed to by the Assembly on February 23, 1999, and on motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:06 p.m. until Monday, April 12, 1999, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Thursday, April 1, 1999