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Province of Alberta**

No. 29

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Third Session

Twenty-Fourth Legislature

Tuesday, April 13, 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 178 Albertans 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 375 Albertans 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 106 Edmonton and area residents 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 110 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 23 Lethbridge and Coaldale residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Reading and Receiving Petitions

On request by Mr. Wickman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to hold widespread public hearings involving as many existing clients as want to be heard before making any changes to the Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped Program.

On request by Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to hold widespread public hearings involving as many existing clients as want to be heard before making any changes to the Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped Program.

On request by Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to hold widespread public hearings involving as many existing clients as want to be heard before making any changes to the Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped Program.

Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees

Ms Graham, Chairman, Select Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented the following report:

Mr. Speaker, the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills has had certain Bills under consideration and wishes to report as follows:

The Committee recommends that the following Private Bills proceed with some amendments:

Bill Pr1 National Bond Insurance Corporation Act — Mrs. O'Neill

Bill Pr3 Consumers Insurance Company Act — Ms Blakeman

As part of this report, I will be tabling copies of the amendments proposed to these Bills.

Mr. Speaker, I request the concurrence of the Assembly in these recommendations.

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The question being put, concurrence in the report was granted.

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, April 14, 1999:

Written Questions:	WQ171, WQ172, WQ173, WQ174, WQ175, WQ176, WQ177, WQ178, WQ179, WQ196.
Motions for Returns:	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, MR180, MR181, MR182, MR183, MR184, MR185, MR186, MR187, MR188, MR189, MR190, MR191, MR192, MR193, MR194, MR195.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Havelock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General:

Letter dated April 13, 1999, from Hon. Mr. Havelock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, to Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood, in response to a question raised in Oral Question Period on April 12, 1999 regarding sterilization claims and contingency agreements

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

Annual Report 1998-99: Linda Sloan, MLA (Member of the Legislative Assembly) Edmonton-Riverview Constituency

Sessional Paper 491/99

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

Letter dated April 9, 1999, from Dr. Rowland T. Nichol, President, Alberta Medical Association, to AMA members regarding Bill 7, Alberta Health Care Insurance Amendment Act, 1999, expressing concerns and opposition to Bill provisions on behalf of the AMA

Sessional Paper 492/99

Proposed amendment to Section 136 of Bill 22, Health Professions Act, relating to persons performing restricted activities

Sessional Paper 493/99

Mr. Jacques, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Wapiti:

Letter dated March 4, 1999, from Corrinne G. Christopherson, D.W.A.G. (Disenfranchised Widows Action Group), to Hon. Mr. Paszkowski, Minister of Transportation and Utilities, regarding the loss of Workers' Compensation Board pension benefits upon remarriage in 1974 and urging the Government to discontinue this discriminatory practice

Sessional Paper 494/99

Mr. Boutilier, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray:

Petition signed by 189 Albertans requesting the withdrawal of the sections of Bill 20, School Amendment Act, 1999, which removes the Board of Reference as a final tribunal for teachers

Sessional Paper 495/99

Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Family and Social Services:

Fact sheet entitled "Preliminary Report: AISH (Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped) and Assured Support Client Feedback - Report on Findings," compiling the 1,010 responses received by March 30, 1999 regarding the proposed program changes

Sessional Paper 496/99

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

Letter dated April 12, 1999, from Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, to Mr. Sean Fleming, Department Head, Religious Studies, Austin O'Brien Catholic High School, offering congratulations for Red Cross Balkan Relief Fund fundraising efforts

Sessional Paper 497/99

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands:

Petition dated April 7, 1999, to Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, signed by 19 teachers expressing concerns regarding Bill 20, School Amendment Act, 1999, and in particular the proposed elimination of the Board of Reference and the lack of a consultation process with teachers

Sessional Paper 498/99

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development, made a statement recognizing two historical spiritual events, Yom Hashoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day commemorated internationally on April 13, 1999 in remembrance of the six million of Jewish faith who perished during the holocaust of World War II, and the need for societal tolerance and respect for all faiths and cultures. April 13, 1999 is also commemorated as Baisakhi Day with the 300 year anniversary in 1999 of the formation of the fraternity of brotherhood called Khalsa establishing the tenets of modern Sikh faith, and the recognition of the contribution of Sikh members to Alberta communities.

Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, commented on the statement.

Members' Statements

Mr. Stevens, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore, made a statement recognizing Yom Hashoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day commemorated internationally on April 13, 1999, and the sorrow felt by Albertans for the perishing of six million European Jews during World War II as paid tribute to in community ceremonies.

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, made a statement on behalf of the Legislative Assembly offering congratulations to the Sikh community on the birth of Khalsa created in 1699, celebrating a 300 year anniversary on April 14, 1999 in recognition of the Sikh religion and social values of non-violence as exemplified by Jaswant Singh Atwal through community efforts.

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort, made a statement expressing gratitude to the Legislative Assembly for condolences received following the passing away of his brother Truong Nguyen Cao, provided biographical information on Truong including his public service efforts through the Department of Social Services of Los Angeles County in successfully developing social programs and initiatives.

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 205 School (Early Childhood Services) Amendment Act, 1999 — Mr. Amery

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(2)(b), debate adjourned, Mrs. O'Neill speaking.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

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(4), the question being put, with Mrs. Gordon in the Chair, the motion was defeated. The names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 10

Blakeman	Leibovici	Olsen
Carlson	MacBeth	Sapers
Dickson	Nicol	Sloan
Gibbons		

Against the motion: 39

Boutilier	Fritz	O'Neill
Broda	Haley	Paszkowski
Calahasen	Hancock	Pham
Cao	Herard	Renner
Cardinal	Hierath	Severtson
Clegg	Jacques	Shariff
Coutts	Johnson	Stelmach
Doerksen	Klapstein	Strang
Ducharme	Kryczka	Tannas
Dunford	Langevin	Taylor
Evans	Lougheed	Thurber
Forsyth	Marz	Trynchy
Friedel	McClellan	Yankowsky

508. Moved by Ms Olsen:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to establish a benchmark of one police officer for every 525 Albertans.

A debate followed.

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

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 22 Health Professions Act — Mr. Renner

A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, it was agreed at 5:24 p.m. that when the Assembly reconvened at 8:00 p.m. it would be in Committee of Supply, and the Acting Speaker left the Chair.

TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 1999 — 8:00 P.M.

Committee of Supply (Day 19 — Main Estimates)

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Acting Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Tannas 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:

Community Development

\$312,490,000 Operating Expense and Capital Investment

Science, Research and Information Technology

\$62,546,000 Operating Expense

Transportation and Utilities

\$868,450,000 Operating Expense and Capital Investment

The Committee of Supply has also had under consideration certain resolutions (reported from the Designated Supply Subcommittees), 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:

Environmental Protection

\$355,535,000 Operating Expense and Capital Investment

Municipal Affairs

\$259,026,000 Operating Expense and Capital Investment

Mr. Speaker, I would also like to table copies of an amendment proposed by Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, during Committee of Supply consideration of the Estimates of the Department of Environmental Protection:

Amendment to the Estimates of the Department of Environmental Protection
(Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 499/99

Mr. Speaker, I would also like to table copies of a document tabled by Hon. Mr. Paszkowski, Minister of Transportation and Utilities, during Committee of Supply consideration of the Estimates of the Department of Transportation and Utilities:

Responses to questions raised on April 1, 1999, Department of
Transportation and Utilities, 1999-2000 Committee of Supply debate

Sessional Paper 500/99

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 23 Pharmacy and Drug Act — Mrs. Tarchuk

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

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

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

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

Adjournment

On motion by Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:14 p.m. until Wednesday, April 14, 1999, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Tuesday, April 13, 1999