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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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Wednesday, April 14, 1999

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

Presenting Petitions

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from 110 Edmonton and area residents requesting public consultations involving existing clients prior to any changes affecting the Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped (AISH) Program.

Dr. Nicol, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, presented a petition from 112 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 147 Edmonton and area 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 105 Hinton and area residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, presented a petition from 132 Edmonton and area residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Reading and Receiving Petitions

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

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government to increase support for children in public and separate schools to a level that covers increased costs due to contract settlements, curriculum changes, technology, and aging schools.

On request by Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government to increase support for children in public and separate schools to a level that covers increased costs due to contract settlements, curriculum changes, technology, and aging schools.

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 to increase support for children in public and separate schools to a level that covers increased costs due to contract settlements, curriculum changes, technology, and aging schools.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 32 Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped Amendment Act, 1999 —
Hon. Dr. Oberg

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Response to Written Question No. WQ178 asked for by Dr. Massey on April 14, 1999:

How many people were surveyed by the Department of Advanced Education and Career Development to determine that 72% of Albertans in 1996-97 were satisfied under the Public Satisfaction Indicator?

Sessional Paper 501/99

Response to Written Question No. WQ179 asked for by Dr. Massey on April 14, 1999:

What number of Albertans were surveyed in the Learner Satisfaction Indicator as illustrated in the 1998-99 to 2000-01 Department of Advanced Education and Career Development Business Plan?

Sessional Paper 502/99

Response to Written Question No. WQ196 asked for by Dr. Massey on April 14, 1999:

What stakeholders were involved with the Community Adult Learning Program policy review, as outlined in the Department of Advanced Education and Career Development's 1998-99 Business Plan?

Sessional Paper 503/99

Return to Order of the Assembly No. MR183 asked for by Dr. Massey on April 14, 1999:

The Year 2000 compliance plan for the Department of Advanced Education and Career Development.

Sessional Paper 504/99

Return to Order of the Assembly No. MR187 asked for by Dr. Massey on April 14, 1999:

Copies of the Memorandum of Understanding signed in 1998 between the Departments of Advanced Education and Career Development and Family and Social Services to redesign provincial labour market programs and delivery systems.

Sessional Paper 505/99

Return to Order of the Assembly No. MR188 asked for by Dr. Massey on April 14, 1999:

The business plan for Adult Skills Alberta, as developed by the Department of Advanced Education and Career Development and outlined in its 1998-99 Business Plan.

Sessional Paper 506/99

Return to Order of the Assembly No. MR189 asked for by Dr. Massey on April 14, 1999:

Copies of the cross-departmental policy framework, as completed by the Essential Skills Framework working group for the Department of Advanced Education and Career Development, as outlined in its 1998-99 Business Plan.

Sessional Paper 507/99

Return to Order of the Assembly No. MR190 asked for by Dr. Massey on April 14, 1999:

The report on the assessment of career and labour market needs of youth completed by the Department of Advanced Education and Career Development, as outlined in its 1998-99 Business Plan.

Sessional Paper 508/99

Return to Order of the Assembly No. MR191 asked for by Dr. Massey on April 14, 1999:

The report on the evaluation of the Applied Degree Project completed by the Department of Advanced Education and Career Development, as outlined in its 1998-99 Business Plan.

Sessional Paper 509/99

Return to Order of the Assembly No. MR192 asked for by Dr. Massey on April 14, 1999:

Copies of the stakeholder survey from 1997-98 to assess how well the Ministry is performing its duties, conducted by the Department of Advanced Education and Career Development, as outlined in its 1998-99 to 2000-01 Business Plan.

Sessional Paper 510/99

Return to Order of the Assembly No. MR193 asked for by Dr. Massey on April 14, 1999:

Copies of the employer satisfaction survey conducted in 1997-98 by the Department of Advanced Education and Career Development, as outlined in its 1998-99 to 2000-01 Business Plan.

Sessional Paper 511/99

Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Labour, pursuant to the Safety Codes Act, cS-0.5, s22(3):

Safety Codes Council, Annual Report 1998

Sessional Paper 512/99

Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Creek, and Co-chair of the Homelessness in Edmonton Task Force:

Homelessness in Edmonton Task Force, Public Forum Schedule of Presentations, April 9, 1999, listing of the 21 groups, organizations and individuals making presentations at the forum

Sessional Paper 513/99

Mr. Coutts, Hon. Member for Livingstone-Macleod:

News release dated April 14, 1999, entitled "Special Places - Lund says no to logging; new Grizzly Ridge Wildland Park protects over 26,000 acres in Swan Hills," produced by Alberta Environmental Protection, with attached map and photographs of Grizzly Ridge Wildland Park

Sessional Paper 514/99

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands:

Watson Wyatt Special Memorandum article dated February 1999, entitled "Ontario Court Reads Same-Sex Spouse Definition Into Ontario Pension Benefits Act," produced by Watson Wyatt Canada Consultants and Actuaries

Sessional Paper 515/99

Media release dated April 14, 1999, entitled "Bill 30 hinders employers, denies rights to same sex employees," produced by Equal=Alberta (Edmonton) - Equality for Gay and Lesbian Albertans

Sessional Paper 516/99

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

Media release entitled "AACL commends Oberg for positive AISH (Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped) changes," produced by the Alberta Association for Community Living (AACL)

Sessional Paper 517/99

Letter dated March 15, 1999, from Deborah Chenery, Executive Director, Canadian Mental Health Association, to Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Family and Social Services, expressing support for the proposed changes to the AISH (Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped) Program

Sessional Paper 518/99

Letter dated March 29, 1999, from Betty Schoenhofer, Chair, Provincial Mental Health Advisory Board, to Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Family and Social Services, expressing support for the proposed changes to the AISH (Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped) Program

Sessional Paper 519/99

Letter dated March 15, 1999, from Dr. John Slater-Rook, Executive Director, Brain Injury Association of Alberta, to Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Family and Social Services, expressing support for the proposed changes to the AISH (Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped) Program

Sessional Paper 520/99

Mr. Lougheed, Hon. Member for Clover Bar-Fort Saskatchewan:

Letter dated February 2, 1999, from Raymond Reidy, Board President, St. Paul Abilities Network (SPAN), to Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Family and Social Services, expressing support for the proposed changes to the AISH (Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped) Program

Sessional Paper 521/99

Letter dated February 8, 1999, from G.G. (Jerry) Archibald, Chair, Edmonton Community Board, Persons with Developmental Disabilities (PDD), to Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Family and Social Services, expressing support for the proposed changes to the AISH (Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped) Program

Sessional Paper 522/99

Letter dated January 26, 1999, from M.A. Kreutzer, President, Board of Directors, Depression and Manic-Depression Association of Alberta, to Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Family and Social Services, in response to a request for input on the proposed changes to the AISH (Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped) Program

Sessional Paper 523/99

Letter dated March 16, 1999, from Dennis Anderson, President and Board Chairman, Canadian Mental Health Association, to Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Family and Social Services, expressing support for the proposed changes to the AISH (Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped) Program

Sessional Paper 524/99

Recognitions

Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert: 17th annual St. Albert Youth Appreciation Night sponsored by the Optimist Club of St. Albert held at the Cornerstone Hall in St. Albert.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar: Austin O'Brien High School's efforts to raise over \$19,000 for international relief.

Ms Fritz, Hon. Member for Calgary-Cross: chronic autoimmune disease Lupus Erythematosus and efforts by the Lupus Society of Alberta to provide public education and support.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona: Sikh community on the 300 year anniversary of the creation of Khalsa, April 13, 1699.

Mr. McFarland, Hon. Member for Little Bow: Christie Foth, resident of Champion, Alberta, crowned the reigning queen of the Calgary Stampede.

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood: anniversary of the signing and proclamation of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, as recognized at Law Day events on April 17, 1999.

Mr. Boutilier, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray: construction of the Rotary House Seniors' Residence led by community volunteer efforts of the Fort McMurray Rotary Club, Kinsmen and Kinette Clubs, Royal Canadian Legion, and the Fort McMurray Golden Years Society in partnership with Syncrude and Suncor.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Questions were accepted:

WQ171. Moved by Mr. Sapers:

What provisions have been made by the Alberta Treasury Branches to ensure that an adequate supply of currency will be available to Albertans who decide to withdraw their deposits because of concerns resulting from potential Y2K (Year 2000) problems?

WQ172. Moved by Mr. Sapers:

How many times has the working group established by Alberta Transportation and Utilities Disaster Services to analyze potential emergency consequences resulting from Y2K (Year 2000) computer problems met, who makes up this group, and what recommendations and action plans has the group produced?

WQ173. Moved by Ms Blakeman:

What steps have been taken by the Department of Community Development to ensure that all the computer hardware, software and office equipment used by the Department and all of the Department's agencies and foundations are Y2K (Year 2000) compliant?

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development, tabled Response to Written Question No. WQ173

Sessional Paper 525/99

WQ174. Moved by Ms Olsen on behalf of Mr. MacDonald:

What steps has the Department of Labour taken to address the concerns raised in the 1997-98 Annual Report of the Auditor General dealing with the Department's state of preparation for the Year 2000, namely, the recommendation to expedite completion of a Year 2000 assessment and develop a comprehensive plan to address the problems identified, and the recommendation to develop a contingency plan?

Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Labour, tabled Response to Written Question No. WQ174

Sessional Paper 526/99

WQ175. Moved by Ms Olsen on behalf of Mr. MacDonald:

How many in-service inspections for pressure equipment items were over-due on March 1, 1999, and how many of these have been over-due for five years or more?

Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Labour, tabled Response to Written Question No. WQ175

Sessional Paper 527/99

WQ176. Moved by Ms Olsen on behalf of Mr. MacDonald:

What steps has the Department of Labour taken to consolidate the financial statements of the Safety Codes Council and Delegated Administrative Organizations with the Department so that all the costs and outcomes associated with the Ministry's goals can be accounted for and the Ministry's performance accurately measured?

Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Labour, tabled Response to Written Question No. WQ176

Sessional Paper 528/99

WQ177. Moved by Ms Olsen on behalf of Mr. MacDonald:

What policies, procedures and processes has the Department of Labour developed to monitor the performance of all delegated entities to ensure that those entities are delivering the services delegated to them in a satisfactory manner and in accordance with the Safety Codes Act?

Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Labour, tabled Response to Written Question No. WQ177

Sessional Paper 529/99

WQ178. Moved by Dr. Massey:

How many people were surveyed by the Department of Advanced Education and Career Development to determine that 72% of Albertans in 1996-97 were satisfied under the Public Satisfaction Indicator?

WQ179. Moved by Dr. Massey:

What number of Albertans were surveyed in the Learner Satisfaction Indicator as illustrated in the 1998-99 to 2000-01 Department of Advanced Education and Career Development Business Plan?

WQ196. Moved by Dr. Massey:

What stakeholders were involved with the Community Adult Learning Program policy review, as outlined in the Department of Advanced Education and Career Development's 1998-99 Business Plan?

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

WQ197, WQ198, WQ199, WQ204, WQ206, WQ210, WQ211, WQ212, WQ213, WQ214, WQ215, WQ216.

Motions for Returns

The following Motions for Returns were accepted:

MR107. Moved by Mr. Sapers:

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

MR111. Moved by Ms Leibovici:

The Year 2000 assessment report conducted for the health system and individual regional health authorities.

MR115. Moved by Ms Olsen:

Copies of all agreements between financial institutions and the Department of Justice and Attorney General relating to trust funds under administration for each of the fiscal years ending after January 1, 1993 to February 25, 1999.

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to accept Motions for Returns: MR183, MR187, MR188, MR189, MR190, MR191, MR192 and MR193 as a collective.

MR183. Moved by Dr. Massey:

The Year 2000 compliance plan for the Department of Advanced Education and Career Development.

MR187. Moved by Dr. Massey:

Copies of the Memorandum of Understanding signed in 1998 between the Departments of Advanced Education and Career Development and Family and Social Services to redesign provincial labour market programs and delivery systems.

MR188. Moved by Dr. Massey:

The business plan for Adult Skills Alberta, as developed by the Department of Advanced Education and Career Development and outlined in its 1998-99 Business Plan.

MR189. Moved by Dr. Massey:

Copies of the cross-departmental policy framework, as completed by the Essential Skills Framework working group for the Department of Advanced Education and Career Development, as outlined in its 1998-99 Business Plan.

MR190. Moved by Dr. Massey:

The report on the assessment of career and labour market needs of youth completed by the Department of Advanced Education and Career Development, as outlined in its 1998-99 Business Plan.

MR191. Moved by Dr. Massey:

The report on the evaluation of the Applied Degree Project completed by the Department of Advanced Education and Career Development, as outlined in its 1998-99 Business Plan.

MR192. Moved by Dr. Massey:

Copies of the stakeholder survey from 1997-98 to assess how well the Ministry is performing its duties, conducted by the Department of Advanced Education and Career Development, as outlined in its 1998-99 to 2000-01 Business Plan.

MR193. Moved by Dr. Massey:

Copies of the employer satisfaction survey conducted in 1997-98 by the Department of Advanced Education and Career Development, as outlined in its 1998-99 to 2000-01 Business Plan.

The following Motions for Returns were accepted as amended:

MR116. Moved by Mr. Sapers:

Copies of annual and interim financial statement analyses prepared by, or for, Alberta Treasury for the period January 1, 1997 to February 16, 1999, as set out under sections 5.2 and 5.3 of the Loans and Guarantees Procedures Manual, as it pertains to financial arrangements between the Government and Vencap Acquisition Corporation.

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, moved the motion be amended to read:

Copies of *publicly available* annual and interim financial statement analyses prepared by, or for, Alberta Treasury for the period January 1, 1997 to February 16, 1999, as set out under sections 5.2 and 5.3 of the Loans and Guarantees Procedures Manual, as it pertains to financial arrangements between the Government and Vencap Acquisition Corporation.

MR117. Moved by Mr. Sapers:

Copies of reports prepared by, or for, Alberta Treasury or sent to Alberta Treasury, for the period January 1, 1995 to February 16, 1999, assessing the feasibility of expanding the Government's reporting entity to include universities, colleges and technical institutes, regional health authorities, and school boards.

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, moved the motion be amended to read:

Summaries of reports prepared by, or for, Alberta Treasury or sent to Alberta Treasury, for the period January 1, 1995 to February 16, 1999, assessing the feasibility of expanding the Government's reporting entity to include universities, colleges and technical institutes, regional health authorities, and school boards.

MR120. Moved by Mr. Sapers:

Copies of valuation reports, fairness assessments, work-out options, and exit options prepared for, or by, Alberta Treasury or sent to Alberta Treasury, for the period March 25, 1998 to February 16, 1999, pertaining to loan agreements between the Government and Centennial Food Corporation.

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, moved the motion be amended to read:

Copies of *publicly available* valuation reports, fairness assessments, work-out options, and exit options prepared for, or by, Alberta Treasury or sent to Alberta Treasury, for the period March 25, 1998 to February 16, 1999, pertaining to loan agreements between the Government and Centennial Food Corporation.

MR121. Moved by Mr. Sapers:

Copies of annual and interim financial statement analyses prepared by, or for, Alberta Treasury for the period March 10, 1998 to February 16, 1999, as set out under sections 5.2 and 5.3 of the Loans and Guarantees Procedures Manual, pertaining to financial assistance provided by the Government to Centennial Food Corporation.

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, moved the motion be amended to read:

Copies of *publicly available* annual and interim financial statement analyses prepared by, or for, Alberta Treasury for the period March 10, 1998 to February 16, 1999, as set out under sections 5.2 and 5.3 of the Loans and Guarantees Procedures Manual, pertaining to financial assistance provided by the Government to Centennial Food Corporation.

The following Motions for Returns were rejected:

MR95. Moved by Ms Leibovici:

Copies of any and all reports regarding the health facilities evaluations of the Health Authority #5 done by Roman M. Kujath Architect Ltd.

MR96. Moved by Ms Leibovici:

Copies of any and all reports regarding the health facilities evaluations of the Peace Regional Health Authority done by Stanley Architecture Ltd.

MR97. Moved by Ms Leibovici:

Copies of any and all reports regarding the health facilities evaluations of the Westview Regional Health Authority done by Vaitkunas Jamieson Architects.

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to reject Motions for Returns: MR98, MR99, MR100, MR101, MR102, MR103, MR104, and MR105 as a collective.

MR98. Moved by Ms Leibovici:

Copies of any and all reports regarding the health facilities evaluations of the Grey Nuns Hospital and Community Health Centre done by Niels P. Gerbitz Architects Ltd.

MR99. Moved by Ms Leibovici:

Copies of any and all reports regarding the health facilities evaluations of the Rockyview General Hospital done by R. J. Goodfellow Architects.

MR100. Moved by Ms Leibovici:

Copies of any and all reports regarding the health facilities evaluations of the Lakeland Health Authority done by IBI Group Architects Engineers & Planners.

MR101. Moved by Ms Leibovici:

Copies of any and all reports regarding the health facilities evaluations of the David Thompson Health Authority done by John Murray Architect Ltd.

MR102. Moved by Ms Leibovici:

Copies of any and all reports regarding the health facilities evaluations of the Mistahia Health Authority done by Christopher Filipowicz Architect.

MR103. Moved by Ms Leibovici:

Copies of any and all reports regarding the health facilities evaluations of the Headwaters Health Authority done by Burgener Kilpatrick Design International Architects.

MR104. Moved by Ms Leibovici:

Copy of the feasibility study of the Charles Camsell Hospital done by A. M. Holland Architect.

MR105. Moved by Ms Leibovici:

Copies of any and all reports regarding the health facilities evaluations in Edmonton done by Wilson Architects Ltd.

MR106. Moved by Mr. Sapers:

Copies of minutes, memoranda, studies, correspondence, background documents, legal opinions, legal bills and invoices prepared for the Provincial Treasurer and Alberta Treasury for the period January 1, 1993 to December 31, 1996, evaluating proposals of Gentra Canada Investments Inc. and Alberta Treasury Branches to refinance the West Edmonton Mall.

MR108. Moved by Mr. Sapers:

Copy of the October 29, 1993, memorandum from the Premier to the former Deputy Premier and Minister of Economic Development and Tourism relating to the refinancing of the West Edmonton Mall.

MR109. Moved by Mr. Sapers:

Copies of loan and loan guarantee proposals submitted by the principals of the West Edmonton Mall to the Office of the Premier and Executive Council between November 1, 1993 and November 1, 1994.

MR110. Moved by Mr. Sapers:

Copies of documents prepared by First Boston Corporation and Thorne Ernst & Whinney for Alberta Treasury for the period January 1, 1987 to January 1, 1993, relating to the financing of the West Edmonton Mall.

MR112. Moved by Mr. Sapers:

Copies of reports and studies prepared by Arthur Anderson & Associates prepared for Alberta Treasury Branches and forwarded to Alberta Treasury, for the period January 1, 1998 to February 16, 1999, relating to the future operations of the Alberta Treasury Branches.

MR113. Moved by Mr. Sapers:

Copies of reports and studies prepared by Deloitte & Touche prepared for Alberta Treasury Branches and forwarded to Alberta Treasury, for the period January 1, 1994 to December 31, 1995, pertaining to lending practices of the Alberta Treasury Branches.

MR114. Moved by Mr. Sapers:

Copies of reports and studies prepared by Cole & Partners prepared for Alberta Treasury Branches and forwarded to Alberta Treasury, for the period January 1, 1992 to December 31, 1994, relating to the future operations of the Alberta Treasury Branches.

MR118. Moved by Mr. Sapers:

Copies of budgets and financial reports for the period January 1, 1997 to February 16, 1999, required pursuant to Articles 9.7.1, 9.8.1, and 9.8.2 of the July 12, 1996 agreement between the Government, the Alberta Special Waste Management Corporation, Bovar Technology Ltd., Bovar Inc., Bovar (Swan Hills) Limited Partnership, 542936 Alberta Ltd., and Chem-Security (Alberta) Ltd.

MR134. Moved by Mr. Sapers:

Copies of any proposals prepared between January 1, 1993 to November 1, 1994 to recommend the use of the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund to refinance the West Edmonton Mall.

MR135. Moved by Mr. Sapers:

A copy of the response prepared by the Chief of Staff of the Office of the Premier to the August 31, 1998 letter from the former Acting Superintendent of the Alberta Treasury Branches, as cited on page 48 of the Report of the Auditor General on the 1994 Refinancing of the West Edmonton Mall, February 1999.

MR136. Moved by Mr. Sapers:

Copy of minutes, memoranda, briefing notes, background documents, correspondence and letters prepared for, or by, the former Provincial Treasurer and sent to the former Acting Superintendent of the Alberta Treasury Branches and the former Deputy Provincial Treasurer-Finance and Revenue, between October 31, 1994 and June 12, 1996, regarding the refinancing of the West Edmonton Mall, as cited on page 46 of the Report of the Auditor General on the 1994 Refinancing of the West Edmonton Mall, February 1999.

MR137. Moved by Mr. Sapers:

Copy of minutes, memoranda, briefing notes, background documents, correspondence and letters prepared for, or by, the former Provincial Treasurer relating to meetings with the former Acting Superintendent of the Alberta Treasury Branches and the former Deputy Provincial Treasurer-Finance and Revenue, between October 31, 1994 and June 12, 1996, regarding the refinancing of the West Edmonton Mall, as cited on page 46 of the Report of the Auditor General on the 1994 Refinancing of the West Edmonton Mall, February 1999.

MR138. Moved by Mr. Sapers:

Copy of minutes, memoranda, briefing notes, background documents, correspondence and letters prepared for, or by, the former Deputy Provincial Treasurer-Finance and Revenue relating to meetings with the former Acting Superintendent of the Alberta Treasury Branches between October 31, 1994 and March 31, 1995, regarding the refinancing of the West Edmonton Mall, as cited on page 46 of the Report of the Auditor General on the 1994 Refinancing of the West Edmonton Mall, February 1999.

MR139. Moved by Mr. Sapers:

Copy of memoranda, briefing notes, background documents, correspondence and letters prepared for, or by, the former Deputy Provincial Treasurer-Finance and Revenue regarding rumours in October 1994 that ATB (Alberta Treasury Branches) was going to guarantee the Mall's debt, as cited on page 46 of the Report of the Auditor General on the 1994 Refinancing of the West Edmonton Mall, February 1999.

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly to reject Motions for Returns: MR140, MR141, MR144, MR151, MR152, MR153, MR159, MR160, MR161, MR162, MR164, MR166, MR167, and MR170 as a collective. Unanimous consent by the Assembly was not granted.

Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly allow for the reading of the following Motions for Returns: MR140, MR141, MR144, MR151, MR152, MR153, MR159, MR160, MR161, MR162, MR164, MR166, MR167, and MR170 individually prior to being rejected as a collective.

MR140. Moved by Mr. Sapers:

Copy of memoranda, briefing notes, background documents, correspondence and letters prepared for, or by, the former Deputy Provincial Treasurer-Finance and Revenue as part of the monthly large loan review as it related to the West Edmonton Mall, as cited on page 45 of the Report of the Auditor General on the 1994 Refinancing of the West Edmonton Mall, February 1999.

MR141. Moved by Mr. Sapers:

Copy of the September 1994 letter from the former Acting Superintendent of the Alberta Treasury Branches to the former Provincial Treasurer indicating that he had agreed that Mr. McPherson act almost like a one-member Board until the Board was in place, as cited on page 45 of the Report of the Auditor General on the 1994 Refinancing of the West Edmonton Mall, February 1999.

MR144. Moved by Mr. Sapers:

Copy of the August 3, 1994 and August 22, 1994 letters between the former Provincial Treasurer and Gentra Canada Investments Inc., as cited on page 45 of the Report of the Auditor General on the 1994 Refinancing of the West Edmonton Mall, February 1999.

MR151. Moved by Mr. Sapers:

A copy of the February 28, 1994 letter from the former Superintendent of the Alberta Treasury Branches to the former Provincial Treasurer relating to the refinancing of the West Edmonton Mall, as cited on pages 38 and 39 of the Report of the Auditor General on the 1994 Refinancing of the West Edmonton Mall, February 1999.

MR152. Moved by Mr. Sapers:

Copies of any written comments, notes, memoranda, letters, management letters, correspondence, and post-audit reviews prepared by the Auditor General and sent to the former Provincial Treasurer, evaluating Alberta Treasury Branch procedures relating to the refinancing of the West Edmonton Mall or the financial arrangements between the Alberta Treasury Branches and the West Edmonton Mall, for the period March 1, 1995 to March 26, 1997, as cited on page 56 of the Report of the Auditor General on the 1994 Refinancing of the West Edmonton Mall, February 1999.

MR153. Moved by Mr. Sapers:

Copy of minutes, memoranda, briefing notes, background documents, correspondence and letters prepared by the former Acting Superintendent of the Alberta Treasury Branches to the former Provincial Treasurer and the former Deputy Provincial Treasurer-Finance and Revenue, between October 31, 1994 and June 12, 1996, regarding the refinancing of the West Edmonton Mall, as cited on pages 46 and 47 of the Report of the Auditor General on the 1994 Refinancing of the West Edmonton Mall, February 1999.

MR159. Moved by Mr. Sapers:

A copy of the July 1987 request by Triple Five Corporation that the Province provide a \$485 million cash-flow guarantee, as cited on page 28 of the Report of the Auditor General on the 1994 Refinancing of the West Edmonton Mall, February 1999.

MR160. Moved by Mr. Sapers:

A copy of the September 26, 1994 Gentra Canada Investments Inc. settlement, as cited on page 22 of the Report of the Auditor General on the 1994 Refinancing of the West Edmonton Mall, February 1999.

MR161. Moved by Mr. Sapers:

A copy of the January 29, 1988 recommendation from Alberta Treasury that Triple Five Corporation be advised that a Government guarantee was not available, as cited on page 16 of the Report of the Auditor General on the 1994 Refinancing of the West Edmonton Mall, February 1999.

MR162. Moved by Mr. Sapers:

A copy of the December 22, 1987 report prepared for Alberta Treasury by First Boston Corporation reviewing a proposal for the Province to provide a \$350 million guarantee to the West Edmonton Mall, as cited on page 16 of the Report of the Auditor General on the 1994 Refinancing of the West Edmonton Mall, February 1999.

MR164. Moved by Mr. Sapers:

Copies of minutes of meetings held between the former Provincial Treasurer, Gentra Canada Investments Inc., the Ghermezians, and the former Acting Superintendent of the Alberta Treasury Branches, for the period March 1, 1994 to November 30, 1994, relating to the refinancing of the West Edmonton Mall, as cited on page 13 of the Report of the Auditor General on the 1994 Refinancing of the West Edmonton Mall, February 1999.

MR166. Moved by Mr. Sapers:

A copy of the June 22, 1994 letter from the ATB (Alberta Treasury Branches) to Gentra Canada Investments Inc., in which ATB states that the ATB is no longer bound by the March 10, 1994 agreement, as cited on page 21 of the Report of the Auditor General on the 1994 Refinancing of the West Edmonton Mall, February 1999.

MR167. Moved by Mr. Sapers:

Copies of letters and memoranda between the former Deputy Premier and the former Provincial Treasurer, for the period October 29, 1993 and November 1, 1994, relating to the West Edmonton Mall refinancing, as cited on page 33 of the Report of the Auditor General on the 1994 Refinancing of the West Edmonton Mall, February 1999.

MR170. Moved by Mr. Sapers:

Copies of briefing notes, memoranda, correspondence, and background documents prepared by, or for, Alberta Treasury for the period January 1, 1989 to October 29, 1993, relating to the financing of the West Edmonton Mall, as cited on pages 28 and 29 of the Report of the Auditor General on the 1994 Refinancing of the West Edmonton Mall, February 1999.

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

MR142, MR143, MR145, MR146, MR147, MR148, MR149, MR150, MR157, MR158, MR163, MR165, MR168, MR169, MR180, MR181, MR182, MR184, MR185, MR186, MR194, MR195, MR200, MR201, MR202, MR203, MR205, MR207, MR208, MR209.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., it was agreed at 5:23 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.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14, 1999 — 8:00 P.M.

Committee of Supply (Day 20 — 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 purposes indicated:

Legislative Assembly

\$23,546,020	Support to the Legislative Assembly Operating Expense
\$12,936,093	Office of the Auditor General Operating Expense and Capital Investment
\$1,587,000	Office of the Ombudsman Operating Expense
\$1,208,955	Office of the Chief Electoral Officer Operating Expense
\$196,480	Office of the Ethics Commissioner Operating Expense
\$1,777,020	Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner Operating Expense

The Committee of Supply has also 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:

Public Works, Supply and Services

\$544,015,000	Operating Expense and Capital Investment
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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 26 Family Law Statutes Amendment Act, 1999 — Mr. Doerksen

A debate followed.

Ms Leibovici moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

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

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

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:15 p.m. until Thursday, April 15, 1999, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Wednesday, April 14, 1999