



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 31

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Third Session

Twenty-Fourth Legislature

Thursday, April 15, 1999

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

Presenting Petitions

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from 17 constituents regarding the equitable access by all residents requiring long term care within the publicly funded system

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, presented a petition from 91 Edmonton 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 63 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 65 Hinton 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. White, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, 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 Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, 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.

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Letter dated April 14, 1999, from Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, to Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Family and Social Services, regarding the April 13, 1999 tabling concerning statistics compiled by a "Comments Line" in the document entitled "Important information about proposed changes to: AISH (Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped) and Assured Support"

Sessional Paper 530/99

Letter dated April 15, 1999, from Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, to Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Family and Social Services, regarding the April 14, 1999 tablings relating to positions expressed by the Alberta Association of Community Living, St. Paul Abilities Network, Depression and Manic-Depression Association of Alberta and the Canadian Mental Health Association regarding proposed changes to the AISH (Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped) Program

Sessional Paper 531/99

News release dated April 14, 1999, entitled "More than 20,000 Edmonton Children Hungry - Another 28,000 at risk of hunger or malnutrition," with attached serial entitled "Quickfacts," dated April 1999, produced by ESPC (Edmonton Social Planning Council)

Sessional Paper 532/99

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development:

News release dated April 15, 1999, entitled "Communities honour volunteers during National Volunteer Week," celebrated April 18-24, 1999

Sessional Paper 533/99

News release dated April 15, 1999, entitled "Community service organizations receive \$1.2 million from Wild Rose Foundation lottery grants," with attached backgrounder entitled "Wild Rose Foundation Grant Recipients - 1998-99 Fourth Quarter," produced by Alberta Community Development

Sessional Paper 534/99

Letter dated April 14, 1999, from Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development, to Mr. Eric Newell, Chairman and Chief Executive, Syncrude Canada Ltd., offering congratulations on the Syncrude Gallery of Aboriginal Culture being named Alberta's best indoor site by Attractions Canada

Sessional Paper 535/99

Letter dated April 14, 1999, from Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development, to Dr. Philip H.R. Stepney, Director, Provincial Museum of Alberta, offering congratulations on the Syncrude Gallery of Aboriginal Culture being named Alberta's best indoor site by Attractions Canada

Sessional Paper 536/99

Letter dated April 14, 1999, from Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Community Development, to Dr. Philip H.R. Stepney, Chair, Advisory Committee for the Syncrude Gallery of Aboriginal Culture, offering congratulations to the Committee members on the Syncrude Gallery of Aboriginal Culture being named Alberta's best indoor site by Attractions Canada

Sessional Paper 537/99

Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Municipal Affairs:

Fact sheet dated April 14, 1999, entitled "Municipal Affairs Homeless Initiatives in Calgary"

Sessional Paper 538/99

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

Letter dated August 14, 1998, from Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, to Bud McCaig, Chair, Calgary Regional Health Authority, regarding the report on the Calgary Regional Health Authority's (CRHA) investigation into the Bow Valley Centre (BVC) documents issue concerning patient privacy

Sessional Paper 539/99

Letter dated August 14, 1998, from Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, to Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health, regarding the report on the Calgary Regional Health Authority's (CRHA) investigation into the abandoned mental health records found by workers at the former Bow Valley Centre site

Sessional Paper 540/99

Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health:

Health Summit '99 Final Report and Recommendations entitled "Think About Health," dated April 1999

Sessional Paper 541/99

Hon. Dr. Taylor, Minister Responsible for Science, Research and Information Technology:

Return to Order of the Assembly No. MR107 asked for by Mr. Sapers on April 14, 1999:

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.

Sessional Paper 542/99

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

Letter dated April 13, 1999, from Lisa Haack to Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, expressing concern regarding Bill 20, School Amendment Act, 1999, and requesting the withdrawal of the sections proposing to eliminate the Board of Reference

Sessional Paper 543/99

Letter dated March 31, 1999, from David Pilger to Mr. Jacques, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Wapiti, expressing strong opposition regarding Bill 20, School Amendment Act, 1999, and in particular the sections proposing to eliminate the Board of Reference

Sessional Paper 544/99

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands:

Letter dated April 8, 1999, from Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, to B.D. Ward, M.D., Assistant Registrar, College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta, regarding standards for "Long Stay" Non-Hospital Surgical Facilities (NHSFs)

Sessional Paper 545/99

Memorandum dated June 23, 1997, from Michèle S. Jean, Deputy Minister, Health Canada, to the Minister, Health Canada, regarding Alberta's "twelve principles" detailed in the report entitled "Public/Private Health Services: The Alberta Approach," with attached listing of the twelve key principles highlighting the role for the private sector in health care, both within and outside the publicly funded system

Sessional Paper 546/99

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

Letter dated April 8, 1999, from Charles W. Inkster to Liberal Caucus Members regarding the meeting held in Bonnyville with Mr. Ducharme, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake, relating to arsenic in well water in the area

Sessional Paper 547/99

Letter dated April 9, 1999, from Connie Axell to Liberal Caucus Members regarding the meeting held in Bonnyville with Mr. Ducharme, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake, relating to arsenic in well water in the area

Sessional Paper 548/99

Letter dated April 12, 1999, from Sally Ann Ulfsten, Stop and Tell Our Politician Society, to Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health, regarding environmental and public health issues relating to arsenic in the groundwater in the Cold Lake region

Sessional Paper 549/99

Members' Statements

Mr. Coutts, Hon. Member for Livingstone-Macleod, made a statement regarding the 125 year anniversary of the R.C.M.P. (Royal Canadian Mounted Police) service as celebrated with the "March West" reenactment of the 800 mile trek endured by the first members of the North West Mounted Police.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding fatal workplace accidents and the need to revise Alberta Labour policies and occupational health and safety standards to improve workplace safety, and particularly in relation to electrical workers.

Mrs. Gordon, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Stettler, and Chair, Community Lottery Program Secretariat, made a statement recognizing the role and contribution of volunteers as celebrated during National Volunteer Week, April 18-24, 1999, and the community efforts of the 88 provincial lottery boards as well as the Wild Rose Foundation.

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 following week.

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government Business for the week of April 19 to April 22, 1999:

Monday, April 19

Aft. - **Second Reading**

Bills Pr1 and Pr3

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

Bills 29, 25, 32

And as per Order Paper

	Eve.	-	Government Bills and Orders Committee of Supply Lottery Fund Estimates - Day 2 of 2 Unanimous Consent to Revert to Introduction of Bills Bill 33 And as per Order Paper
Tuesday, April 20	(4:30)	-	Government Bills and Orders Second Reading Bills 27, 23, 30, 31 And as per Order Paper
	Eve.	-	Government Bills and Orders Second Reading Bill 33 Committee of the Whole Bills 18, 14, 17, 21 Second Reading Bills 20, 33 And as per Order Paper
Wednesday, April 21	Eve.	-	Government Bills and Orders Committee of the Whole Bills 33, 16, 15 Second Reading Bill 20 And as per Order Paper
Thursday, April 22	Aft.	-	Government Bills and Orders Third Reading Bill 33

Second Reading

Bills 23, 20, 24, 25, 22, 32

And as per Order Paper

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Committee of Supply (Day 1 — Lottery Fund 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 1999-2000 Lottery Fund, 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 5:08 p.m. until Monday, April 19, 1999, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker