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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Third Session

Twenty-Fourth Legislature

Thursday, April 29, 1999

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

The Speaker offered a prayer and a moment of silence was observed in recognition of the innocent victims of violence.

Presenting Petitions

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, presented a petition from 108 Edmonton 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 20 Albertans requesting increased funding for speech language pathology and occupational therapies based on children's needs.

Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees

Mr. Pham, Chairman, Select Standing Committee on the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, presented the following report, pursuant to Standing Order 52:

Report of the Standing Committee on the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund,
April 1999, for the 1997-98 fiscal year

Sessional Paper 665/99

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 38 Constitutional Referendum Amendment Act, 1999 — Hon. Mrs. Nelson on behalf of Hon. Mr. Havelock

Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands:

Postcard signed by Pauline Worsfold, Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, and Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, addressed to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, entitled “CPR (Caring, Professional, Registered Nurses and Registered Practical Nurses) for Health Care: Resuscitate Health Care... Hire Registered Nurses,” produced by the United Nurses of Alberta

Sessional Paper 666/99

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Fact sheet entitled “Women’s Caucus: The objective of the Women’s Caucus is to formulate policy and empower women, a vital part of the labour movement,” as held at each AFL (Alberta Federation of Labour) Convention and other functions organized by the AFL

Sessional Paper 667/99

Single and Divorced Speak-out Association (Complainant) versus Her Majesty the Queen in Right of the Province of Alberta, Alberta Social Services (Respondent), N96100232, Investigator: Darryl A. Aarbo, report in conclusion to a complaint made under the Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Act

Sessional Paper 668/99

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry:

4 letters dated February 16, 1999 to March 8, 1999, from concerned parents to Ms Paul, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, requesting increased funding for public education to levels which will cover increased costs, and in particular to address the current financial problems facing the Edmonton Public School Board

Sessional Paper 669/99

Day of Mourning Candlelight Ceremony Program held April 28, 1999, as sponsored by AFL (Alberta Federation of Labour), Alberta and Northwest Territories Building Trades Council, Edmonton and District Labour Council, and the United Nurses of Alberta

Sessional Paper 670/99

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

News release dated April 28, 1999, entitled "International Day of Mourning," produced by Ms Stephanie Ky, Shadow Minister for Industrial Affairs, Shadow Minister of Youth Affairs, and Shadow Minister Assisting in Multicultural and Ethnic Affairs, MP (Member of Parliament), South Australia

Sessional Paper 671/99

Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health:

Response to Written Question No. WQ20 asked for by Ms Leibovici on March 3, 1999:

How many long term care facilities are currently being renovated to add new beds and what is the total number of long term care beds being added to the health care system?

Sessional Paper 672/99

Response to Written Question No. WQ21 asked for by Ms Leibovici on March 3, 1999:

How many Regional Health Authorities have examinations/audits underway, how many have been completed and what is the total cost to taxpayers?

Sessional Paper 673/99

Response to Written Question No. WQ22 asked for by Ms Leibovici on March 3, 1999:

How much money has been raised from corporate sponsors to support the "You're Amazing" health promotion project and how much has the Department of Health invested in this project between January 1, 1997 and February 17, 1999?

Sessional Paper 674/99

Response to Written Question No. WQ23 asked for by Ms Leibovici on March 3, 1999:

What projects are underway which promote alternative approaches to paying physicians through the tripartite process involving Alberta Health, the Alberta Medical Association and Regional Health Authorities?

Sessional Paper 675/99

Response to Written Question No. WQ38 asked for by Ms Leibovici on March 3, 1999:

How much money was provided to needle exchange programs in Calgary, Edmonton, Red Deer and Grande Prairie to prevent HIV infection among non-prescription drug users for the fiscal year 1997-98, and from April 1, 1998 to February 17, 1999?

Sessional Paper 676/99

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood:

Letter dated April 29, 1999, from Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, in reference to comments made by Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, relating to his understanding of the justice system, with attached 17 newspaper articles

Sessional Paper 677/99

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

Letter dated April 29, 1999, from Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, and Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, to His Worship Harley Phillips, Mayor of Taber, offering condolences for the suffering caused by the shootings at W.R. Myers High School, April 28, 1999

Sessional Paper 678/99

Letter dated April 29, 1999, from Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, and Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, to Mr. Don Gellatly, Principal, W.R. Myers High School, offering condolences following the tragic event which occurred at W. R. Myers High School, April 28, 1999

Sessional Paper 679/99

E-mail message dated April 29, 1999, from Dr. Steve Overell, Mrs. Linda Overell and their three children, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern and opposition to Bill 15, Natural Heritage Act

Sessional Paper 680/99

Letter dated April 28, 1999, from Clayton Riben to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern and requesting the withdrawal of Bill 15, Natural Heritage Act

Sessional Paper 681/99

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

28 letters dated April 28, 1999, from Edmonton and area residents to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern and requesting the withdrawal of Bill 15, Natural Heritage Act

Sessional Paper 682/99

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, made a statement in condolence of the death of Jason Lang and the critically injured second student at W.R. Myers High School in Taber on April 28, 1999, and offering sympathies and Government assistance to meet the needs of the community in their time of grief and sorrow.

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

Members' Statements

Mr. Strang, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead, made a statement recognizing Alberta Library Week, May 3-9, 1999, to raise awareness of library services and promote lifelong learning with the enhanced access to information through the Internet and the Alberta Library Card initiative.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement recognizing May Day, an international day to support producers of goods and services for local consumption and export, and the need to improve efforts by the Labour Relations Board to support unions and collective bargaining.

Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Creek, made a statement regarding the establishment of Ma'mōwe Child and Family Services Authority on April 1, 1999, to support a community focussed delivery of social services, and the efforts by Hon. Ms Calahasen, Minister without Portfolio Responsible for Children's Services, and Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Family and Social Services.

Projected Government Business

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(5), Mr. Dickson, 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 May 3 to May 6, 1999:

Monday, May 3	Aft.	- Government Bills and Orders Second Reading Bills 30, 31, 32, 38 And as per Order Paper
	Eve.	- Government Bills and Orders Committee of the Whole Bills 20, 24, 26, 15 And as per Order Paper
Tuesday, May 4	(4:30)	- Government Bills and Orders Second Reading Bills 36, 37 And as per Order Paper

	Eve.	- Government Bills and Orders Second Reading Bills 34, 25, 22, 23 Committee of the Whole Bills 12, 15 And as per Order Paper
Wednesday, May 5	Eve.	- Government Bills and Orders Second Reading Bills 36, 35 Committee of the Whole Bills 36, 16, 26, 15 And as per Order Paper
Thursday, May 6	Aft.	- Government Bills and Orders Third Reading Bills 36, 7 Second Reading Bills 32, 28, 38, 37 And as per Order Paper

Royal Assent

His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, having entered the Assembly and being seated on the Throne,

The Speaker addressed His Honour in the following words:

May it please your Honour:

The Legislative Assembly has, at its present sitting, passed certain Bills to which, and in the name of the Legislative Assembly, I respectfully request Your Honour's assent.

The Clerk of the Assembly then read the title of the Bills that had been passed as follows:

- 8 Provincial Court Judges Amendment Act, 1999
- 9 Tobacco Tax Amendment Act, 1999
- 10 Land Titles Amendment Act, 1999
- 11 Public Sector Pension Plans Amendment Act, 1999

- 14 Municipal Government Amendment Act, 1999
- 17 Quality Assurance Activity Statutes Amendment Act, 1999
- 18 Engineering, Geological and Geophysical Professions Amendment Act, 1999
- 21 Irrigation Districts Act
- 27 Regulated Forestry Profession Act
- 29 Securities Amendment Act, 1999
- 33 Appropriation Act, 1999
- 202 Farming Practices Protection Statutes Amendment Act, 1999
- Pr1 National Bond Insurance Corporation Act
- Pr3 Consumers Insurance Company Act

To these Bills, Royal Assent was announced by the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly in the following words:

In Her Majesty's name, His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor doth assent to these Bills.

His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor then retired from the Assembly.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 35 Government Fees and Charges Review Act — Hon. Mr. Day

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

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

Bill 37 Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Amendment Act, 1999
— Mr. Friedel

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

The following Bill was read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 36 Gaming and Liquor Amendment Act, 1999 — Hon. Mrs. Nelson

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

Bill 35 Government Fees and Charges Review Act — Hon. Mr. Day

A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:08 p.m. until Monday, May 3, 1999, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Thursday, April 29, 1999