



**Legislative Assembly  
Province of Alberta**

No. 41

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

Third Session

Twenty-Fourth Legislature

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Tuesday, May 4, 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 105 Edmonton and area residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, presented a petition from 14 Albertans requesting public consultations involving existing clients prior to any changes affecting the Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped (AISH) Program.

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, presented a petition from 57 Calgary residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

## 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, May 5, 1999:

Written Questions:           WQ211, WQ212, WQ213, WQ214, WQ215,  
  WQ216.

Motions for Returns:       Stand and retain their places.

## Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health:

Response to Written Question No. WQ206 asked for by Mrs. Soetaert on April 28, 1999:

Given that on pages 12, 31 and 32 of the Auditor General's report entitled "Examination of the WestView Regional Health Authority" dated March 31, 1998, the Auditor General states that different Regional Health Authorities had different assets and liabilities at their inception as well as different costs in delivering services, when will the Government implement a funding formulae that considers the factors which the Auditor General cited on pages 12, 31 and 32?

Sessional Paper 698/99

Response to Written Question No. WQ210 asked for by Mrs. Soetaert on April 28, 1999:

In the funding formulae for Regional Health Authorities, how many data proxies (as opposed to factual data generated by the respective Regional Health Authorities) are being used and from what data sources are they derived?

Sessional Paper 699/99

Return to Order of the Assembly No. MR111 asked for by Ms Leibovici on April 14, 1999:

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

Sessional Paper 700/99

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

Letter dated June 15, 1998, from Janet Hancock, Committee to Keep CALM 20, to Mr. Severtson, Chair, Standing Policy Committee on Education and Training, expressing strong support for the maintenance of CALM (Career and Life Management) 20 as a high school diploma requirement

Sessional Paper 701/99

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

Letter dated April 14, 1999, from Dale Karpluk, Principal, Jasper Junior/Senior High School, to parents regarding the Grande Yellowhead Regional Division financial situation and the effects of the lack of funding allocation to public education

Sessional Paper 702/99

E-mail message dated May 3, 1999, from Lorna McKerness to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to Bill 15, Natural Heritage Act, and expressing support for the recommendations for changes proposed by the Environmental Law Centre

Sessional Paper 703/99

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

13 letters dated April 29, 1999, from Albertans to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to and requesting the withdrawal of, Bill 15, Natural Heritage Act, and expressing support for the recommendations for changes proposed by the Environmental Law Centre and other conservation groups

Sessional Paper 704/99

E-mail message dated May 3, 1999, from Lorna McKerness to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to Bill 15, Natural Heritage Act, and expressing support for the recommendations for changes proposed by the Environmental Law Centre

Sessional Paper 705/99

Letter dated April 28, 1999, from David J. Parker, Instructor, NAIT (Northern Alberta Institute of Technology), to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to and requesting the withdrawal of, Bill 15, Natural Heritage Act, and expressing support for the recommendations for changes proposed by the Environmental Law Centre and other conservation groups

Sessional Paper 706/99

Mr. Boutilier, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray:

Petition signed by 738 Albertans expressing opposition to the removal of VLTs (Video Lottery Terminals) from the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo

Sessional Paper 707/99

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer:

Press release dated April 30, 1999, entitled "Province of Alberta - Confirms at AA (high) and R-1 (middle)," produced by Genevieve Lavallée and Michael Rao, Dominion Bond Rating Service Limited

Sessional Paper 708/99

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

Asian Heritage Month program for Edmonton's second annual celebration held at City Hall on May 1, 1999, with a schedule of events occurring during May 1999, with attached postcard entitled "Edmonton's Asian Heritage Month, May 1999"

Sessional Paper 709/99

Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora:

10 proposed amendments dated May 3-4, 1999, to Bill 35, Government Fees and Charges Review Act, proposing to repeal section 1(2) and substituting proposed new sections applicable to fees or other charges, other than interest charges

Sessional Paper 710/99

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

News release dated April 20, 1999, entitled "High School Students Rally in Support of Education," organized by Western Canada High School Students' Union to be held on April 23, 1999 at the McDougall Centre, with attached sheet detailing a second rally to be held on April 30, 1999

Sessional Paper 711/99

Letter dated April 29, 1999, from Shirley-Anne Reuben, Tax Committee, Inglewood Community Association, to Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Municipal Affairs, expressing support for the disclosure of information relating to property tax assessments in Calgary

Sessional Paper 712/99

Expense claims relating to temporary residence, mileage, travel, and committee fees, details of claims made by 17 Members of the Liberal Caucus, Official Opposition of the Legislative Assembly during the 1998-99 fiscal year

Sessional Paper 713/99

## **Members' Statements**

Mrs. Burgener, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, made a statement regarding the fire which occurred at the Father Lacombe Centre in Calgary, the loss of this historic landmark to the community, and the site's current restoration with the establishment of St. Mary's College.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, made a statement regarding the Oliver School innovative MicroSociety Program being launched on May 14, 1999, a teaching program comprised of six strands: technology, economy, academy, citizenship and government, humanities and arts, and the heart (community efforts).

Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Creek, made a statement recognizing the Muslim Community Century of Achievement as celebrated with numerous events held May 1-2, 1999, and the many contributions, achievements and accomplishments of the Canadian Muslim community, such as the creation of Al-Rashid Mosque, the first Mosque built in North America and now situated in Fort Edmonton Park.

## **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 207 Seniors Benefit Statutes Amendment Act, 1999 — Mrs. MacBeth

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(2)(b), debate adjourned, Ms Blakeman speaking.

### **Motions Other Than Government Motions**

**510.** Moved by Mr. Shariff (amended):

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to *consider establishing* a Council of Ministers for Social Issues to coordinate social policy development and delivery, and to consult openly with Albertans about our changing social needs.

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(4), the question being put, the motion was agreed to.

**511.** Moved by Mr. Fischer (amended):

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to investigate ways to improve *traffic safety at rural intersections by improving the visibility of “Important Intersections Ahead” signs or by adding additional signage informing drivers of upcoming intersections.*

A debate followed.

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

## **Government Bills and Orders**

### **Second Reading**

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

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

### **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:29 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, MAY 4, 1999 — 8:00 P.M.

## **Government Bills and Orders**

### **Second Reading**

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

Bill 34 Partnership Amendment Act, 1999 — Mr. Jacques

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

Bill 25 Insurance Act — Ms Graham

A debate followed.

Mr. Yankowsky 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 22 Health Professions Act — Mr. Renner

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

Bill 23 Pharmacy and Drug Act — Mrs. Tarchuk

A debate followed.

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

## **Committee of the Whole**

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, and the Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 20 School Amendment Act, 1999 — Hon. Mr. Mar

Mr. Zwozdesky, Acting Chairman of Committees, tabled copies of the amendment considered by the Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 20 (Introduced by the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods on May 3, 1999) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 714/99

## **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:56 p.m. until Wednesday, May 5, 1999, at 1:30 p.m.

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Hon. Ken Kowalski,  
Speaker

Title: Tuesday, May 4, 1999