



**Legislative Assembly  
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## **VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

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Wednesday, May 5, 1999

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

### **Presenting Petitions**

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, presented a petition from 42 St. Albert and area residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood, presented a petition from 84 Edmonton and area residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Education:

Class Size and Pupil-Teacher Ratio (PTR): Exploring the Myths, an examination of research into reduced class size and PTR's and the effects on student achievement, prepared for Alberta Education

Sessional Paper 715/99

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

Watson Wyatt Special Memorandum article dated April 1999, entitled "Financial Services Commission of Ontario Releases Policy Regarding Same-Sex Survivor Benefits," produced by Watson Wyatt Canada Consultants and Actuaries  
Sessional Paper 716/99

Calgary Board of Education 1999/2000 Preliminary Operating Budget: Budget Overview, excerpt pages highlighting new revenues from Alberta Education, increased pressure on costs, and accumulated operating deficit management  
Sessional Paper 717/99

Fact sheet entitled "Summary of Special Education Cuts: 1999-2000 Budget"  
Sessional Paper 718/99

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Economic Development:

Responses to questions raised on April 15, 1999 and April 19, 1999, Lottery Fund Estimates, 1999-2000 Committee of Supply debate  
Sessional Paper 719/99

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

Letter dated May 3, 1999, from Laura Elizabeth West, Grovenor School grade five student, to Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, expressing dismay with the loss of Mr. Trent's teaching position due to a lack of funding  
Sessional Paper 720/99

Letter undated from Courtney Neitsch, Grovenor School grade five student, to Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Education; Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora; and Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing dismay with the loss of Mr. Trent's teaching position due to a lack of funding  
Sessional Paper 721/99

11 proposed amendments dated May 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 722/99

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands:

News release dated May 3, 1999, entitled "Headwaters Negotiations Adjourned: Health Unit Strike Continues," produced by the Alberta Union of Provincial Employees (AUPE)  
Sessional Paper 723/99

News release dated May 4, 1999, entitled "Headwaters Workers to Bring Strike to the Alberta Legislature," produced by the Alberta Union of Provincial Employees (AUPE)  
Sessional Paper 724/99

News release dated May 5, 1997, entitled "New Democrats Call for the Alberta Government to Commit to Providing Provincial Funding for Midwifery Services," produced by Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, New Democrat Opposition

Sessional Paper 725/99

Letter dated May 4, 1999, from Peter Sherrington, President, Alberta Wilderness Association, to Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, expressing opposition to and requesting the withdrawal of Bill 15, Natural Heritage Act, due to the Minister's amendments not making substantive changes to the key sections following the recommendations for changes proposed by the Environmental Law Centre

Sessional Paper 726/99

Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development:

Return to Order of the Assembly No. MR15 asked for by Dr. Nicol on March 10, 1999:

Any correspondence or consulting reports, that do not compromise client/solicitor and third party confidentiality, compiled between January 1, 1995 and February 16, 1999, that indicate that a Farm Income Disaster Program which would allow payments on a negative margin would not be consistent with the guidelines of the World Trade Organization.

Sessional Paper 727/99

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer:

Fact sheet entitled "Comparison of the Ontario and Alberta Tax Plans," detailing the 1999-2000 standard calculation of tax load

Sessional Paper 728/99

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert:

Letter dated April 28, 1999, from C. Stuart Coates to Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health, expressing concern regarding the recent announcement that physical therapy patients will no longer receive benefits when attending clinics outside of their health region

Sessional Paper 729/99

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Letter dated April 27, 1999, from June Allison and Angela Bourret, Southern Alberta Citizens in Support of Maintenance Enforcement Action Committee, to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, proposing changes to Bill 16, Maintenance Enforcement Amendment Act, 1999, as affecting custodial parents

Sessional Paper 730/99

Birth Issues: Current Options in Pregnancy, Birth and Childcare, the Magazine of the Association for Safe Alternatives in Childbirth (ASAC), volume XIII, issue number 4, dated Spring 1999

Sessional Paper 731/99

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

Letter dated May 4, 1999, from Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, to Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Labour, regarding a question raised on April 21, 1999, relating to the Swan Hills Waste Treatment Plant

Sessional Paper 732/99

Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert:

Map detailing the Big Lake Conservation Natural Area (2,766 acres)

Sessional Paper 733/99

Mr. Friedel, Hon. Member for Peace River:

Map detailing the Hay-Zama Lakes Wildland Park (120,089 acres)

Sessional Paper 734/99

## **Recognitions**

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands: Sandra Botting, non-practising midwife, for midwifery efforts as recognized on the International Day of the Midwife, May 5, 1999.

Ms Fritz, Hon. Member for Calgary-Cross: 60th anniversary and community efforts of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Calgary, May 8, 1999.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre: Association for Safe Alternatives in Childbirth and the Calgary Association of Parents for Safe Alternatives in Childbirth for efforts to have midwifery services integrated into the health care system.

Mr. Broda, Hon. Member for Redwater: 50th anniversary of the Gibbons Royal Canadian Legion Ladies Auxiliary, May 1, 1999, and in particular the Auxiliary's first president Della Gibbons.

Mr. Coutts, Hon. Member for Livingstone-Macleod: Mental Health Week, May 3-10, 1999 themed "Making Mental Health Happen" with a goal to increase awareness of workplace stress.

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert: March for Youth Against Violence, St. Albert Youth Council event held on May 1, 1999, in support for zero tolerance for violence.

Mr. Zwozdesky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Creek: Alberta Library Week, May 2-8, 1999, and the Edmonton Public Library Smart Search Program, recipient of the Creative Public Library Service Award.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY

### Written Questions

The following Written Questions were accepted:

**WQ212.** Moved by Ms Carlson:

What is the total number of industrial facilities that were licensed to operate in the province by Alberta Environmental Protection each year from January 1, 1990 until December 31, 1998, and how many approvals and permits were issued to such facilities in each of those years?

**WQ215.** Moved by Ms Carlson:

How many water wells were reclaimed each year from January 1, 1990 until December 31, 1998, and how many well inspections were carried out each year?

The following Written Questions were accepted as amended:

**WQ211.** Moved by Ms Carlson:

How many inspections did Alberta Environmental Protection staff conduct of licensed industrial facilities each year between January 1, 1990 and December 31, 1998, how many infringements were found each year and in how many cases each year was enforcement action taken?

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Environmental Protection, moved the motion be amended to read:

How many *enforcement actions were taken by* Alberta Environmental Protection staff *on* licensed industrial facilities each year between *September 1, 1993* and December 31, 1998, *as a result of inspections or investigations?*

**WQ213.** Moved by Ms Carlson:

How many inspectors (full time equivalents) were working in Environmental Services, Alberta Environmental Protection on December 31, 1998 and how many were working in equivalent positions on the same date each year from 1990 to 1997?

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Environmental Protection, moved the motion be amended to read:

How many *Alberta Environmental Protection, Environmental Service staff* (full time equivalents) were *inspectors at the end of each calendar year from 1993 to 1998?*

**WQ214.** Moved by Ms Carlson:

How many oil and gas industry well site reclamation certificates were issued each year from January 1, 1990 until December 31, 1998, and how many sites were inspected each year?

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Environmental Protection, moved the motion be amended to read:

How many oil and gas industry well site reclamation certificates were issued each year from *April 1, 1993 to March 31, 1999*, and how many *well site reclamation inquiries were held* each year?

**WQ216.** Moved by Ms Carlson:

How many staff (full time equivalents) worked on regulatory approvals in Environmental Service, Alberta Environmental Protection on December 31, 1998, and how many were working in similar positions on the same date each year from 1990 to 1997?

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Environmental Protection, moved the motion be amended to read:

How many staff (full time equivalents) worked in Environmental Service, Alberta Environmental Protection on December 31, 1998, and how many were working in *its predecessor, the Environmental Regulatory Service, on the same date each year from 1993 to 1997?*

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

WQ217, WQ218, WQ219, WQ220, WQ226, WQ227.

### **Motions for Returns**

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

MR221, MR222, MR223, MR224, MR225, MR228, MR229, MR230.

## **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.

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: 11

Blakeman	Leibovici	Sapers
Carlson	MacBeth	Soetaert
Dickson	Olsen	Wickman
Gibbons	Pannu	

Against the motion: 37

Amery	Hancock	McFarland
Broda	Hierath	Melchin
Burgener	Hlady	Pham
Cao	Jacques	Renner
Cardinal	Johnson	Severtson
Coutts	Jonson	Shariff
Day	Klapstein	Smith
Doerksen	Laing	Stevens
Dunford	Langevin	Tannas
Friedel	Lougheed	Tarchuk
Fritz	Mar	Taylor
Graham	McClellan	Zwozdesky
Haley		

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

Bill 208 Prevention of Youth Tobacco Use Act — Mr. Johnson

A debate followed.

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

### **Adjournment**

On motion by Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:28 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5, 1999 — 8:00 P.M.

## **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

A debate followed.

Mr. Gibbons 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 23 Pharmacy and Drug Act — Mrs. Tarchuk

### **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, and pursuant to Standing Order 60, at 11:55 p.m., the Committee of the Whole adjourned to rise and report, and the Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

The following Bills were reported:

Bill 24 Traffic Safety Act — Hon. Mr. Paszkowski

Bill 26 Family Law Statutes Amendment Act, 1999 — Mr. Doerksen

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

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 16 Maintenance Enforcement Amendment Act, 1999 — Mr. Ducharme

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

Amendment to Bill 36 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford) —  
Defeated

Sessional Paper 735/99



Amendment to Bill 36 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford) —  
Defeated

Sessional Paper 736/99

Amendment to Bill 24 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood on behalf of  
the Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 737/99

Amendment to Bill 24 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo on behalf of the  
Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 738/99

Amendment to Bill 16 (Introduced by the Hon. Member for Bonnyville-  
Cold Lake on April 28, 1999) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 739/99

Amendment to Bill 16 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood on behalf of  
the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 740/99

Amendment to Bill 26 (Introduced by the Hon. Member for Edmonton-  
Norwood on May 3, 1999) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 741/99

The Deputy Speaker recessed the Assembly at 11:56 p.m. until 12:03 a.m.

### **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.

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 15 Natural Heritage Act — Hon. Mr. Lund

### **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned  
at 12:25 a.m. Thursday, May 6, 1999, until 1:30 p.m.

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Hon. Ken Kowalski,  
Speaker

Title: Wednesday, May 5, 1999