



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 44

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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Twenty-Fourth Legislature

Monday, May 10, 1999

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

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry, presented a petition from 112 Albertans requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Mr. Gibbons, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, presented a petition from 111 Edmonton and area residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, presented a petition from 44 Edmonton and area residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, presented a petition from 46 Devon and area residents requesting increased support for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, presented a petition from 102 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 184 Wainwright, Denwood and area residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, presented a petition from 114 Edmonton and area residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, presented a petition from 45 Eckville, Innisfail and area residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, presented a petition from 56 Calgary residents requesting increased support for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Response to Written Question No. WQ2 asked for by Mrs. Sloan on March 10, 1999:

What is the number of children with Child Welfare status who have been placed in hotel rooms in the Edmonton region in the fiscal year of 1997-98 and between April 1, 1998 and February 17, 1999?

Sessional Paper 763/99

Response to Written Question No. WQ3 asked for by Mrs. Sloan on March 10, 1999:

What is the number of children with Child Welfare status who have been placed in jail cells, remand centres, or single men's hostels in the fiscal year of 1997-98 and between April 1, 1998 and February 17, 1999, in the Province?

Sessional Paper 764/99

Return to Order of the Assembly No. MR11 asked for by Mrs. Sloan on March 10, 1999:

Request for proposals and updates on the one year pilot projects started in the spring of 1998 which involve completing department-funded psychological and functional assessment of selected Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped applicants and recipients.

Sessional Paper 765/99

Return to Order of the Assembly No. MR12 asked for by Mrs. Sloan on March 10, 1999:

Policy review report on Aboriginal adoptions due February, 1998.

Sessional Paper 766/99

Return to Order of the Assembly No. MR13 asked for by Mrs. Sloan on March 10, 1999:

Update documents on the proposed AISH (Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped) review and reforms since September, 1998.

Sessional Paper 767/99

Return to Order of the Assembly No. MR18 asked for by Mrs. Sloan on March 10, 1999:

Child Welfare League of Canada report on adoptions in Alberta, 1997-1999.

Sessional Paper 768/99

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

Discussion paper and pamphlet entitled "National Children's Agenda: Developing a Shared Vision," with attached supplementary discussion paper and pamphlet entitled "National Children's Agenda: Measuring Child Well-being and Monitoring Progress"

Sessional Paper 769/99

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

Status Report: The Newsletter of the Premier's Council on the Status of Persons with Disabilities, dated February 1999

Sessional Paper 770/99

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose:

8 letters dated February 1, 1999 to May 10, 1999, from the Calgary Police Service, Edmonton Police Service, Camrose Police Service, Wetaskiwin Regional Public Schools, East Central Health Authority, Battle River Regional Division #31, Alberta School Boards Association, and the Lakeland Regional Health Authority, to Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, providing comments regarding the consumption of tobacco products by minors and expressing support for Bill 208, Prevention of Youth Tobacco Use Act

Sessional Paper 771/99

Hon. Mr. Havelock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General:

Response to Written Question No. WQ25 asked for by Ms Blakeman on March 24, 1999:

How many maintenance enforcement accounts were in arrears or did not receive the full amount of court-ordered support *as at December 31, 1997?*

Sessional Paper 772/99

Response to Written Question No. WQ26 asked for by Ms Blakeman on March 10, 1999:

How many active files in the Maintenance Enforcement Program are in receipt of payments from a jurisdiction named in the Declaration of Reciprocating States Regulation?

Sessional Paper 773/99

Response to Written Question No. WQ27 asked for by Ms Blakeman on March 10, 1999:

How many active files in the Maintenance Enforcement Program are paid to creditors in a jurisdiction named in the Declaration of Reciprocating States Regulation?

Sessional Paper 774/99

Response to Written Question No. WQ29 asked for by Ms Blakeman on March 10, 1999:

What criteria does Alberta Justice use to determine whether a jurisdiction should be approached with a view to negotiating an agreement leading to the jurisdiction's inclusion in the Declaration of Reciprocating States Regulation?

Sessional Paper 775/99

Response to Written Question No. WQ48 asked for by Ms Blakeman on March 10, 1999:

How many agreements is the Department of Justice currently negotiating with other jurisdictions pursuant to the Reciprocal Enforcement of Maintenance Orders Act?

Sessional Paper 776/99

Response to Written Question No. WQ49 asked for by Ms Blakeman on March 24, 1999:

How many staff positions were vacant in the offices of the Maintenance Enforcement Program *on a quarterly basis for the period December 31, 1995 to February 28, 1999?*

Sessional Paper 777/99

Response to Written Question No. WQ50 asked for by Ms Blakeman on March 10, 1999:

How many maintenance enforcement accounts were in arrears and by how much were they in arrears on December 31, 1998?

Sessional Paper 778/99

Response to Written Question No. WQ67 asked for by Ms Blakeman on March 24, 1999:

At the end of each month in the period January 1, 1996 to February 16, 1999, how many individuals occupying permanent or contract positions were on disability due to a Workers' Compensation Board claim in the offices of the Maintenance Enforcement Program?

Sessional Paper 779/99

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

Communique dated May 8, 1999, entitled "Children's outcomes improve as family income rises to \$30,000, new study shows," with attached executive summary entitled "Income and child well-being: a new perspective on the poverty debate," produced by the Canadian Council on Social Development

Sessional Paper 780/99

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

4 letters dated April 29, 1999 to May 4, 1999, from B. Campbell, Kevin Stewart, Marcel Howrish, and Charlene L. Ball, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to Bill 15, Natural Heritage Act, and requesting the withdrawal of the Bill in order to incorporate suggestions made by the Environmental Law Centre and other conservation groups

Sessional Paper 781/99

Letter dated March 5, 1999, from Donna Clandfield to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to Bill 15, Natural Heritage Act

Sessional Paper 782/99

Letter dated May 6, 1999, from Margaret Marean to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to Bill 15, Natural Heritage Act

Sessional Paper 783/99

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

7 proposed amendments dated May 5, 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 784/99

Recognitions

Mr. Strang, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead: Joe Wynne Branch #51 of the Royal Canadian Legion, celebration held on May 8, 1999, in commemoration of VE (Victory in Europe) Day proclaimed on May 8, 1945.

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark: Mental Health Week, March 3-9, 1999, in recognition of the efforts of mental health providers, care givers, and volunteers in providing mental health services.

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose: ATA (Alberta Teachers' Association) Specialist Council on Health and Physical Education 1999 Conference held on May 8-9, 1999, at Augustana College in Camrose.

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood: Alvena Strasbourg, constituent, author, Métis Elder, advocate for the community betterment of the Métis people, and the Keyano College Board of Governors 1999 Distinguished Citizen's Award recipient.

Mrs. Forsyth, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek: Nursing Week, May 10-16, 1999, themed "Registered Nurses, Leaders in Health," and the leading role of nurses in the health care system.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre: Museums Week, May 16-22, 1999, and the innovative "Fabrications: Stitching Our Lives Together" exhibit presented by the Red Deer and District Museum.

Ms Kryczka, Hon. Member for Calgary-West: Jeanette Gagnon, 1999 Alberta Justice Crime Prevention Award recipient for efforts supporting the Calgary Block Parent initiative as recognized on May 8, 1999.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 28 Alberta Corporate Tax Amendment Act, 1999 — Hon. Mr. Day

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

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

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(1), debate adjourned, Mr. Dickson speaking.

Adjournment

The Assembly adjourned at 5:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

MONDAY, MAY 10, 1999 — 8:00 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

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 Acting Speaker assumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 34 Partnership Amendment Act, 1999 — Mr. Jacques

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 12 Domestic Relations Amendment Act, 1999 — Ms Graham

Progress was reported on the following Bills:

Bill 22 Health Professions Act — Mr. Renner

Bill 23 Pharmacy and Drug Act — Mrs. Tarchuk

Mr. Tannas, 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 12 (Introduced by the Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed on April 28, 1999) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 785/99

Amendment to Bill 12 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 786/99

Amendment to Bill 12 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 787/99

Amendment to Bill 12 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 788/99

Amendment to Bill 12 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 789/99

Amendment to Bill 12 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 790/99

Amendment to Bill 12 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 791/99

Amendment to Bill 22 (Hon. Member for Medicine Hat) — Agreed to
Sessional Paper 792/99

Amendment to Bill 23 (Sections B, D, F and G) (Hon. Member for Banff-
Cochrane) — Agreed to
Sessional Paper 793/99

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:47 p.m. until Tuesday, May 11, 1999, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Monday, May 10, 1999