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No. 48

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

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Monday, May 17, 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 168 Albertans 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 490 Calgary residents requesting increased support for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood, presented a petition from 590 Edmonton and area residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 654 Albertans requesting the inclusion of midwifery services in the publicly funded health care system.

Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, presented a petition from over 500 Albertans requesting the inclusion of midwifery services in the publicly funded health care system.

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, presented a petition from 106 Albertans expressing opposition to racism and all other forms of discrimination, and requesting public education programs to promote human rights in Alberta.

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, presented a petition from 375 Albertans requesting legislation banning the establishment of private, for-profit hospitals.

## **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer:

Response to Written Question No. WQ119 asked for by Mr. Sapers on March 31, 1999:

*What information is publicly available on the interest rate on the loan between the Government and Centennial Food Corporation for the period March 28, 1991 to February 16, 1999?*

Sessional Paper 878/99

Response to Written Question No. WQ130 asked for by Mr. Sapers on March 31, 1999:

*What information is publicly available on the amount of interest that has accrued on the Government's loan to Centennial Food Corporation between March 28, 1991 and February 16, 1999?*

Sessional Paper 879/99

Response to Written Question No. WQ131 asked for by Mr. Sapers on March 31, 1999:

*What information is publicly available on the amount of participation payments received by the Government between March 28, 1991 and February 16, 1999 under its loan agreement with Centennial Food Corporation?*

Sessional Paper 880/99

Response to Written Question No. WQ171 asked for by Mr. Sapers on April 14, 1999:

*What provisions have been made by the Alberta Treasury Branches to ensure that an adequate supply of currency will be available to Albertans who decide to withdraw their deposits because of concerns resulting from potential Y2K (Year 2000) problems?*

Sessional Paper 881/99

Return to Order of the Assembly No. MR116 asked for by Mr. Sapers on April 14, 1999:

Copies of *publicly available* annual and interim financial statement analyses prepared by, or for, Alberta Treasury for the period January 1, 1997 to February 16, 1999, as set out under sections 5.2 and 5.3 of the Loans and Guarantees Procedures Manual, as it pertains to financial arrangements between the Government and Vencap Acquisition Corporation.

Sessional Paper 882/99

Return to Order of the Assembly No. MR120 asked for by Mr. Sapers on April 14, 1999:

Copies of *publicly available* valuation reports, fairness assessments, work-out options, and exit options prepared for, or by, Alberta Treasury or sent to Alberta Treasury, for the period March 25, 1998 to February 16, 1999, pertaining to loan agreements between the Government and Centennial Food Corporation.

Sessional Paper 883/99

Return to Order of the Assembly No. MR121 asked for by Mr. Sapers on April 14, 1999:

Copies of *publicly available* annual and interim financial statement analyses prepared by, or for, Alberta Treasury for the period March 10, 1998 to February 16, 1999, as set out under sections 5.2 and 5.3 of the Loans and Guarantees Procedures Manual, pertaining to financial assistance provided by the Government to Centennial Food Corporation.

Sessional Paper 884/99

Responses to questions raised during Committee of Supply debate, Department of Treasury, 1999-2000 Budget Estimates

Sessional Paper 885/99

Hon. Mr. Paszkowski, Minister of Transportation and Utilities:

Response to Written Question No. WQ4 asked for by Mrs. Soetaert on March 17, 1999:

How much did the Department of Transportation and Utilities spend in each of the fiscal years 1994-95, 1995-96, 1996-97 and 1997-98 for *primary highway maintenance activities for the winter months (November to March)*?

Sessional Paper 886/99

Response to Written Question No. WQ24 asked for by Mrs. Soetaert on March 17, 1999:

How much did Alberta Transportation and Utilities spend in each fiscal year 1994-95, 1995-96, 1996-97 and 1997-98 for *primary highway maintenance activities for the summer months (April to October)*?

Sessional Paper 887/99

Response to Written Question No. WQ34 asked for by Mrs. Soetaert on March 17, 1999:

How much did Alberta Transportation and Utilities spend in each fiscal year 1994-95, 1995-96, 1996-97 and 1997-98 for work conducted by departmental staff pertaining to primary highway maintenance *with respect to supervision, inspections and audit*?

Sessional Paper 888/99

Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Education:

Response to Written Question No. WQ42 asked for by Dr. Pannu on March 17, 1999:

What is the extent (in dollars) of the deferred maintenance and capital expenditures projected by the fiscal year 1999-2000 for each of the school boards in the Province?

Sessional Paper 889/99

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs:

Letter undated from Hon. Mr. Lloyd Axworthy, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Government of Canada, to Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs, in response to a December 7, 1998 letter regarding human rights violations and the need for democratic reform in Burma

Sessional Paper 890/99

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

The National Child Benefit: A Partnership between the Government of Canada and Provincial/Territorial Governments, information package including: Progress Report 1999, pamphlet, fact sheet, question and answer sheet

Sessional Paper 891/99

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands:

E-mail message dated May 14, 1999, from Amy Poon to Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, expressing concerns regarding the closure of Stratford Academic High School due to a lack of funding allocation to education

Sessional Paper 892/99

Strategic Strike Policy, dated May 1998, prepared by the Provincial Health Authorities of Alberta

Sessional Paper 893/99

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

Open letter dated September 2, 1993, from Bruce Allen, Research and Approvals Officer, Technical Services, Client Services Division, Alberta Labour, regarding acceptable pine shake manufacturers

Sessional Paper 894/99

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

6 letters from Edson, Jasper, and Hinton residents to Mr. Strang, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead, expressing concerns regarding the current lack of funding allocation to education, and requesting an increase in the education funding levels

Sessional Paper 895/99

E-mail message dated May 15, 1999, from Annabel and Bob Brophy to Mr. Wickman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, expressing concerns regarding the current lack of funding allocation to education, and requesting an increase in the education funding levels, detailing specific issues relating to a lack of funding at Velma E. Baker Elementary School

Sessional Paper 896/99

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

Letter dated May 17, 1999, from Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, to Mr. Lougheed, Chairperson, Premier's Council on the Status of Persons with Disabilities, providing Council members with proposed amendments to Bill 32, Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped Amendment Act, 1999

Sessional Paper 897/99

18 proposed amendments dated May 3-12, 1999, to Bill 32, Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped Amendment Act, 1999, with attached transcripts of debate and votes on the amendments

Sessional Paper 898/99

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

10 proposed amendments dated May 17, 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 899/99

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

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

Sessional Paper 900/99

Letter dated May 11, 1999, from Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Municipal Affairs, to Shirley-Anne Reuben, Tax Committee, Inglewood Community Association, in response to an April 29, 1999 letter, offering information to address concerns

regarding property tax assessments in Calgary

Sessional Paper 901/99

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

2 letters dated May 4, 1999, from Claudia C. Read and B. Christopher Read 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 from the Environmental Law Centre and other conservation groups

Sessional Paper 902/99

E-mail message dated April 29, 1999, from Karen England to Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Economic Development, expressing concerns regarding Bill 15, Natural Heritage Act

Sessional Paper 903/99

## **Recognitions**

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose: International Museums Day, May 18, 1999.

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo: homelessness in the Calgary-Buffalo constituency and recent efforts to assist five homeless individuals.

Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert: Jock Fyfe, William Young and Al Alseth for humanitarian efforts during the 1949 Berlin Airlift operation to provide essential food and supplies by air transport.

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods: Frank Tymko, scholarship fund founder for students requiring financial assistance to continue their education.

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort: 60th anniversary of the Boys and Girls Club of Calgary, May 8, 1999, and the organization's new name: Boys and Girls Club of Community Services.

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert: graduates of the Yellowhead Tribal Council's Criminal Justice Program, and the efforts of Anna Demchuk and Seaneen O'Rourke.

# ORDERS OF THE DAY

## Government Bills and Orders

### Third Reading

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

- Bill 32 Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped Amendment Act, 1999 —  
Hon. Dr. Oberg
- Bill 37 Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Amendment Act, 1999  
— Mr. Friedel

### Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

### Adjournment

On motion by Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, the Committee recessed at 5:22 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

MONDAY, MAY 17, 1999 — 8:00 P.M.

## Government Bills and Orders

### Committee of the Whole

During Committee of the Whole consideration of Bill 22, Health Profession Act, Mr. Dickson, Official Opposition House, requested and received the unanimous consent of the committee to waive Standing Order 32(2) to reduce the time between division bells from ten minutes to one minute.

And after some time spent therein, and pursuant to Standing Order 60, at 11:59 p.m., the Committee of the Whole adjourned to rise and report, and the Acting Speaker assumed the Chair.

The following Bills were reported with some amendments:

- Bill 23 Pharmacy and Drug Act — Mrs. Tarchuk
- Bill 25 Insurance Act — Ms Graham
- Bill 31 Agricultural Dispositions Statutes Amendment Act, 1999 — Mr. Thurber

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 22 Health Professions Act — Mr. Renner

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 23 (Sections A, C and E) (Introduced by the Hon. Member for Banff-Cochrane on May 10, 1999) — Agreed to  
Sessional Paper 904/99

Amendment to Bill 22 (Hon. Member for Medicine Hat) — Agreed to  
Sessional Paper 905/99

Amendment to Bill 31 (Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Calmar) — Agreed to  
Sessional Paper 906/99

Amendment to Bill 31 (Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East) — Defeated  
Sessional Paper 907/99

Amendment to Bill 31 (Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East) — Defeated  
Sessional Paper 908/99

Amendment to Bill 31 (Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East) — Defeated  
Sessional Paper 909/99

Amendment to Bill 31 (Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East) — Defeated  
Sessional Paper 910/99

Amendment to Bill 31 (Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East) — Defeated  
Sessional Paper 911/99

Amendment to Bill 31 (Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East) — Defeated  
Sessional Paper 912/99

Amendment to Bill 31 (Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East) — Defeated  
Sessional Paper 913/99

Amendment to Bill 31 (Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East) — Defeated  
Sessional Paper 914/99

Amendment to Bill 31 (Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East) — Defeated  
Sessional Paper 915/99

Amendment to Bill 31 (four amendments) (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona) — Defeated  
Sessional Paper 916/99

Amendment to Bill 25 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed) — Agreed to  
Sessional Paper 918/99



Sub-amendment to the Amendment to Bill 25 introduced by the Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 919/99

Amendment to Bill 22 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona on behalf of the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 920/99

Amendment to Bill 22 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 921/99

Amendment to Bill 22 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 922/99

Amendment to Bill 22 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 923/99

Amendment to Bill 22 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 924/99

Amendment to Bill 22 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark) — Debate adjourned

Sessional Paper 925/99

Mr. Tannas, Chairman of Committees, also tabled copies of the document tabled by Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, during Committee of the Whole consideration of Bill 31, Agricultural Dispositions Statutes Amendment Act, 1999

Letter dated May 14, 1999, from Arlene J. Kwasniak, Staff Counsel, Environmental Law Centre, to Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, and Mr. Thurber, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Calmar, expressing support for Bill 31, Agricultural Dispositions Statutes Amendment Act, 1999, but detailing one reservation regarding public access for recreational purposes

Sessional Paper 917/99

## Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 22 Health Professions Act — Mr. Renner

A debate followed.

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, moved the Bill be amended in Schedule 21 in section 8(1)(a) by adding:

“, non-regional hospital or private hospital”

after:

“hospital”.

A debate followed (on amendment).

The question being put, with Mrs. Gordon in the Chair, the amendment was defeated. The names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 10

Bonner	Massey	Sapers
Dickson	Nicol	Sloan
Gibbons	Olsen	White
Leibovici		

Against the amendment: 30

Amery	Hancock	McFarland
Broda	Havelock	Melchin
Cao	Hlady	Oberg
Coutts	Jacques	Renner
Doerksen	Johnson	Shariff
Dunford	Klapstein	Stelmach
Fischer	Laing	Stevens
Friedel	Lund	Woloshyn
Fritz	Mar	Yankowsky
Graham	McClellan	Zwozdesky

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

The following Bills were reported with some amendments:

Bill 22 Health Professions Act — Mr. Renner

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

Mr. Shariff, 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 22 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark) —  
Defeated

Sessional Paper 926/99

Amendment to Bill 22 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark) —  
Defeated

Sessional Paper 927/99

Amendment to Bill 22 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark) —  
Defeated

Sessional Paper 928/99

Amendment to Bill 22 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark) —  
Defeated

Sessional Paper 929/99

Amendment to Bill 22 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark) —  
Defeated

Sessional Paper 930/99

Amendment to Bill 22 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark) —  
Defeated

Sessional Paper 931/99

Amendment to Bill 22 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark) —  
Defeated

Sessional Paper 932/99

Amendment to Bill 22 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark) —  
Defeated

Sessional Paper 933/99

Amendment to Bill 22 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview) —  
Defeated

Sessional Paper 934/99

Amendment to Bill 22 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview) —  
Defeated

Sessional Paper 935/99

Amendment to Bill 22 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark) —  
Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 936/99

Amendment to Bill 22 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark) —  
Agreed to

Sessional Paper 937/99

Amendment to Bill 35 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora) — Defeated  
Sessional Paper 938/99

Amendment to Bill 35 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora) — Agreed to  
Sessional Paper 939/99

Amendment to Bill 35 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora) — Agreed to  
Sessional Paper 940/99

Amendment to Bill 35 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora) — Defeated  
Sessional Paper 941/99

## **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 1:40 a.m. Tuesday, May 18, 1999, until 1:30 p.m.

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Hon. Ken Kowalski,  
Speaker

Title: Monday, May 17, 1999