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Province of Alberta**

No. 49

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

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Tuesday, May 18, 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 41 physicians and registered nurses requesting amendments to Bill 24, Traffic Safety Act, to legislate the compulsory wearing of bicycle helmets for all Albertans.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from 235 Edmonton residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, presented a petition from 75 Calgary 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 3,234 Albertans expressing support for legislation to halt the harvesting of grizzly bears in Alberta.

Mr. Broda, Hon. Member for Redwater, on behalf of Hon. Ms Calahasen, Minister without Portfolio Responsible for Children's Services, presented a petition from 34 High Prairie residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Dr. Nicol, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, presented a petition from 60 Medicine Hat residents 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 154 Edmonton and area residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from 196 Devon residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry, presented a petition from 177 Albertans requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

### **Reading and Receiving Petitions**

On request by Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government to increase support for children in public and separate schools to a level that covers increased costs due to contract settlements, curriculum changes, technology, and aging schools.

On request by Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to strongly condemn racism and all other forms of discrimination; sensitize and educate its own officers and members to human rights; urge the Government to include: the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, Alberta Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Act, and other related materials in the school curriculum; and take other necessary steps to promote human rights in Alberta.

On request by Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, hereby petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government to introduce a Bill banning the establishment of private, for-profit hospitals so that the integrity of public, universal health care may be maintained.

## 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 19, 1999:

Written Questions: Stand and retain their places.

Motions for Returns: Stand and retain their places.

## Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Woloshyn, Minister of Public Works, Supply and Services:

Return to Order of the Assembly No. MR181 asked for by Mr. Sapers on April 21, 1999:

The minutes of the meeting held on October 6, 1998, organized and chaired by the Alberta Government's Chief Information Officer and attended by Alberta Transportation and Utilities Disaster Services and over 60 senior representatives from key public and private sector organizations to discuss the potential impacts of Y2K (Year 2000) computer and equipment problems on essential services.

Sessional Paper 942/99

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer:

Return to Order of the Assembly No. MR117 asked for by Mr. Sapers on April 14, 1999:

*Summaries* of reports prepared by, or for, Alberta Treasury or sent to Alberta Treasury, for the period January 1, 1995 to February 16, 1999, assessing the feasibility of expanding the Government's reporting entity to include universities, colleges and technical institutes, regional health authorities, and school boards.

Sessional Paper 943/99

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

Response of the Government of Alberta to the Final Report, Alberta Summit on Justice, dated May 1999, produced by Alberta Justice

Sessional Paper 944/99

Letter dated May 17, 1999, from 34 members of Court and Prisoner Services to Hon. Mr. Havelock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, expressing concern regarding negative comments made by Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood, directed at the organization

Sessional Paper 945/99

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

Letter dated May 18, 1999, from Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs, to Mr. Coutts, Hon. Member for Livingstone-Macleod, and President of PNWER (Pacific NorthWest Economic Region), in recognition of his outstanding contribution as President of PNWER since 1997 and the important role of the organization

Sessional Paper 946/99

Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Labour:

Petroleum Tank Management Association of Alberta, Annual Report 1998

Sessional Paper 947/99

Petroleum Tank Management Association of Alberta, Three Year Business Plan (99/00 - 01/02)

Sessional Paper 948/99

Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health, pursuant to the Health Facilities Review Committee Act, cH-4, s16(2):

Alberta Health Facilities Review Committee, Annual Report 1997-98, for the period April 1, 1997 to March 31, 1998

Sessional Paper 949/99

Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health:

Long Term Care Review: Summary of Consultations With Public, November 1998 to March 1999, produced by the Policy Advisory Committee of the Long Term Care Review

Sessional Paper 950/99

Long Term Care Review Proceedings: Summary of Consultations With Experts, January to March 1999, produced by the Policy Advisory Committee of the Long Term Care Review

Sessional Paper 951/99

Mr. Shariff, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall:

Strengthening Our Future: A Report on Actions Youth are Taking to Combat Social Problems, written by Travis Dhanraj

Sessional Paper 952/99

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

Letter dated May 17, 1999, from James Burke, Canadian Injured Workers Alliance Representative for Alberta, Alberta Network of Injured Workers, to Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Labour, requesting a public inquiry into the Workers' Compensation Board due to serious violation and contravention of the Workers' Compensation Act relating to a systematic "off loading" of claim costs from victims of workplace accidents to the tax payer funded system

Sessional Paper 953/99

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

Fax dated January 14, 1992, from Bruce Allen, Safety Standards, Work and Safety Standards Division, Alberta Labour, to Rob Wellwood and Leo Regnier, Forestry, Alberta Research Council, regarding meetings to discuss standards for pine shake manufacturing

Sessional Paper 954/99

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Letter dated May 11, 1999, from Shirley Tajcnar, Kananaskis Coalition, to Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Environmental Protection, submitting petition sheets regarding the future of Kananaskis Country relating to a need for protection from any further commercial or industrial development, and requesting the release of the results of the Praxis public consultation process

Sessional Paper 955/99

8 letters dated April 28, 1999 to May 5, 1999, from Albertans 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 public

Sessional Paper 956/99

Spreadsheet entitled "Total Residual Value," detailing residual values in millions of dollars for: Alberta Power Limited - Genco, Edmonton Power Generation Inc., and TransAlta Utilities - Genco

Sessional Paper 957/99

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

A Proposal for Private Workers' Compensation Insurance in Alberta, dated October 1998, produced by the Insurance Bureau of Canada

Sessional Paper 958/99

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

Statistical report prepared by physicians and nurses of Alberta outlining the benefits of bicycle helmet usage

Sessional Paper 959/99

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

Fact sheet dated May 17, 1999, entitled "User Fee Taxes: The Evolution of a Provincial Treasurer?" detailing quotes attributed to Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer

Sessional Paper 960/99

Fact sheet dated April 28, 1999, entitled "Kudos to the Minister of Education and Minister of Health from Stockwell Day," detailing quotes attributed to Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer

Sessional Paper 961/99

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

Letter dated May 17, 1999, from Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, to Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, regarding Motions for Returns MR12 and MR13 required to be tabled in the Legislative Assembly by Day 44

Sessional Paper 962/99

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

News release dated May 13, 1999, entitled "Continued quality at University of Calgary unsustainable without new resources, say University academic administrators," with attached report entitled "Our Faltering Future: University of Calgary Faculty Association, Report on Department Head Survey," produced by the University of Calgary Faculty Association

Sessional Paper 963/99

Letter dated April 12, 1999, from Jerry Pitts to Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, granting permission to table attached correspondence exchanged with Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, relating to difficulties experienced in seeking health care services to meet his wife's medical needs, and in particular the serious shortfalls at the Tom Baker Cancer Clinic

Sessional Paper 964/99

Dr. Nicol, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East:

Letter dated May 18, 1999, from Richard Watkins, Director, Energy Advisors Ltd., to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concerns regarding Bill 31, Agricultural Dispositions Statutes Amendment Act, 1999

Sessional Paper 965/99

Letter dated May 17, 1999, from Clayton H. Woitas, President, Renaissance Energy Ltd., to Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, expressing concerns regarding Bill 31, Agricultural Dispositions Statutes Amendment Act, 1999

Sessional Paper 966/99

Letter dated May 14, 1999, from Greg Noval, President, Canadian 88 Energy Corp., to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to Bill 31, Agricultural Dispositions Statutes Amendment Act, 1999

Sessional Paper 967/99

Letter dated May 17, 1999, from Rick Burton, Chairman, Alberta Grazing Leaseholders Association, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to Bill 31, Agricultural Dispositions Statutes Amendment Act, 1999

Sessional Paper 968/99

Letter dated May 18, 1999, from David Wildman, President, Western Stock Growers' Association, to Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, expressing opposition to Bill 31, Agricultural Dispositions Statutes Amendment Act, 1999

Sessional Paper 969/99

Letter dated April 19, 1999, from Clayton Curry, Square Deal Ranch, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier; Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development; Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Environmental Protection; Mr. Thurber, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Calmar; and Dr. Nicol, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, expressing concerns regarding Bill 31, Agricultural Dispositions Statutes Amendment Act, 1999

Sessional Paper 970/99

### **Speaker's Statement — Address to the Assembly**

The Speaker requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to alter the Daily Routine to allow for Daniel Novak, grade ten student and Legislative Assembly Page, to deliver his prize winning speech of the 5th annual Speaker's Cup Page Speech Competition, to the Assembly. The Speaker welcomed and invited Daniel Novak onto the floor of the Assembly, who spoke on "How can the Commonwealth assist in the protection and development of national and regional cultures in the face of increasingly globalized communications and entertainment." The Speaker thanked Daniel who then left the Chamber.

As well, the Speaker recognized the efforts of Simone Godbout, retiring Alberta Legislative Assembly Head Page who would be serving as Page with the House of Commons in the Fall, and also recognized the exemplary efforts of all the Pages.

### **Members' Statements**

Mr. Shariff, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, made a statement regarding the "Northeast Cares: Open Your Heart - Lend a Hand" Conference held in Calgary on March 13, 1999, and recognizing youth speaker Travis Dhanraj for efforts towards seeking solutions on the issue of child poverty.

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, made a statement regarding the need to provide the medicare program of midwifery services through the publicly funded health care system, as campaigned for by Sandra Botting who passed away recently.

Mr. Magnus, Hon. Member for Calgary-North Hill, made a statement regarding the enhancement of national pride, community values and appreciation for citizen rights and privileges through the singing of Canada's National Anthem in elementary schools on a daily basis.

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

### **Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders**

#### **Second Reading**

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

Bill 210 Charitable Donation of Food Act — Mrs. Laing

At 3:27 Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly to proceed to Motions Other Than Government Motions. Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

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

Bill 211 Workers' Compensation (Competitive Marketplace Review Committee)  
Amendment Act, 1999 — Mr. Renner on behalf of Mr. Pham

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(2)(b), debate adjourned, Hon. Mr. Hancock speaking.

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

**513.** Moved by Ms Kryczka:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government, during the International Year of Older Persons and ensuing years, to continue to recognize and support seniors who utilize their knowledge, experience and skills by volunteering with organizations that provide a valuable community service to all ages.

A debate followed.

The question being put, with Mrs. Gordon in the Chair, the motion was agreed to unanimously. The names being called for were taken as follows:



For the motion: 51

Amery	Graham	Melchin
Broda	Hancock	Nicol
Calahasen	Hlady	O'Neill
Cao	Jacques	Paszkowski
Cardinal	Johnson	Renner
Carlson	Jonson	Sapers
Clegg	Klapstein	Severtson
Day	Kryczka	Shariff
Dickson	Laing	Sloan
Doerksen	Langevin	Smith
Ducharme	Leibovici	Stelmach
Dunford	Lougheed	Stevens
Evans	MacDonald	Tannas
Fischer	Magnus	Thurber
Forsyth	Marz	Woloshyn
Friedel	McClellan	Yankowsky
Gibbons	McFarland	Zwozdesky

Against the motion: 0

## **Government Bills and Orders**

### **Third Reading**

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 25 Insurance Act — Ms Graham

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

Bill 22 Health Professions Act — Mr. Renner

A debate followed.

Ms Barrett moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

### **Adjournment**

On motion by Mr. Renner, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:22 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, MAY 18, 1999 — 8:00 P.M.

## Government Bills and Orders

### Third Reading

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 22 Health Professions Act — Mr. Renner

Bill 23 Pharmacy and Drug Act — Hon. Mr. Jonson on behalf of Mrs. Tarchuk

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

Bill 31 Agricultural Dispositions Statutes Amendment Act, 1999 — Mr. Thurber

A debate followed.

Dr. Nicol, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all the words after “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 31, Agricultural Dispositions Statutes Amendment Act, 1999, be not now read a Third time, because the Assembly believes that the Bill does not meet the needs of either the grazing leaseholders or the energy industry and could lead to unnecessary conflict.

Debate continued on the amendment.

Mr. Dickson, Official Opposition House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 32(2) to reduce the time between division bells from ten minutes to one minute.

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

For the amendment: 10

Blakeman	Leibovici	Olsen
Carlson	MacBeth	Sapers
Dickson	Nicol	Soetaert
Gibbons		

Against the amendment: 34

Amery	Jacques	Melchin
Broda	Johnson	O'Neill
Cao	Jonson	Paszkowski
Clegg	Klapstein	Renner
Day	Kryczka	Severtson
Ducharme	Laing	Stelmach
Dunford	Langevin	Strang
Evans	Magnus	Thurber
Forsyth	Mar	Trynchy
Fritz	Marz	West
Graham	McFarland	Yankowsky
Hancock		

The question for Third reading of Bill 31, Agricultural Dispositions Statutes Amendment Act, 1999, being immediately put, the motion was agreed to.

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 31 Agricultural Dispositions Statutes Amendment Act, 1999 — Mr. Thurber

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

## **Adjournment**

Pursuant to Government Motion No. 7 agreed to by the Assembly on February 23, 1999, and on motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:02 p.m.

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Hon. Ken Kowalski,  
Speaker

Title: Tuesday, May 18, 1999