



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 51

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Third Session

Twenty-Fourth Legislature

Thursday, November 18, 1999

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

Presenting Petitions

Mr. McFarland, Hon. Member for Little Bow, on behalf of Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Children's Services and Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, presented a petition from 170 Albertans expressing support for the holding of Senate elections during the province-wide municipal elections in October 1998.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from 200 Edmonton and area residents requesting the freezing of tuition and institutional fees and an increase in post-secondary education support.

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, presented a petition from 250 Edmonton residents requesting the freezing of tuition and institutional fees and an increase in post-secondary education support.

Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, presented a petition from 200 Edmonton residents requesting the freezing of tuition and institutional fees and an increase in post-secondary education support.

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, presented a petition from 199 Albertans requesting the introduction of legislation banning the establishment of private for-profit hospitals.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 496 Albertans requesting the freezing of tuition and institutional fees and an increase in post-secondary education support.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 128 Albertans expressing opposition to racism and all other forms of discrimination, and requesting public education programs to promote human rights in Alberta.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 714 Albertans requesting the adoption of the United Nations Convention of the Rights of the Child by Alberta.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 151 Albertans requesting the introduction of legislation banning the establishment of private for-profit hospitals.

Ms Graham, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Havelock, Minister of Economic Development, presented a petition from 29 Albertans requesting the inclusion of MS (Multiple Sclerosis) drug therapies on the Alberta Health Drug Benefit List.

Reading and Receiving Petitions

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.

On request by Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, 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 Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to conduct an independent public inquiry of the Workers' Compensation Act, including an examination of the operations of the WCB, the Appeals Commission, and the criteria for appointments to the Board.

On request by Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry, 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 Mr. White, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, 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 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 Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, 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 Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, 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 Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to conduct an independent public inquiry of the Workers' Compensation Act, including an examination of the operations of the WCB, the Appeals Commission, and the criteria for appointments to the Board.

On request by Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, 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

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, gave oral notice of his intention to move the following motion under Standing Order 40:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly, given the Government's refusal to treat Alberta's post-secondary students in the same manner it treats its Cabinet Ministers who are taking courses at foreign universities, urges the Government to rectify this inconsistent application of its tuition policy.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Havelock, Minister of Economic Development:

Alberta Economic Development Authority, Activity Report 1998-1999, entitled "Embracing Change, Seizing the Future"

Sessional Paper 999/99

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

Fact sheet entitled "Alberta Police/Peace Officers' Memorial Day" listing Alberta's fallen officers

Sessional Paper 1000/99

Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Children's Services:

Response to Written Question No. WQ58 asked for by Mrs. Sloan on March 24, 1999:

What are the reasons for appeal and breakdown of decisions reached in the 485 appeals heard by the Child Welfare Citizen's Appeal Panel during the 1997-98 fiscal year?

Sessional Paper 1001/99

Response to Written Question No. WQ59 asked for by Mrs. Sloan on March 24, 1999:

What investigations have been completed, or are presently being undertaken, to determine the reasons for the increase in the Child Welfare caseloads from 7,605 in 1993-94 to 11,258 in 1997-98?

Sessional Paper 1002/99

Response to Written Question No. WQ61 asked for by Mrs. Sloan on March 24, 1999:

What is the definition of "priority placement" for pregnant women who are at an increased risk of having a Fetal Alcohol Syndrome child?

Sessional Paper 1003/99

Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning:

Information package of brochures regarding student finance, produced by Human Resources Development Canada, Alberta Learning and Alberta Human Resources and Employment

Sessional Paper 1004/99

News release dated November 12, 1999, entitled "Students Earn Over \$13 Million for Academic Excellence"

Sessional Paper 1005/99

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands:

Fax dated November 17, 1999, from Don Mayne to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding private for-profit hospitals in Alberta

Sessional Paper 1006/99

Transcript of a telephone call, undated, from Theresa Whalen regarding health care

Sessional Paper 1007/99

Copy of agreement entitled "Formal Agreement for the Provision of Ophthalmology Services" between the Calgary Regional Health Authority (CRHA) and Provider

Sessional Paper 1008/99

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

E-mail message dated November 17, 1999, from Gary Simpson to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding legislation to allow private for-profit facilities

Sessional Paper 1009/99

E-mail message dated November 18, 1999, from Anne Laurence Mary Giles to Mr. Melchin, Hon. Member for Calgary-North West, regarding proposals for change to Alberta's health care system

Sessional Paper 1010/99

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

Report entitled "Caught in the Middle: Graduate Students and Rising Tuition Levels in Alberta" written and prepared by Arthur Arruda, Department of Educational Policy Studies, University of Alberta, for the University of Alberta Graduate Students' Association dated October 1999, regarding tuition fee increases

Sessional Paper 1011/99

Excerpt from the 1996-1997 Report of the Auditor General of Alberta entitled "Executive Council: Audit Coverage, Observations and Recommendations"

Sessional Paper 1012/99

Article dated April 28, 1994, entitled "Warnings Sounded Over Gimbel Plan," written by Mark Lisac, Edmonton Journal

Sessional Paper 1013/99

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood:

Statutory Declaration of Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, dated November 2, 1999, in the matter of the Conflict of Interest Act, 1991 Statutes of Alberta. c. D-22.1, and in the matter of a complaint of an alleged contravention of the *Conflict of Interest Act* by the Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer

Sessional Paper 1014/99

Statement of Defence between Lorne Goddard and Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, in the Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta, Judicial District of Calgary

Sessional Paper 1015/99

Excerpt entitled "Personal Consumer Expenditures on Medical Care and Health Services in Alberta Per Person (Constant 1992 Dollars)," prepared by Alberta Treasury, Alberta Economic Accounts, dated 1998

Sessional Paper 1016/99

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

News conference summary dated November 17, 1999, presented by the Hon. Allan Rock, P.C., M.P., Minister of Health, Government of Canada, regarding public health care

Sessional Paper 1017/99

Report entitled "Long Term Care Review: Briefing Note and Budget Recommendations," with budget recommendations for the fiscal year 1999-2000

Sessional Paper 1018/99

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Proposed Bill entitled "Tuition Fee Freeze Act"

Sessional Paper 1019/99

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

Response to Written Question No. WQ124 asked for by Ms Olsen on March 31, 1999:

How many agreements has the Public Trustee entered into during the period January 1, 1990 to February 16, 1999, which specify that the Public Trustee will always act as the trustee of an individual notwithstanding that another person has been, or may be, appointed trustee of the individual pursuant to the Dependent Adults Act?

Sessional Paper 1020/99

Response to Written Question No. WQ125 asked for by Ms Olsen on March 31, 1999:

How many applications has the Public Trustee made pursuant to the Dependent Adults Act in the period January 1, 1990 to February 16, 1999, to act as trustee for the estate of individuals who, at the time of the Public Trustee's application, had brought legal action against the Government or its agencies in respect of forced sterilizations or other personal injury actions?

Sessional Paper 1021/99

Response to Written Question No. WQ126 asked for by Ms Olsen on March 31, 1999:

What efforts does the Public Trustee make to locate missing persons whose estates it administers?

Sessional Paper 1022/99

Response to Written Question No. WQ127 asked for by Ms Olsen on March 31, 1999:

How many estates of missing persons does the Public Trustee administer *where the assets of a missing person have been brought to the Public Trustee for administration* and what is the *net book value of the trust accounts held for such missing persons*?

Sessional Paper 1023/99

Response to Written Question No. WQ132 asked for by Ms Olsen on March 31, 1999:

What administration fees does the Public Trustee charge and how are these fees administered by type of trust?

Sessional Paper 1024/99

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

Letter dated October 7, 1999, from Allan P. Jobson to Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment, with attached documentation regarding Barry Milne's WCB (Workers' Compensation Board) claim

Sessional Paper 1025/99

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Ms Calahasen, Associate Minister of Aboriginal Affairs, made a statement recognizing Métis Week in Alberta, and the November 16, 1999 Annual Commemoration by the Métis Nation of Alberta Association in honour of Louis Riel, as well as the cooperative efforts of the Métis Nation of Alberta Association and the Métis Settlements General Council.

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood, commented on the statement.

Oral Question Period

During Oral Question Period, Mr. White, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, tabled the following:

Letter dated November 1, 1999, from Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Minister of Infrastructure, to Mr. White, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, regarding the long-term plan for the Charles Camsell Hospital

Sessional Paper 1026/99

Members' Statements

Mr. Magnus, Hon. Member for Calgary-North Hill, made a statement expressing support to re-establish the singing of Canada's National Anthem by Alberta students to promote national pride and respect.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, made a statement recognizing the International Year of Older Persons 1999, the valuable societal contribution of seniors, and the financial difficulties encountered by seniors.

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, made a statement recognizing National Addictions Awareness Week, November 14-20, 1999, promoted by AADAC (Alberta Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission) with its campaign themed "Making a Difference, It's Up to Me".

Projected Government Business

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(5), Mr. Dickson, Official Opposition House Leader, asked a question pertaining to the order of Government Business to be brought before the Assembly for the following week.

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government Business for the week of November 22 to November 25, 1999:

Monday, November 22

Aft. - **Government Bills and Orders**
Third Reading
Bill 42
Second Reading
Bills 41, 40
Third Reading
Bill 7
And as per Order Paper

Eve. - **Government Bills and Orders**
Second Reading
Bills 44, 43, 41, 40, 38
Third Reading
Bill 7
And as per Order Paper

Tuesday, November 23

(4:30) - **Government Bills and Orders**
Government Motions
Government Motion 23
Second Reading
Bill 40
And as per Order Paper

Eve. - **Government Bills and Orders**
Second Reading
Bills 44, 43, 40, 38
Committee of the Whole
Bills 41, 44, 43
Third Reading
Bill 7
And as per Order Paper

Wednesday, November 24	Eve.	- Government Bills and Orders Committee of the Whole Bills 44, 43, 40, 38 And as per Order Paper based on progress Monday and Tuesday
Thursday, November 25	Aft.	- Government Bills and Orders And as per Order Paper based on progress Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday

Motions Under Standing Order 40

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly for consideration of the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly, given the Government's refusal to treat Alberta's post-secondary students in the same manner it treats its Cabinet Ministers who are taking courses at foreign universities, urges the Government to rectify this inconsistent application of its tuition policy.

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

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)

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

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 42 Alberta Stock Exchange Restructuring Act — Mr. Hlady

Second Reading

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

Bill 40 Health Information Act — Ms Graham

A debate followed.

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

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

Bill 38 Constitutional Referendum Amendment Act, 1999 — Hon. Mr. Havelock

A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

The Assembly adjourned at 5:30 p.m. until Monday, November 22, 1999, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Thursday, November 18, 1999