



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 56

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Third Session

Twenty-Fourth Legislature

Monday, November 29, 1999

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

Presenting Petitions

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from 125 Albertans 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 117 Calgary 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 116 Calgary and area 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 127 Calgary 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 110 Albertans requesting the introduction of legislation banning the establishment of private for-profit hospitals.

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry, presented a petition from 508 Albertans requesting an independent public inquiry of the Workers' Compensation Act including an examination of the operations of the WCB (Workers' Compensation Board), the Appeals Commission, and the criteria for appointments to the Board.

Reading and Receiving Petitions

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

We, the undersigned, urge the Legislative Assembly to freeze tuition and institutional fees and increase support in the foundation of post-secondary education.

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

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer:

Letter dated November 29, 1999, from Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, to William Hess, President, Canadian Venture Exchange, offering congratulations to the new Canadian Venture Exchange on its inaugural day

Sessional Paper 1129/99

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s8(1):

Budget '99 - The Right Balance, Second Quarter Fiscal Update: 1999-2000
Quarterly Budget Report, release date November 29, 1999

Sessional Paper 1130/99

Budget '99 - The Right Balance, Restated Government and Ministry Business
Plans

Sessional Paper 1131/99

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, pursuant to the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund Act, cA-27.01, s15(2):

Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund: Second Quarter Update, 1999-2000
Quarterly Report, release date November 29, 1999

Sessional Paper 1132/99

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer:

Budget '99 - The Right Balance, Second Quarter Activity Report: 1999-2000,
release date November 29, 1999

Sessional Paper 1133/99

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

Response to Written Question No. WQ71 asked for by Mrs. Sloan on March 31,
1999:

What indicators and statistics are used to determine the percentage of children who stay free from abuse or neglect while in the Ministry of Family and Social Services' care?

Sessional Paper 1134/99

Response to Written Question No. WQ72 asked for by Mrs. Sloan on March 31,
1999:

What are the membership and objectives of the Forever Homes Initiative Work Team?

Sessional Paper 1135/99

Response to Written Question No. WQ89 asked for by Mrs. Sloan on March 31, 1999:

What negotiations have taken place on the status of Aboriginal adoptions and the reasons for the lack of placements approved by Aboriginal bands in the last fiscal year?

Sessional Paper 1136/99

Return to Order of the Assembly No. MR51 asked for by Mrs. Sloan on March 31, 1999:

Records of negotiations and contracts between the Department of Family and Social Services and the University of Calgary School of Social Work for research on child abuse between April 1, 1998 and February 17, 1999.

Sessional Paper 1137/99

Return to Order of the Assembly No. MR52 asked for by Mrs. Sloan on March 31, 1999:

Documentation completed by the Children's Advocate Office on child welfare caseload increases and the effects of the increase on front-line staff.

Sessional Paper 1138/99

Return to Order of the Assembly No. MR54 asked for by Mrs. Sloan on March 31, 1999:

Copies of minutes from the Forever Homes Work Team meetings between April 1, 1998 and February 17, 1999.

Sessional Paper 1139/99

Return to Order of the Assembly No. MR55 asked for by Mrs. Sloan on March 31, 1999:

Drafts of the Forever Homes Work Team action plan identifying policy, practice, training, communication and resource requirements for the Forever Homes initiative.

Sessional Paper 1140/99

Return to Order of the Assembly No. MR60 asked for by Mrs. Sloan on March 31, 1999:

Interprovincial comparison reports from the Children's Advocate Office for the fiscal years of 1997-98 and April 1, 1998 to February 22, 1999.

Sessional Paper 1141/99

Return to Order of the Assembly No. MR64 asked for by Mrs. Sloan on March 31, 1999:

Request for proposals for projects targeting women at risk of having a Fetal Alcohol Syndrome child.

Sessional Paper 1142/99

Return to Order of the Assembly No. MR65 asked for by Mrs. Sloan on March 31, 1999:

Documentation from the negotiations on the role of the Children's Advocate with the 18 Child and Family Services Authorities.

Sessional Paper 1143/99

Return to Order of the Assembly No. MR66 asked for by Mrs. Sloan on March 31, 1999:

Agreements and arrangement between the 18 Child and Family Services Authorities and First Nations Bands for the provision of children's services as part of their business plans and operational plans.

Sessional Paper 1144/99

Return to Order of the Assembly No. MR68 asked for by Mrs. Sloan on March 31, 1999:

Request for proposal on the six-bed group care facility for hard to manage youth requiring behaviour management to remediate their behaviours, as reported in the article appearing in section B5 of the January 8, 1999 edition of the Edmonton Journal.

Sessional Paper 1145/99

Return to Order of the Assembly No. MR69 asked for by Mrs. Sloan on March 31, 1999:

Request for proposal on the ten-bed facility which would provide basic care for youth requiring shelter, with an outreach capacity attached that would serve both children with Child Welfare Status and without, as reported in the article appearing in section B5 of the January 8, 1999 edition of the Edmonton Journal.

Sessional Paper 1146/99

Return to Order of the Assembly No. MR70 asked for by Mrs. Sloan on March 31, 1999:

Request for proposal on the six-bed group care facility to provide care for youth with drug and alcohol addiction/abuse issues, as reported in the article appearing in section B5 of the January 8, 1999 edition of the Edmonton Journal.

Sessional Paper 1147/99

Return to Order of the Assembly No. MR74 asked for by Mrs. Sloan on March 31, 1999:

Copies of agreements and arrangements between the Department of Family and Social Services and First Nations Bands for the provision of children's services for the fiscal years of 1997-98 and April 1, 1998 to February 23, 1999.

Sessional Paper 1148/99

Return to Order of the Assembly No. MR75 asked for by Mrs. Sloan on March 31, 1999:

Records of the review on the Stoney First Nation's childcare services for the period April 1, 1998 to February 23, 1999.

Sessional Paper 1149/99

Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier:

Letter dated November 29, 1999, from Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, to Premier Mike Harris, Government of Ontario, offering congratulations to the Hamilton Tiger Cats for their victory in the 1999 Grey Cup held November 28, 1999

Sessional Paper 1150/99

Letter dated November 29, 1999, from Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, to Honourable Sheila Copps, Minister of Heritage, Government of Canada, offering congratulations to the city of Hamilton and the Hamilton Tiger Cats for their victory in the 1999 Grey Cup held November 28, 1999

Sessional Paper 1151/99

Letter dated November 29, 1999, from Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, to Mr. Sig Gutsche, Owner, Calgary Stampeders Football Club, offering congratulations to the Calgary Stampeders for their tremendous season and efforts in the 1999 Grey Cup held November 28, 1999

Sessional Paper 1152/99

Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health and Wellness, pursuant to the Registered Dietitians Act, cR-10.1, s6(4):

Alberta Registered Dietitians Association (ARDA), Annual Report 1998-99

Sessional Paper 1153/99

Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health and Wellness, pursuant to the Dental Disciplines Act, cD-8.5, s8(4):

Alberta Dental Assistants Association (ADAA), Annual Report 1998

Sessional Paper 1154/99

Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health and Wellness, pursuant to the Occupational Therapy Profession Act, cO-2.5, s5(4):

Alberta Association of Registered Occupational Therapists (AAROT), Annual Report 1998-99

Sessional Paper 1155/99

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

Letter dated November 25, 1999, from David W. Bond, MD, President, Alberta Medical Association, to Association members expressing concerns regarding Bill 40, Health Information Act

Sessional Paper 1156/99

E-mail message dated November 29, 1999, from Terry Jorden, Public Relations Officer, AARN (Alberta Association of Registered Nurses), to Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, expressing concerns regarding Bill 40, Health Information Act

Sessional Paper 1157/99

Letter dated November 25, 1999, from Bill Smith, Mayor, City of Edmonton, to Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health and Wellness, expressing concerns regarding Bill 40, Health Information Act

Sessional Paper 1158/99

CRHA (Calgary Regional Health Authority) Board Public Meeting Minutes, held October 19, 1999, with attached Performance Report for the period ending September 30, 1999

Sessional Paper 1159/99

Fact sheet, undated, entitled "Acute Care Facility Design Capacity vs. Acute Care Beds In Service" depicting the number of beds per health region

Sessional Paper 1160/99

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

Letter dated November 26, 1999, from Mr. Grant Hemming to Hon. Mr. A. Rock, Federal Minister of Health, requesting a question to be posed to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding the privatization of hospital services while changing the Didsbury Hospital to become a long-term care unit as of April 1, 2000

Sessional Paper 1161/99

Ms Paul, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs:

Open letter dated November 25, 1999, from Ms Paul, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs and Independent MLA (Member of the Legislative Assembly), regarding a personal focus of family violence eradication from society

Sessional Paper 1162/99

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Program for the Ninth Annual Fundraising Breakfast Supporting Programs to "Stop Violence Against Women and Children," held Monday, November 29, 1999

Sessional Paper 1163/99

Sexual Assault Response Team of Edmonton (SARTE) pamphlet entitled "Here to Help"

Sessional Paper 1164/99

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

Fact sheet dated November 29, 1999, entitled "Consolidated Fiscal Summary, 1999-2000: Before Spending and Revenue Allocations"

Sessional Paper 1165/99

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

Fact sheet dated November 29, 1999, entitled "Budget Predictions: Stockwell Day vs. the Alberta Liberal Caucus"

Sessional Paper 1166/99

Media information fact sheet dated November 29, 1999, detailing "How Oil Price Forecasts are Stacking Up Versus Budget, 1999" and "How Natural Gas Forecasts are Stacking Up Versus Budget, 1999," produced by the Alberta Liberal Caucus

Sessional Paper 1167/99

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Woloshyn, Minister of Community Development, made a statement recognizing the annual national white ribbon campaign and memorial events to show support for the ending of violence against women. The campaign, led by the Canadian organization Men Working to End Men's Violence against Women, runs November 25, 1999, International Day for the Eradication of Violence Towards Women, until December 6, 1999, National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence against Women.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, commented on the statement.

Oral Question Period

During Oral Question Period, Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, tabled the following:

Fact sheet entitled "Revenue Projections," highlighting total revenue figures original at budget, released March 9, 1999

Sessional Paper 1168/99

Fact sheet entitled "Revenues (\$ millions)" detailing Budget '99 and Alberta Liberal projections

Sessional Paper 1169/99

Recognitions

Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview: Dr. Shirley Stinson, health professional and registered nurse recipient of the Alberta Order of Excellence.

Mr. Marz, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills: Alberta Schools Athletic Association 1A Boys' Provincial Volleyball Tournament held in Carbon, November 27-28, 1999.

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood: Norwood School community service projects undertaken by students as recognized by the Alberta Coalition on Child's Rights with a Citizenship Award.

Mr. Yankowsky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clairview: Canadian Finals Rodeo (CFR) and Farm Fair International held in Edmonton, November 1999.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar: 50th anniversary of Forest Heights Elementary School, September 25, 1999.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Message from His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, delivered a Message from His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor.

The Speaker read the Message to the Assembly (the Members standing).

The Provincial Treasurer then tabled a copy of the Supplementary Supply Estimates, pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s8(1):

1999-2000 Supplementary Estimates: General Revenue Fund
Sessional Paper 1170/99

Government Motions

24. Moved by Hon. Mr. Day:

Be it resolved that the Message of His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, the 1999-2000 Supplementary Supply Estimates for the General Revenue Fund, and all matters connected therewith, be referred to Committee of Supply.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

25. Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock on behalf of Hon. Mr. Day:

Be it resolved that pursuant to Standing Order 58(6), the number of days that the Committee of Supply will be called to consider the 1999-2000 Supplementary Supply Estimates for the General Revenue Fund shall be two days.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders

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.

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(1), debate adjourned, Dr. Massey speaking.

Adjournment

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 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 40 Health Information Act — Ms Graham

A debate followed.

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

For the motion: 30

Amery	Forsyth	Nelson
Broda	Fritz	Renner
Burgener	Graham	Shariff
Cao	Hancock	Smith
Clegg	Klapstein	Stevens
Day	Kryczka	Taylor
Ducharme	Laing	Thurber
Dunford	Magnus	Trynchy
Evans	McFarland	West
Fischer	Melchin	Zwozdesky

Against the motion: 9

Blakeman	MacDonald	Sapers
Bonner	Nicol	Sloan
Dickson	Olsen	White

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

Bill 40 Health Information Act — Ms Graham

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

Bill 43 Fiscal Responsibility Amendment Act, 1999 — Hon. Mr. Day

A debate followed.

Mrs. Forsyth moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:06 p.m. until Tuesday, November 30, 1999, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Monday, November 29, 1999