



**Legislative Assembly  
Province of Alberta**

No. 57

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

Third Session

Twenty-Fourth Legislature

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Tuesday, November 30, 1999

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

The Speaker made a statement in recognition of the first convening of the Legislative Assembly in the Legislature Building on November 30, 1911.

**Presenting Petitions**

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from 817 Albertans requesting the freezing of tuition and institutional fees and an increase in post-secondary education support.

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, presented a petition from 104 Calgary residents requesting increased support for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, presented a petition from 109 Calgary and area residents requesting increased support for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry, presented a petition from 513 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.

Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, presented a petition from 111 Calgary residents requesting increased support for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 249 Albertans requesting the freezing of tuition and institutional fees and an increase in post-secondary education support.

### **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 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 to ensure that the integrity of public, universal health care may be maintained.

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. 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.

### **Notices of Motions**

Pursuant to Standing Order 34(2)(a), Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following Written Questions and Motions for Returns to be dealt with Wednesday, December 1, 1999:

Written Questions:       WQ237.

Motions for Returns:     MR233, MR234.

## Tabling Returns and Reports

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

2 pamphlets entitled “Elder Abuse: What is it? What can be done about it?” and “Elder Abuse: Intervention Team,” produced by the Edmonton Community Action Committee on Elder Abuse

Sessional Paper 1171/99

Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier:

Operating in the Dark: The Gathering Crisis in Canada’s Public Health Care System, written by Brian Lee Crowley, Dr. David Zitner, and Nancy Faraday-Smith, produced by AIMS (Atlantic Institute for Market Studies)

Sessional Paper 1172/99

Excerpt page 8 from “Who is the Master? A Blueprint for Canadian Healthcare Reform”

Sessional Paper 1173/99

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer:

Fact sheet entitled “Revenues (\$ millions)” detailing Budget ‘99 and Alberta Liberal projections

Sessional Paper 1174/99

Fact sheet entitled “Resource Revenue Prices and Economic Assumptions” detailing Budget ‘99 and Alberta Liberal projections

Sessional Paper 1175/99

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

Letter dated November 29, 1999, from Kevin Kavanagh, Director, Endangered Spaces Campaign, and Peter Lee, Regional Director, Alberta Endangered Spaces Campaign, World Wildlife Fund, to Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, regarding a challenge issued to all Premiers and the Prime Minister to deliver on their commitments to complete Canada’s protected areas system

Sessional Paper 1176/99

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

Fact sheet dated November 30, 1999, entitled “Budgets vs. Second Quarter Budget Updates, 1993/94 - 1999/2000”

Sessional Paper 1177/99

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands:

Bethany Care Centre Cochrane union information sheet with attached nine letters dated November 20-29, 1999, expressing concern regarding the ongoing strike at the Bethany Care Centre in Cochrane

Sessional Paper 1178/99

Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

ConsumerWatch bulletin published by the Consumers' Association of Canada,  
Alberta Chapter, with information regarding cataract surgery costs  
Sessional Paper 1179/99

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

Article entitled "Alberta Health Information Legislation" and response issued by  
the Alberta Liberal Caucus, published in the Privacy Files, volume 3, issue  
number 7 and 8, dated September/October 1999  
Sessional Paper 1180/99

Mr. Wickman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford:

Proclamation signed by Al Duerr, Mayor, as issued by the City of Calgary Office  
of the Mayor, proclaiming Tuesday, November 30, 1999 as "Disabled Parking  
Awareness Day"  
Sessional Paper 1181/99

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Guide to Supports for Independence (SFI) and Non-Continuous Benefits: Alberta  
Family and Social Services, published June 1999 by Womanspace Resource  
Centre as funded by Status of Women Canada  
Sessional Paper 1182/99

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

Map depicting the highway system for access to Milk River as intersecting with  
Highway 4 and Highway 501 (West and East Routes)  
Sessional Paper 1183/99

## **Members' Statements**

Mrs. Burgener, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, made a statement recognizing  
"Justice Working," a four year demonstration pilot project as a coordinated response  
to domestic violence developed by the Action Committee against Violence and the  
Calgary Justice Working Committee.

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, made a statement  
regarding the new route for Highway 4 with financial and emotional implications for  
Milk River residents due to the decision favouring a bypass route to the west side of the  
town.

Ms Kryczka, Hon. Member for Calgary-West and Seniors Council Chair, made a  
statement recognizing the International Year of Older Persons, 1999, with activities and  
events to celebrate contributions made by seniors.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY

### Public Bills and Orders Other Than 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 Acting Speaker assumed the Chair.

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 208 Prevention of Youth Tobacco Use Act — Mr. Johnson

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 208 (Section B) (Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 1184/99

Amendment to Bill 208 (Section A) (Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose) — Debate adjourned

Sessional Paper 1185/99

#### Motions Other Than Government Motions

515. Moved by Dr. Massey:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to provide additional resources to schools to cover the costs of textbooks, software, technology, learning materials, and teacher training that are required because of the introduction of a new curriculum mandated by the Government.

Pursuant to Standing Order 33, Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, indicated he would absent himself from the debate and vote on Motions Other Than Government Motions No. 515, due to a conflict of interest.

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(4), the question being put, with Mrs. Gordon in the Chair, the motion was defeated. The names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 8

Bonner	MacBeth	Soetaert
Gibbons	Olsen	White
Leibovici	Sloan	

Against the motion: 41

Boutilier	Hierath	Pham
Broda	Johnson	Renner
Burgener	Jonson	Severtson
Cao	Klapstein	Shariff
Cardinal	Kryczka	Smith
Day	Laing	Stelmach
Doerksen	Lougheed	Stevens
Dunford	Lund	Strang
Forsyth	Marz	Tarchuk
Friedel	McFarland	Taylor
Fritz	Melchin	Trynchy
Haley	Nelson	West
Hancock	Oberg	Yankowsky
Herard	Paszkowski	

## **Government Motions**

23. Moved by Hon. Mr. Havelock on behalf of Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that, when the Assembly adjourns to recess the Fall sitting of the Third Session of the 24th Legislature, it shall stand adjourned until a time and date, as determined by the Speaker after consultation with the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

A debate followed.

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

## **Adjournment**

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

## Government Motions

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A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

## Committee of Supply (Day 1 — Supplementary Estimates)

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker assumed the Chair and Mr. Herard reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the 1999-2000 Supplementary Supply Estimates, General Revenue Fund, reports as follows and requests leave to sit again:

Resolved that a sum not exceeding the following be granted to Her Majesty for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2000, for the Departments and purposes indicated:

### Agriculture, Food and Rural Development

\$189,717,000    Operating Expense and Capital Investment

### Children's Services

\$36,897,000    Operating Expense

### Government Services

\$1,276,000    Operating Expense and Capital Investment

## **Innovation and Science**

\$2,000,000      Operating Expense and Capital Investment

## **Justice**

\$1,000,000      Operating Expense and Capital Investment

Mr. Herard, Acting Chairman of Committees, also tabled copies of the document tabled by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General on behalf of Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, during Committee of Supply consideration of the 1999-2000 Supplementary Supply Estimates:

1999-2000 Supplementary Estimates: General Revenue Fund, replacement page 80 containing supplementary background information which reconciles the transition of gross voted amounts from old to new departments

Sessional Paper 1186/99

The question being put, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to.

## **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, and pursuant to Standing Order 60, at 12:00, the Committee of the Whole adjourned to rise and report, and the Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 40 Health Information Act — Ms Graham

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 40 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed) — Debate adjourned

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Sub-amendment to the Amendment to Bill 40 introduced by the Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 1188/99



## **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 12:01 a.m. Wednesday, December 1, 1999, until 1:30 p.m.

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Hon. Ken Kowalski,  
Speaker

Title: Tuesday, November 30, 1999