



**Legislative Assembly  
Province of Alberta**

No. 58

## **VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

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Wednesday, December 1, 1999

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

### **Presenting Petitions**

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry, presented a petition from 236 Calgary and area residents 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.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from 674 Albertans requesting the freezing of tuition and institutional fees and an increase in post-secondary education support.

Mr. Wickman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, presented a petition from 103 Calgary residents requesting increased support for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from 112 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 200 Albertans requesting the freezing of tuition and institutional fees and an increase in post-secondary education support.

Ms Paul, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, presented a petition from 214 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 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 Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, 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 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 to ensure that the integrity of public, universal health care may be maintained.

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.

## 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, in light of citizens rally in Seattle opposed to World Trade Organization (WTO) agenda, urges the Government to immediately withdraw its delegation from the WTO negotiations being held in Seattle, because of:

(a) the consequent developments including the declaration of civil emergency in Seattle, the use of National Guard to impose curfew, the use of police and National Guard personnel of rubber bullets, pepper spray, as well as,

(b) the potential challenge implicit in the WTO agenda to Alberta's ability to pursue its own public policies.

## Tabling Returns and Reports

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands:

E-mail message dated November 29, 1999, from David J. Hitchcock to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concerns regarding health care privatization initiatives

Sessional Paper 1189/99

E-mail message dated November 27, 1999, from Anthony Reimer to Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, and the Alberta Liberal Party expressing concerns regarding health care privatization initiatives

Sessional Paper 1190/99

Letter dated December 1, 1999, from Shane P. Andrus to Hon. Dr. Taylor, Minister of Innovation and Science, expressing concerns regarding health care privatization initiatives

Sessional Paper 1191/99

Mrs. Burgener, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie:

Fact sheet entitled "Calgary Justice Working Committee Membership"

Sessional Paper 1192/99

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

Report entitled "It's All About Competition," produced by the United Brotherhood of Carpenters

Sessional Paper 1193/99

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

Bill 40, Health Information Act, Alberta Liberal Caucus Amendments, dated December 1, 1999, with attached 11 proposed amendments dated November 30, 1999

Sessional Paper 1194/99

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Article entitled "Canadian Treatment Activists Win Important Battle in the War Against High Drug Prices: PWAs (People Living With AIDS) From Across Canada Target Pharmaceutical Manufacturers and Price Regulators," by Glen Hillson for the Committee for Fair Drug Prices of the Canadian Treatment Advocates Council (CTAC)

Sessional Paper 1195/99

E-mail message dated June 28, 1999, from Robert G. Mills to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding a universal resistance testing program for British Columbia to study drug resistance as a cause of HIV treatment failure and requesting resistance testing as part of the regular work-up for HIV infected individuals in Alberta

Sessional Paper 1196/99

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

Letter dated November 26, 1999, from Fred Muzin, President, Hospital Employees' Union, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to the privatization of health care in Alberta

Sessional Paper 1197/99

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

Fact sheet dated December 1, 1999, entitled "Alberta Treasury vs. Stokes Economic Consulting/FutureView Research, Budget Year 1997/98," with attached background financial material regarding the Alberta economy

Sessional Paper 1198/99

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

Letter dated November 1, 1999, from Wilma Sisk, Coordinator, Information and Privacy Branch, Alberta Human Resources and Employment, to Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, regarding a Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act Request for Information File Number 1999-G-079-N, relating to a child welfare fatality inquiry

Sessional Paper 1199/99

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

Fact sheet entitled "Disenfranchised Widows Action Group - Alberta Chapter"

Sessional Paper 1200/99

Letter dated November 9, 1999, from Allan P. Jobson to Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment, with attached documentation (evidence package 7) regarding recommendations to address concerns with WCB (Workers' Compensation Board) claims

Sessional Paper 1201/99

## **Recognitions**

Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert: portraits by Alice Tyler of Alberta's Famous Five unveiled December 1, 1999 in the Legislature Building.

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands: 10th anniversary of the Montreal massacre tragedy and the Person's Case to promote women's equality and safety in society.

Mr. Lougheed, Hon. Member for Clover Bar-Fort Saskatchewan and Chair of the Premier's Council on the Status of Persons with Disabilities: open houses hosted in Bonnyville, High Level, Grande Prairie, Edmonton, Calgary and Medicine Hat to develop a disability strategy.

Mr. White, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder: Mr. Bill Matheson, retiring from public broadcasting career beginning in 1954 and including 23 years as ITV's weatherman.

Mrs. Burgener, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie: KSPS public television broadcasting of the "Spirit of Alberta" and "Let Them Be Cowboys" documentaries on December 2, 1999.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre: 10th annual Day Without Art, December 1, 1999, to acknowledge the devastation of the AIDS epidemic.

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort: Calgary Public School Board Trustee candidates in the November 29, 1999 election.

## **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, in light of citizens rally in Seattle opposed to World Trade Organization (WTO) agenda, urges the Government to immediately withdraw its delegation from the WTO negotiations being held in Seattle, because of:

- (a) the consequent developments including the declaration of civil emergency in Seattle, the use of National Guard to impose curfew, the use of police and National Guard personnel of rubber bullets, pepper spray, as well as,
- (b) the potential challenge implicit in the WTO agenda to Alberta's ability to pursue its own public policies.

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY

### Written Questions

The following Written Question was accepted as amended:

**WQ237.** Moved by Ms Carlson:

How much did Alberta Environmental Protection spend on conservation education in the areas of fisheries and hunting respectively, each year from April 1, 1991 to March 31, 1999, and through which programs was this administered?

Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Environment, moved the motion be amended to read:

How much did Alberta Environmental Protection spend on conservation education each year from April 1, 1991 to March 31, 1999, and through which programs was this administered?

The question being put, with Hon. Mr. Kowalski in the Chair, the amendment was agreed to. The names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 46

Amery	Hierath	Pham
Boutilier	Hlady	Renner
Broda	Johnson	Smith
Burgener	Jonson	Stelmach
Calahasen	Klapstein	Stevens
Cao	Kryczka	Strang
Clegg	Laing	Tannas
Coutts	Lougheed	Tarchuk
Doerksen	Lund	Taylor
Ducharme	Mar	Thurber
Dunford	Marz	Trynchy
Fischer	McFarland	West
Gordon	O'Neill	Woloshyn
Graham	Oberg	Yankowsky
Haley	Paszkowski	Zwozdesky
Herard		

Against the amendment: 10

Bonner	Leibovici	Nicol
Carlson	MacBeth	Soetaert
Dickson	MacDonald	Wickman
Gibbons		

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

WQ231, WQ232, WQ242, WQ243, WQ244, WQ245, WQ246, WQ247, WQ252, WQ254, WQ255.

## **Motions for Returns**

The following Motions for Returns were accepted:

**MR233.** Moved by Mr. Wickman on behalf of Mr. White:

Copies of the most recent tables for deciduous and coniferous timber, separately, showing for each forest management unit, the annual allowable cut, the proportion of the annual allowable cut that is allocated and the remaining unallocated volume, together with indications of provisional commitments for the unallocated timber.

**MR234.** Moved by Mr. Wickman on behalf of Mr. White:

Copies of any studies, reports, letters or memoranda written to, by, or for the Department of Environmental Protection between January 1, 1997 and May 1, 1999, that indicate that the long-term timber productivity of the boreal forest in Alberta will increase by at least 30% where intensive forest management practices are used and any related information concerning the impact of such practices on the forest ecosystem.

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

MR238, MR239, MR240, MR241, MR248, MR249, MR250, MR251, MR253.

## **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.

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 210 Charitable Donation of Food Act — Mrs. Laing

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

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

Mrs. O'Neill, Acting Chairman of Committees, tabled copies of the amendment considered by the Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 208 (Section A) (Introduced by the Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose on November 30, 1999) — Agreed to  
Sessional Paper 1202/99

## Second Reading

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. Pham

A debate followed.

During debate, Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry, tabled the following:

Letter dated June 10, 1999, from the Canadian Federation of Independent Business to Mr. Rick Lelacheur, Chair of the WCB (Workers' Compensation Board), in follow-up to a meeting held May 27, 1999 regarding 1998 premium rebates and funding policy revisions

Sessional Paper 1203/99

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: 26

Boutilier	Johnson	Pham
Broda	Jonson	Stelmach
Doerksen	Klapstein	Strang
Fischer	Kryczka	Thurber
Forsyth	Laing	Trynchy
Graham	Lougheed	Woloshyn
Haley	Magnus	Yankowsky
Hierath	Marz	Zwozdesky
Hlady	McFarland	

Against the motion: 17

Bonner	Leibovici	Soetaert
Coutts	Lund	Stevens
Day	MacDonald	Tarchuk
Ducharme	Nicol	White
Dunford	Renner	Wickman
Gibbons	Smith	



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

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

## **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., it was agreed at 5:23 p.m. that when the Assembly reconvened at 8:00 p.m. it would be in Committee of the Whole, and the Acting Speaker left the Chair.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1999 — 8:00 P.M.

## **Government Bills and Orders**

### **Committee of the Whole**

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 40 Health Information Act — Ms Graham

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by the Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed on November 30, 1999 (as found in Sessional Paper 1204/99).

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

For the amendment: 28

Amery	Kryczka	Smith
Broda	Laing	Stelmach
Coutts	Lund	Stevens
Ducharme	Magnus	Strang
Fischer	Mar	Thurber
Graham	McFarland	Trynchy
Haley	O'Neill	West
Herard	Oberg	Yankowsky
Jonson	Paszkowski	Zwozdesky
Klapstein		

Against the amendment: 9

Blakeman	Gibbons	Nicol
Carlson	MacDonald	Olsen
Dickson	Massey	Sloan

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

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 40 Health Information Act — Ms Graham

Mr. Herard, Acting Chairman of Committees, tabled copies of the amendment considered by the Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 40 (Introduced by the Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed on November 30, 1999) — Agreed to on division  
Sessional Paper 1204/99

### **Committee of Supply** (Day 2 — Supplementary Estimates)

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

(Assembly in Committee)

Pursuant to Government Motion 25 agreed to by the Assembly on November 29, 1999, and Standing Order 59(3), at 11:45 p.m. the Committee of Supply adjourned to rise and report.

The Deputy Speaker resumed 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:

#### **Environment**

\$146,200,000      Operating Expense and Capital Investment

#### **Gaming**

\$109,031,000      Operating Expense

#### **Health and Wellness**

\$322,255,000      Operating Expense and Capital Investment

#### **Infrastructure**

\$540,500,000      Operating Expense and Capital Investment

**International and Intergovernmental Relations**

\$4,450,000      Operating Expense

**Learning**

\$172,640,000      Operating Expense and Capital Investment

**Municipal Affairs**

\$9,150,000      Operating Expense and Capital Investment

Mr. Speaker, I wish to table a list of those resolutions voted upon by the Committee of Supply pursuant to Standing Orders

Sessional Paper 1205/99

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

**Introduction of Bills (First Reading)**

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to revert to the Introduction of Bills.

Upon recommendation of His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, and notice having been given:

Bill 45    Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 1999 (No. 2) — Hon. Mr. Day

**Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:48 p.m. until Thursday, December 2, 1999, at 1:30 p.m.

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Hon. Ken Kowalski,  
Speaker

Title: Wednesday, December 1, 1999