



**Legislative Assembly  
Province of Alberta**

No. 60

## **VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

Third Session

Twenty-Fourth Legislature

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Monday, December 6, 1999

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

The Speaker recognized the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence against Women, and a minute of silence was observed in recognition of the 10th anniversary of the 1989 massacre of 14 women students at l'école Polytechnique in Montreal.

### **Presenting Petitions**

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry, presented a petition from 217 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. White, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, presented a petition from 111 Calgary residents requesting increased support for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, presented a petition from 122 Edmonton and area residents requesting increased funding 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 Edmonton and area residents requesting increased support 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 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 Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, 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 the skyrocketing numbers of homeless persons throughout the province, urges the Government to dedicate a portion of its ballooning surplus to provide direct funding to non-profit community groups to build and operate safe and affordable housing for the homeless.

## **Introduction of Bills (First Reading)**

Notice having been given:

Bill 46 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 1999 (No. 2)— Hon. Mr. Hancock

## Tabling Returns and Reports

The Clerk read a list of Ministry Annual Reports which were submitted to the Office of the Clerk, pursuant to Standing Order 37.1(1), for tabling in the Assembly pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52; and the Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s14:

Alberta Executive Council, Annual Report 1998-99, including the Northern Alberta Development Council, and the Public Affairs Bureau

Sessional Paper 1251/99

Alberta Advanced Education and Career Development, Annual Report 1998-99, Section 1 including the Personnel Administration Office

Sessional Paper 1252/99

Alberta Advanced Education and Career Development, Annual Report 1998-99, Section 2

Sessional Paper 1253/99

Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, Annual Report 1998-99

Sessional Paper 1254/99

Agriculture Financial Services Corporation, Annual Report 1998-99

Sessional Paper 1255/99

Alberta Community Development, Annual Report for the Fiscal Year Ended March 31, 1999

Sessional Paper 1256/99

Alberta Ministry of Economic Development, Annual Report 1998-99

Sessional Paper 1257/99

Alberta Education, 94th Annual Report and 5th Annual Results Report 1998-99, Part 1

Sessional Paper 1258/99

Alberta Education, 94th Annual Report and 5th Annual Results Report 1998-99, Part 2

Sessional Paper 1259/99

Alberta Ministry of Energy, Annual Report 1998-99

Sessional Paper 1260/99

Alberta Ministry of Environmental Protection, Annual Report 1998-99

Sessional Paper 1261/99

Alberta Family and Social Services, Annual Report 1998-99

Sessional Paper 1262/99

Alberta Ministry of Health, Annual Report 1998-99, Section 1

Sessional Paper 1263/99

Alberta Ministry of Health, Annual Report 1998-99, Section 2

Sessional Paper 1264/99

Alberta Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs, 26th Annual Report to March 31, 1999

Sessional Paper 1265/99

Alberta Justice, Annual Report 1998-99

Sessional Paper 1266/99

Alberta Labour, Annual Report 1998-99

Sessional Paper 1267/99

Alberta Municipal Affairs, Annual Report 1998-99

Sessional Paper 1268/99

Alberta Public Works Supply and Services, Annual Report 1998-99

Sessional Paper 1269/99

Alberta Ministry of Science, Research and Information Technology, Annual Report 1998-99

Sessional Paper 1270/99

Alberta Ministry of Science, Research and Information Technology, Annual Report 1998-99 (Revised)

Sessional Paper 1271/99

Alberta Transportation and Utilities, Annual Report 1998-99

Sessional Paper 1272/99

Alberta Treasury, Annual Report for the Fiscal Year Ended March 31, 1999

Sessional Paper 1273/99

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s10:

Government of Alberta Annual Report 1998-99: Report to Albertans on Budget '98, Agenda for Opportunity

Sessional Paper 1274/99

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of International and Intergovernmental Relations:

News release dated December 4, 1999, entitled "Alberta disappointed with suspension of WTO (World Trade Organization) talks," produced by Alberta International and Intergovernmental Relations

Sessional Paper 1275/99

News release dated December 4, 1999, entitled "Statement by the Government of Canada on the Suspension of WTO (World Trade Organization) Talks in Seattle," produced by the Government of Canada

Sessional Paper 1276/99

News release dated December 3, 1999, entitled "Disappointment, but negotiations on agriculture will proceed," produced by the Cairns Group

Sessional Paper 1277/99

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

News release dated December 6, 1999, entitled "Alberta teachers condemn closure on Bill 40, Health Information Act," produced by the Alberta Teachers' Association

Sessional Paper 1278/99

Article entitled "A Count of Homeless Persons in Edmonton," conducted November 17, 1999 by the Edmonton Homelessness Count Committee

Sessional Paper 1279/99

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands:

E-mail message dated December 3, 1999, from Rick Robinson to Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, expressing opposition to health care privatization initiatives

Sessional Paper 1280/99

E-mail message dated December 5, 1999, from James C. Keylock to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to Bill 40, Health Information Act

Sessional Paper 1281/99

E-mail message dated December 5, 1999, from John McIntosh, Chairperson, Calgary Chapter of CARP (Canadian Association of Retired Persons), to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health and Wellness, expressing opposition to Bill 40, Health Information Act, and the possible use of closure to limit debate

Sessional Paper 1282/99

Letter dated December 6, 1999, from George Lucki, Past President, Psychologists' Association of Alberta, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concerns regarding Bill 40, Health Information Act, the possible use of closure to limit debate, and requesting a full public consultation process

Sessional Paper 1283/99

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

Letter dated December 3, 1999, from Kevin Gregor, First Vice-President/President Elect, Calgary Chamber of Commerce, to Ms Graham, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed, expressing concerns regarding Bill 40, Health Information Act

Sessional Paper 1284/99

Letter dated December 3, 1999, from Elisabeth R. Ballermann, President, HSAA (Health Sciences Association of Alberta), to Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health and Wellness, expressing opposition to Bill 40, Health Information Act, and the possible use of closure to limit debate

Sessional Paper 1285/99

An Act to Protect the Privacy of Patients and the Confidentiality of Their Health Information, cited as the Health Information Privacy Act, a model health information Act proposed by the Canadian Medical Association

Sessional Paper 1286/99

Editorial dated November 23, 1999, entitled "Patient confidentiality may no longer be a reality," published in the Medical Post

Sessional Paper 1287/99

Bill C-6 (Personal Information Protection and Election Documents Act): Presentation to the Senate Standing Committee on Social Affairs, Science and Technology, submitted by Dr. Peter Vaughan, Secretary General and CEO (Chief Executive Officer), Canadian Medical Association, dated November 29, 1999

Sessional Paper 1288/99

50 proposed amendments to Bill 40, Health Information Act, dated November 30, 1999 to December 5, 1999

Sessional Paper 1289/99

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

Letter dated November 10, 1999, from Mr. Rick LeLacheur, Chairman, WCB (Workers' Compensation Board) Alberta Board of Directors, to Mr. Allan P. Jobson, regarding recommendations submitted for changes to the Workers' Compensation Act, with attached documentation (evidence package 10) dated November 22, 1999

Sessional Paper 1290/99

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

The Manitoba 1999 Child Poverty Report Card - An Agenda for Action, developed by the Social Planning Council of Winnipeg (SPC) and a network of community partners

Sessional Paper 1291/99

Excerpt page 3 entitled "For children, poverty is...", from Our Neighbours' Voices: Will We Listen, Interfaith Social Assistance Reform Committee, as published in The Manitoba 1999 Child Poverty Report Card - An Agenda for Action, developed by the Social Planning Council of Winnipeg (SPC) and a network of community partners

Sessional Paper 1292/99

Mr. Gibbons, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning:

Letter dated November 22, 1999, from Bert Simmons and family to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier; Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health and Wellness; and Mr. Gibbons, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, regarding medical needs of Yvonne Simmons due to a diagnosis of Multi-Systemic Atrophy requiring and desiring 24-hour home care provision rather than entering a long-term care facility

Sessional Paper 1293/99

## **Recognitions**

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert: Alberta Honey Producers Co-operative Limited.

Mr. Fischer, Hon. Member for Wainwright: Scott and Lisa Severtson, farm family recipients of the Canadian Outstanding Young Farmers Award.

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo: 135 residents of the Colonel Belcher hospital and long-term health care facility located in Calgary.

Mrs. Forsyth, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek: Shane Fage, participant and competitor in the 6th International Young Composer's Meeting held in Holland.

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark: Jasper Place Rebels Senior Football Team winners of the Provincial Football Championship held November 20, 1999.

Mr. Tannas, Hon. Member for Highwood: gratitude expressed by the community of Okotoks for projects funded by Community Lottery Fund grants received.

Ms Paul, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs: United Victims' Assistance Foundation established by Sid Jorstad to assist victims of violence.

## **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 the skyrocketing numbers of homeless persons throughout the province, urges the Government to dedicate a portion of its ballooning surplus to provide direct funding to non-profit community groups to build and operate safe and affordable housing for the homeless.

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

### **Government Bills and Orders**

#### **Second Reading**

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

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

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

Bill 44 Insurance Statutes Amendment Act, 1999 — Ms Graham

A debate followed.

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

### **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, the Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

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

### **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:19 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1999 — 8:00 P.M.

### **Government Bills and Orders**

#### **Third Reading**

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

Bill 7 Alberta Health Care Insurance Amendment Act, 1999 — Hon. Mr. Jonson

A debate followed.

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, moved the motion be amended by deleting all the words after the word “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 7, Alberta Health Care Insurance Amendment Act, 1999, be not now read a Third time, but be recommitted to Committee of the Whole for the purpose of considering amendments to section 3 of the Bill.

Debate continued on the amendment.

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



For the amendment: 9

Blakeman	Leibovici	Sapers
Carlson	Massey	Sloan
Dickson	Nicol	White

Against the amendment: 31

Boutilier	Hancock	Mar
Broda	Herard	Marz
Calahasen	Hierath	O'Neill
Cao	Hlady	Paszkowski
Cardinal	Jacques	Pham
Clegg	Johnson	Renner
Day	Laing	Severtson
Doerksen	Lougheed	Smith
Dunford	Lund	Tarchuk
Forsyth	Magnus	Taylor
Friedel		

Debate continued on the question for Third reading of Bill 7, Alberta Health Care Insurance Amendment Act, 1999.

Mr. White, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, moved the motion be amended by deleting all the words after the word “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 7, Alberta Health Care Insurance Amendment Act, 1999, be not now read a Third time, but that it be read a Third time this day six months hence.

Debate continued on the amendment.

Hon. Mr. Hancock moved adjournment of the debate (on amendment), which was agreed to.

### **Second Reading**

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

Bill 44 Insurance Statutes Amendment Act, 1999 — Ms Graham

A debate followed.

Mr. Dickson, Official Opposition House Leader, raised a matter of want of a quorum pursuant to Standing Order 5(1). Mr. Herard, Acting Speaker, ruled that the number of Members present in the Assembly constituted a quorum.

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

Bill 44 Insurance Statutes Amendment Act, 1999 — Ms Graham

## **Committee of the Whole**

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, and the Acting Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

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

Pursuant to Standing Order 61(4), at 11:45 p.m. the Chairman interrupted the proceedings and immediately put the question on the Appropriation Bill standing on the Order Paper referred to Committee of the Whole, which was agreed to.

The Acting Speaker resumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported:

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

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

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

## **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:48 p.m. until Tuesday, December 7, 1999, at 1:30 p.m.

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Hon. Ken Kowalski,  
Speaker

Title: Monday, December 6, 1999