



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 61

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Third Session

Twenty-Fourth Legislature

Tuesday, December 7, 1999

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

The Speaker made a statement in recognition of the birthday of Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort.

Presenting Petitions

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from 120 Edmonton and area residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Mr. White, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, presented a petition from 113 Edmonton and area residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry, presented a petition from 119 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.

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, presented a petition from 102 Edmonton residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, presented a petition from 87 Edmonton and area residents requesting the provision of safe, affordable, quality out-of-school care to all families in need.

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

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 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. 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. 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.

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 8, 1999:

Written Questions: Stand and retain their places.

Motions for Returns: Stand and retain their places.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer:

Response to the Auditor General, relating to recommendations in the Auditor General's 1998-99 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 1294/99

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, pursuant to the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund Act, cA-27.01, s16(2):

Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, Annual Report 1999

Sessional Paper 1295/99

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, pursuant to the Alberta Municipal Financing Corporation Act, cA-33, s32:

Alberta Municipal Financing Corporation, Annual Report 1998

Sessional Paper 1296/99

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, pursuant to the Securities Act, cS-6.1, s13.4(2):

Alberta Securities Commission (ASC), Annual Report 1999

Sessional Paper 1297/99

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, pursuant to the Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research, cA-26, s7(5):

Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research Endowment Fund, Financial Statements, dated March 31, 1999

Sessional Paper 1298/99

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer:

Standard and Poor's article dated December 7, 1999, entitled "Alberta's 'AA+' Ratings Affirmed: Outlook Still Stable"

Sessional Paper 1299/99

Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier:

Backgrounder dated December 3, 1999, entitled "Partnerships with Non-profit and Private Health Service Providers," produced by the CRHA (Calgary Regional Health Authority)

Sessional Paper 1300/99

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

New York Times newspaper article dated December 7, 1999, entitled "Cities Try to Sweep Homeless Out of Sight," written by Evelyn Nieves

Sessional Paper 1301/99

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands:

Open letter dated December 4, 1999, from Mrs. Christine Burdett, Provincial Chair, Friends of Medicare, regarding health care privatization initiatives and the need for additional health care funding

Sessional Paper 1302/99

"Constituents Comments" feedback form dated December 7, 1999, submitted by R.W. (Bob) Oldham expressing opposition to Bill 40, Health Information Act, and proposed health care privatization initiatives

Sessional Paper 1303/99

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

Labour News: Alberta's Alternate News Voice, volume 6, issue number 8, dated November 1999, produced by the Alberta Federation of Labour (AFL), highlighting article entitled "A worker's death: another casualty of our workplace wilderness," written by Mario Troncoso

Sessional Paper 1304/99

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

3 letters dated October 22, 1999 to November 17, 1999, from Richard D. Brinkman, Ayal Dinner and Joe Vipond, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, requesting protection of Alberta's Foothills Natural Region

Sessional Paper 1305/99

3 letters, undated, from Joe Vipond, Dale T. Cousincau and Richard D. Brinkman, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, requesting protection of the Bighorn Country

Sessional Paper 1306/99

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

Letter dated December 2, 1999, from Larry Phillips, President, Consumers' Association of Alberta (Canada), to Ms Graham, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed, expressing concerns regarding Bill 40, Health Information Act

Sessional Paper 1307/99

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Final submission request from 38 Albertans requesting funding for midwifery, submitted by Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark and Alberta Liberal Health Critic, and Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre and Alberta Liberal Women's Issues Critic, with attached letters dated April 30, 1999

Sessional Paper 1308/99

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

Letter dated November 15, 1999, from Allan P. Jobson to Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment, regarding evidence packages previously provided with background documentation relating to WCB claims (Workers' Compensation Board)

Sessional Paper 1309/99

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

Excerpt page 4 dated August 1999, entitled "Injury Related Deaths and Hospitalizations to Children - 1997," published by the Alberta Centre for Injury Control and Research

Sessional Paper 1310/99

Letter dated September 16, 1999, from Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, to Hon. Mr. Woloshyn, Minister of Community Development, expressing concern raised by seniors with respect to increasing rental rates in Alberta, with attached letter in response dated October 12, 1999, from Hon. Mr. Woloshyn, Minister of Community Development, to Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview

Sessional Paper 1311/99

The Speaker requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly to revert to Notices of Motions. Unanimous consent of the Assembly was not granted.

Members' Statements

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort, made a statement regarding the Calgary school system, and in particular the Calgary public education system with a large number of trustee candidates in the recent election who displayed a wide range of skills, experiences and innovative approaches.

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, made a statement regarding effects on Albertans of the oil and gas industry, with conflicts requiring moderating services provided by the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board (AEUB) through alternative dispute resolution practices.

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo and Official Opposition House Leader, made a statement expressing concerns regarding Bill 40, Health Information Act, and the approximately 60 amendments proposed by the Official Opposition to outline alternative policies.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

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

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

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(2)(b), debate adjourned, Ms Olsen speaking.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

516. Moved by Ms Carlson:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to continue a reconfigured Special Places program until it is complete and to establish a panel of independent scientific experts to advise the Government on what areas need further protection to conserve the biodiversity of all ecoregions in the province.

A debate followed.

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

For the motion: 9

Bonner	Gibbons	Olsen
Carlson	Leibovici	Pannu
Dickson	MacDonald	Soetaert

Against the motion: 44

Amery	Herard	Paszkowski
Broda	Hierath	Pham
Burgener	Jacques	Renner
Cao	Johnson	Severtson
Cardinal	Jonson	Shariff
Coutts	Klapstein	Smith
Doerksen	Kryczka	Stelmach
Ducharme	Magnus	Stevens
Dunford	Marz	Strang
Fischer	McClellan	Taylor
Forsyth	McFarland	Thurber
Friedel	Melchin	Trynchy
Graham	Nelson	Yankowsky
Haley	O'Neill	Zwozdesky
Hancock	Oberg	

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

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

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

Debate continued (on amendment introduced by Mr. White, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, on December 6, 1999) that 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.

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(1), debate adjourned, Ms Olsen speaking.

Adjournment

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

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)

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, moved that the Committee rise and report. The question being put, with Mr. Tannas in the Chair, the motion was agreed to. The names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 34

Amery	Kryczka	Paszkowski
Broda	Laing	Pham
Cardinal	Magnus	Sapers
Clegg	Mar	Shariff
Coutts	Marz	Stevens
Ducharme	McClellan	Strang
Dunford	McFarland	Taylor
Fischer	Melchin	Thurber
Forsyth	Nelson	Trynchy
Gibbons	Oberg	Woloshyn
Hancock	Olsen	Yankowsky
Jonson		

Against the motion: 7

Dickson	Nicol	Soetaert
Leibovici	Sloan	Wickman
Massey		

The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported:

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

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

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

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

Debate continued (on amendment introduced by Mr. White, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, on December 6, 1999) that 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.

Hon. Mrs. McClellan 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)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 40 Health Information Act — Ms Graham

26. Hon. Mr. Hancock moved the following motion:

Be it resolved that further consideration of any or all of the resolutions, clauses, sections or titles of Bill 40, Health Information Act, shall, when called, be the first business of the Committee and shall not be further postponed.

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

For the motion: 33

Amery	Hancock	Paszkowski
Broda	Jonson	Pham
Cao	Kryczka	Renner
Cardinal	Laing	Shariff
Clegg	Magnus	Stevens
Coutts	Marz	Strang
Ducharme	McClellan	Taylor
Dunford	McFarland	Thurber
Fischer	Melchin	Trynchy
Forsyth	Nelson	Woloshyn
Graham	Oberg	Yankowsky

Against the motion: 11

Barrett	Leibovici	Sapers
Carlson	Massey	Sloan
Dickson	Nicol	Soetaert
Gibbons	Olsen	

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Government Motion 26 and Standing Order 21(2), at 12:01 a.m., the question was immediately put on the amendment to Bill 40, Health Information Act, as found in Sessional Paper 1318/99, with Mr. Tannas in the Chair, which was defeated. The names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 11

Barrett	Leibovici	Sapers
Carlson	Massey	Sloan
Dickson	Nicol	Soetaert
Gibbons	Olsen	

Against the motion: 34

Amery	Jonson	Pham
Broda	Kryczka	Renner
Cao	Laing	Shariff
Cardinal	Magnus	Stelmach
Clegg	Mar	Stevens
Coutts	McClellan	Strang
Ducharme	McFarland	Taylor
Dunford	Melchin	Thurber
Fischer	Nelson	Trynchy
Forsyth	Oberg	Woloshyn
Graham	Paszkowski	Yankowsky
Hancock		

Pursuant to Government Motion 26 and Standing Order 21(2), at 12:13 a.m., the question was immediately put on the remaining clauses of Bill 40, Health Information Act, which was agreed to.

Pursuant to Government Motion 26 and Standing Order 21(2), at 12:13 a.m., the question was immediately put on the title and preamble to Bill 40, Health Information Act, which was agreed to.

Pursuant to Government Motion 26 and Standing Order 21(2), at 12:14 a.m., the question was immediately put that Bill 40, Health Information Act, be reported, with Mr. Tannas in the Chair, which was agreed to. The names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 33

Amery	Hancock	Paszkowski
Broda	Jonson	Pham
Cao	Kryczka	Renner
Cardinal	Laing	Shariff
Clegg	Magnus	Stevens
Coutts	Mar	Strang
Ducharme	McClellan	Taylor
Dunford	McFarland	Thurber
Fischer	Melchin	Trynchy
Forsyth	Nelson	Woloshyn
Graham	Oberg	Yankowsky

Against the motion: 10

Carlson	Massey	Sapers
Dickson	Nicol	Sloan
Gibbons	Olsen	Soetaert
Leibovici		

The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

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-Buffalo) — Agreed to
Sessional Paper 1312/99

Amendment to Bill 40 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 1313/99

Amendment to Bill 40 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 1314/99

Amendment to Bill 40 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 1315/99

Amendment to Bill 40 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 1316/99

Amendment to Bill 40 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 1317/99

Amendment to Bill 40 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) — Defeated on
division
Sessional Paper 1318/99

Third Reading

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

Bill 40 Health Information Act — Ms Graham

A debate followed.

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, moved that the question be now put pursuant to Standing Order 47(1) and (2).

A debate followed on the motion for the previous question.

Hon. Mrs. Nelson moved adjournment of the debate. The question being put, with Mr. Tannas in the Chair, the motion was agreed to. The names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 28

Broda	Magnus	Renner
Cardinal	Mar	Shariff
Clegg	McClellan	Stevens
Coutts	McFarland	Strang
Ducharme	Melchin	Taylor
Dunford	Nelson	Thurber
Fischer	Oberg	Trynchy
Hancock	Paszkowski	Woloshyn
Jonson	Pham	Yankowsky
Kryczka		

Against the motion: 10

Carlson	Massey	Sapers
Dickson	Nicol	Sloan
Gibbons	Olsen	Soetaert
Leibovici		

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.

The following Bills were reported:

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

Bill 44 Insurance Statutes Amendment Act, 1999 — Ms Graham

Dr. Massey, 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 43 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 1319/99

Amendment to Bill 44 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 1320/99

Amendment to Bill 44 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar) — Defeated
Sessional Paper 1321/99

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 4:38 a.m. Wednesday, December 8, 1999, until 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Tuesday, December 7, 1999