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Province of Alberta**

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Third Session

Twenty-Fourth Legislature

Wednesday, December 8, 1999

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

Presenting Petitions

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood, presented a petition from 261 Albertans 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 415 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 335 Edmonton and area residents requesting increased funding 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 214 Edmonton and area residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, presented a petition from 449 Albertans requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Mr. Jacques, Hon. Member for Grande Prairie-Wapiti, presented a petition from Albertans requesting positive and decisive action by provincial and federal politicians to protect the public from threats of violence from residents of the Trickle Creek Farm.

Reading and Receiving Petitions

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.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General:

Victims Programs, Status Report 1998-99

Sessional Paper 1322/99

Memorandum dated July 23, 1999, from the Alberta Law Reform Institute to Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, regarding a review of section 8 of the Fatal Accidents Act

Sessional Paper 1323/99

Fact sheet entitled "Fall Session Bill 40, Health Information Act, as of December 3, 1999, Total Minutes 446.0"

Sessional Paper 1324/99

Fact sheet entitled "Use of Closure: Directly Proportionate to Number of Liberals Elected to Assembly"

Sessional Paper 1325/99

Fact sheet entitled "Analysis of Average Time Per Sitting Day, 1997 to 1999"

Sessional Paper 1326/99

Fact sheet entitled "Legislative Reform (With Respect to Daily Sitting Times)"

Sessional Paper 1327/99

Fact sheet entitled "Question Period Analysis, Spring 1997 to Spring 1999"

Sessional Paper 1328/99

Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health and Wellness:

Persons with Developmental Disabilities: Alberta Provincial Board, Annual Report 1998-99

Sessional Paper 1329/99

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

Letter dated December 7, 1999, from Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of International and Intergovernmental Relations, to Dr. Nicol, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, in response to questions raised on December 1, 1999, regarding Department of International and Intergovernmental Relations request for Supplementary Estimates

Sessional Paper 1330/99

Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Gaming, pursuant to the Racing Corporation Act, cR-1.5, s10(2):

Alberta Racing Corporation, Annual Review 1998

Sessional Paper 1331/99

Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning:

Letter dated December 8, 1999, from David W. Bond, MD, President, Alberta Medical Association, to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, regarding patient information provided to Alberta Health by physicians for payment of claims

Sessional Paper 1332/99

Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Children's Services, pursuant to the Social Care Facilities Review Committee Act, cS-15, s16(2):

Social Care Facilities Review Committee, Annual Report 1998-99

Sessional Paper 1333/99

Mr. Trynchy, Hon. Member for Whitecourt-Ste. Anne:

Government of Alberta Committee on Effective Representation: Provincial Polling Results, produced by Environics West, dated November 26, 1999, with attached news release dated December 8, 1999, entitled "Albertans value effective political representation, survey finds"

Sessional Paper 1334/99

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

28 proposed amendments to Bill 40, Health Information Act, proposed from the Liberal Opposition, dated November 30, 1999 to December 7, 1999

Sessional Paper 1335/99

Letter dated December 3, 1999, from Elisabeth R. Ballermann, President, Health Sciences Association of Alberta (HSAA), expressing opposition to the imposition of closure on the debate of Bill 40, Health Information Act

Sessional Paper 1336/99

Bar graph depicting Fall Session 1999 debate time (hours) relating to eight Government Bills (number/title), as of Tuesday, December 7, 1999

Sessional Paper 1337/99

Bill 5, An Act to Amend Certain Statutes Because of the Supreme Court of Canada Decision in *M. v. H.*, Chapter 6, Statutes of Ontario, 1999

Sessional Paper 1338/99

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

Letter dated July 23, 1999, from Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment, to Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, regarding Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped (AISH) program regulations, with attached letter dated June 30, 1999, from Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment, to Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, regarding Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped (AISH) implementation of program changes

Sessional Paper 1339/99

Letter dated June 28, 1999, from Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health and Wellness, to Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, in response to a letter dated June 7, 1999 requesting information on the transfer of the Persons with Developmental Disabilities (PDD) Boards to Alberta Health and Wellness

Sessional Paper 1340/99

Letter dated December 7, 1999, from Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, to Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health and Wellness, regarding public health and disease control issues arising from the SPCA (Edmonton Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, Animal Protection Services) investigation at 6234 - 112A Street

Sessional Paper 1341/99

Raising the Floor: The Social and Economic Benefits of Minimum Wages in Canada, by Michael Goldberg and David Green, dated September 1999

Sessional Paper 1342/99

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

Disenfranchised Widows Action Group invitation to a Christmas luncheon held December 8, 1999 at the Royal Canadian Legion Kingsway Branch, Edmonton

Sessional Paper 1343/99

Dr. Nicol, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East:

250 letters from parents of Galbraith Elementary School students to Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Minister of Infrastructure, requesting funding to repair and restore the third floor of their school

Sessional Paper 1344/99

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

Letter dated November 22, 1999, from Dr. Paula Fayerman to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concerns regarding health care privatization initiatives

Sessional Paper 1345/99

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands:

Letter dated December 6, 1999, from Anita Volk to Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health and Wellness, expressing concerns regarding Bill 40, Health Information Act

Sessional Paper 1346/99

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

Letter dated November 10, 1999, from John J. Dougherty, General President, Operative Plasterers' and Cement Masons, International Association of the United States and Canada, to Committee members regarding resolutions unanimously adopted by the delegates at the 48th International Convention of the Operative Plasterers' and Cement Masons' International Association, with attached documentation of the five resolutions

Sessional Paper 1347/99

3 e-mail messages dated December 7, 1999, from Lorele Hanson, C. Kuehn and Jessica Belliveau to Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, expressing support for Bill 216, Endangered Species and Habitats Protection Act

Sessional Paper 1348/99

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Letter dated December 6, 1999, from Christine Chesterman, President, Birth Unlimited, to Mr. Jim Dinning, Calgary Regional Health Authority (CRHA), expressing support for the full implementation of midwifery services

Sessional Paper 1349/99

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods:

Letter dated November 17, 1999, from Adam Wolfe Gordon, Grade 8 student with Avalon Junior High School, to Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, regarding a lack of funding for Alberta schools

Sessional Paper 1350/99

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Letter dated November 24, 1999, from Mrs. Aileen Pelzer to Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Environment, expressing concerns regarding Bill 15, Natural Heritage Act

Sessional Paper 1351/99

Letter dated December 2, 1999, from Eva and Paul Sylvestre to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and Mr. Singh, Chief Executive Officer, Genesis Land Development Corporation, regarding proposed developments in Kananaskis Country by Genesis Land Developers Ltd., with attached letter dated November 23, 1999, from Mrs. Aileen Pelzer to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Environment

Sessional Paper 1352/99

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

Letter dated December 6, 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 (Workers' Compensation Board) recommendations

Sessional Paper 1353/99

Letter dated October 18, 1999, from Allan P. Jobson to Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment, with attached documentation (evidence package 4) regarding a WCB (Workers' Compensation Board) claim

Sessional Paper 1354/99

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

Letter dated November 10, 1999, from Allan P. Jobson to Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment, with attached documentation (evidence package 8) regarding a WCB (Workers' Compensation Board) claim

Sessional Paper 1355/99

Letter dated November 9, 1999, from Carolyn Berube, Co-chair, Disenfranchised Widows Action Group - Alberta Chapter, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding negotiations with the Workers' Compensation Board (WCB) to resolve the issue of survivors' pensions terminated upon remarriage

Sessional Paper 1356/99

Oral Question Period

During Oral Question Period, Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, tabled the following:

Letter dated November 30, 1999, from P.V. Greenwood, Cardiologist, Clinical Professor of Medicine, to Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health and Wellness, expressing support for Bill 40, Health Information Act

Sessional Paper 1357/99

Recognitions

Ms Kryczka, Hon. Member for Calgary-West: Alberta IYOP (International Year of Older Persons) Advisory Committee.

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie: Alberta Wilderness Association, Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society, and the World Wildlife Fund for their efforts to protect the Wild Chinchaga and Peace Parkland areas.

Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert: Y2K (Yes-to-Kids) program initiated by the Greater Edmonton Community Foundation in co-operation with the United Way.

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark: St. Francis Xavier and Belmead Schools placing second and fourth respectively in the West Edmonton Mall Be True to Your School campaign.

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort: Pearce Estate Park Interpretive Wetland interactive park partnership project between the city of Calgary, BP Amoco, and the Alberta Environment Department.

Ms Barrett, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands: Felice Young, Alberta Federation of Labour staff member, leaving her position following 25 years of service.

Mrs. Gordon, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Stettler: Red Deer College and Canadian University College collaborative efforts as detailed in a letter of understanding signed November 10, 1999.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Questions were accepted as amended:

WQ231. Moved by Mr. Sapers:

What is the revenue recovery or the economic offset of the \$600 million single rate tax proposal for 2003-04, 2004-05, 2005-06, and 2006-07, and how much of the revenue recovery or economic offset in each fiscal year is accounted for by the elimination of the 8% surtax, the elimination of the 0.5% flat tax, the increase in the personal and spousal exemptions to \$11,620, the increase in the personal and spousal exemptions in the 1999 federal budget, and the introduction of the 11% single rate?

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of International and Intergovernmental Relations, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, moved the motion be amended to read:

What information has been prepared by or for Alberta Treasury on the revenue recovery or the economic offset of the \$600 million single rate tax proposal for 2003-04, 2004-05, 2005-06, and 2006-07, and how much of the revenue recovery or economic offset in each fiscal year is accounted for by the elimination of the 8% surtax, the elimination of the 0.5% flat tax, the increase in the personal and spousal exemptions to \$11,620, the increase in the personal and spousal exemptions in the 1999 federal budget, and the introduction of the 11% single rate?

WQ232. Moved by Mr. Sapers:

How much of the \$120 million economic offset or revenue recovery projected in 2002-03, as cited on page 17 of Budget 1999: Government of Alberta Fiscal Plan, results from the elimination of the 8% surtax, from the increase in the personal and spousal exemptions contained in the 1999 federal budget, from the elimination of the 0.5% flat tax, from the increase in the personal and spousal exemptions to \$11,620, and from the introduction of the 11% single rate?

Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of International and Intergovernmental Relations, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, moved the motion be amended to read:

What information has been prepared by or for Alberta Treasury on how much of the \$120 million economic offset or revenue recovery projected in 2002-03, as cited on page 17 of Budget 1999: Government of Alberta Fiscal Plan, results from the elimination of the 8% surtax, from the increase in the personal and spousal exemptions contained in the 1999 federal budget, from the elimination of the 0.5% flat tax, from the increase in the personal and spousal exemptions to \$11,620, and from the introduction of the 11% single rate?

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: 37

Amery	Hierath	Oberg
Burgener	Jacques	Paszkowski
Cao	Johnson	Pham
Cardinal	Klapstein	Renner
Doerksen	Kryczka	Severtson
Ducharme	Laing	Shariff
Dunford	Lougheed	Smith
Fischer	Marz	Stelmach
Friedel	McClellan	Strang
Graham	Melchin	Tarchuk
Haley	Nelson	Trynchy
Hancock	O'Neill	Zwozdesky
Herard		

Against the motion: 8

Bonner
Dickson
Leibovici

Olsen
Paul
Sapers

Sloan
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The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

WQ242, WQ243, WQ244, WQ246, WQ247, WQ254, WQ255.

Motions for Returns

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

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

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

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

Bill 210 Charitable Donation of Food Act — Mrs. Laing

Second Reading

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

Bill 212 Gaming and Liquor Amendment Act, 1999 — Mr. McFarland

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(1), debate adjourned, Hon. Mrs. Nelson speaking.

Adjournment

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

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

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 43 Fiscal Responsibility Amendment Act, 1999 — Hon. Mr. Hancock on behalf of Hon. Mr. Day

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

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

Bill 44 Insurance Statutes Amendment Act, 1999 — Ms Graham

A debate followed.

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

Bill 44, Insurance Statutes 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.

The question being put, the amendment was defeated.

The question for Third reading of Bill 44, Insurance Statutes Amendment Act, 1999, being immediately put, the motion was agreed to.

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 44 Insurance Statutes Amendment Act, 1999 — Ms Graham

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

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

Bill 40 Health Information Act — Ms Graham

Debate continued on the motion for the previous question.

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

For the motion: 33

Boutilier	Hancock	Nelson
Broda	Herard	O'Neill
Cao	Hierath	Oberg
Cardinal	Jacques	Paszkowski
Doerksen	Johnson	Pham
Dunford	Jonson	Renner
Fischer	Klapstein	Severtson
Friedel	Laing	Stelmach
Gordon	Lougheed	Tarchuk
Graham	Marz	Woloshyn
Haley	McClellan	Zwozdesky

Against the motion: 13

Barrett	Leibovici	Sapers
Blakeman	MacBeth	Sloan
Bonner	MacDonald	Soetaert
Dickson	Olsen	White
Gibbons		

Pursuant to Standing Order 47(2), the question being put on the motion for Third reading of Bill 40, Health Information Act, the motion was agreed to.

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 40 Health Information Act — Ms Graham

Adjournment

Pursuant to Government Motion 23 agreed to by the Assembly on November 30, 1999, and on motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:14 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Wednesday, December 8, 1999