



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 2

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Fourth Session

Twenty-Fourth Legislature

Tuesday, February 22, 2000

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

The Speaker offered a prayer and a moment of silence was observed in recognition of the death of former Members, Mr. Earl Hardy, Member for Bruce, 1948 to 1963, who passed away on January 15, 2000, and Mr. Anders Aalborg, Hon. Member for Alexandra, 1948 to 1971, who passed away on February 13, 2000.

The Speaker also requested and received unanimous consent to provide for the singing of the national anthem on the first day of each sessional week for the duration of the Fourth Session of the 24th Legislature, to be sung immediately following the daily prayer.

Presenting Petitions

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood, presented a petition from 1,078 Edmonton and area residents requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mr. Wickman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, presented a petition from 1,003 Edmonton and area residents requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, presented a petition from 1,027 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, presented a petition from 1,059 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, presented a petition from 1,021 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 111 Albertans requesting the introduction of a bill banning the establishment of private for-profit hospitals in Alberta to maintain the integrity of the public, universal health care system.

Notices of Motions

Pursuant to Standing Order 34(2)(a), Mr. Havelock, Deputy Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following Written Questions and Motions for Returns to be dealt with Wednesday, February 23, 2000:

Written Questions: Stand and retain their places.

Motions for Returns: Stand and retain their places.

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, recognizing that the public health care system is the most cost-effective way to deliver quality health services, urges the Government to ban private for-profit hospitals in Alberta and provide the necessary funding to maintain the integrity of the public, universal health care system.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 38(1)(d) in order to allow for the introduction of the following Bill:

Bill 202 Marriage Amendment Act, 2000 — Mr. Doerksen

Unanimous consent was not granted.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s8(1):

Third Quarter Update: 1999-2000 Quarterly Budget Report, release date February 22, 2000

Sessional Paper 2/2000

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, pursuant to the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund Act, cA-27.01, s15(2):

Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund: Third Quarter Investment Report 1999-2000, Quarter Ended December 31, 1999, release date February 22, 2000

Sessional Paper 3/2000

Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development:

3 reports entitled "Inspection Report on the Care and Handling of Animals and Facilities" prepared by the University of Alberta, University of Calgary, and the University of Lethbridge

Sessional Paper 4/2000

Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, pursuant to the Marketing of Agricultural Products Act, cM-5.1, s14(2):

Alberta Agricultural Products Marketing Council, Annual Report 1998-99

Sessional Paper 5/2000

Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development:

Surface Rights Board and Land Compensation Board, Annual Report 1999

Sessional Paper 6/2000

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

Report entitled "A Framework for Alberta's International Strategies" dated February 2000, prepared by the Government of Alberta

Sessional Paper 7/2000

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

3 fact sheets entitled "Health Care is the Number One Concern of Albertans" and 1 fact sheet entitled "Improving Alberta's Public Health System: Alberta Replies to Allan Rock"

Sessional Paper 8/2000

Report entitled "Policy Statement on the Delivery of Surgical Services: Questions and Answers" dated January 2000, prepared by the Government of Alberta

Sessional Paper 9/2000

Report entitled "We are Listening Here's What We've Heard: A Summary of Albertans' Views on the Policy Statement on Surgical Services" dated February 2000, prepared by the Government of Alberta

Sessional Paper 10/2000

Copies of 8 studies in support of Alberta's surgical services

Sessional Paper 11/2000

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader:

Notice of Motion pursuant to Standing Order 57(1), for the establishment of four subcommittees of the Committee of Supply with the following names, Subcommittee A, Subcommittee B, Subcommittee C, Subcommittee D

Sessional Paper 12/2000

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

Letter dated February 22, 2000 from Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, to 16 Alberta students extending congratulations on being chosen "Great Kids" in Alberta

Sessional Paper 13/2000

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

Draft copy of Bill 201, Medicare Enhancement Act, 2000 dated January 28, 2000

Sessional Paper 14/2000

Management report entitled "HRG Health Resource Group Inc.: Management Report for the Year Ended March 31, 1999"

Sessional Paper 15/2000

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Letter dated January 24, 2000 from Jeanette and Rob Van Camp of Edmonton regarding the negligent care received by their disabled son Ryan at the Glenrose Hospital in December 1999

Sessional Paper 16/2000

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

2 letters and 4 e-mails expressing concerns with private for-profit health care facilities and the current health care system

Sessional Paper 17/2000

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Information leaflet regarding monthly meetings prepared by the Edmonton Osteoporosis Support Group

Sessional Paper 18/2000

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

Letter dated February 11, 2000 from Eleanor Goss to Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, expressing concerns with Bill 37, Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Amendment Act, 1999 and Bill 40, Health Information Act, 1999

Sessional Paper 19/2000

Letter dated February 8, 2000 from Juliet Shupac to Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, expressing concern over private for-profit health care and support for the current health care system

Sessional Paper 20/2000

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

Letter dated January 26, 2000 from Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, expressing appreciation for his input and support on the issue relating to the shortage of health care professionals

Sessional Paper 21/2000

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

Information sheet entitled "Health Care Debate: Monday, February 28, 2000" prepared by Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview

Sessional Paper 22/2000

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly:

Report from the Office of the Ethics Commissioner into allegations involving Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora dated January 25, 2000

Sessional Paper 23/2000

Report from the Office of the Ethics Commissioner into allegations involving Mrs. Tarchuk, Hon. Member for Banff-Cochrane dated January 25, 2000

Sessional Paper 24/2000

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s19(5):

Members' Services Order 2/99, Constituency Services Amendment Order (No. 5) dated December 16, 1999, Special Select Standing Committee on Members' Services

Members' Services Order 2/99, Transportation Amendment Order (No. 3) dated December 16, 1999, Special Select Standing Committee on Members' Services

Sessional Paper 25/2000

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Children's Services, made a statement regarding the Alberta Government's first Great Kids Awards presented on Family Day, February 21, 2000, to 16 young Albertans who are making a positive difference at home and in their communities.

Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, commented on the statement.

Oral Question Period

During Oral Question Period, Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, tabled the following:

Letter dated February 3, 2000 from Roger D. Mariner, Freedom of Information and Privacy Coordinator, Health and Wellness, Information Services Unit, with attached documentation in response to a request from a Liberal staff member for records documenting the development of the policy on contracting out for insured and non-insured surgical services with private providers from January 1, 1999 to November 17, 1999

Sessional Paper 26/2000

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

Report entitled "Policy Statement on the Delivery of Surgical Services: Questions and Answers" dated January 2000, prepared by the Government of Alberta

Sessional Paper 27/2000

During Oral Question Period, Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, tabled the following:

Letter dated February 18, 1998 from Jack Davis, Deputy Minister of Executive Council, to Mr. Peter Valentine, Auditor General, regarding the framework developed for contracted services and grants based on the recommendations of the Auditor General

Sessional Paper 28/2000

Revert to Tablings

Unanimous consent was requested and received to revert to Tabling Returns and Reports.

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

Letter dated February 22, 2000 from Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, to the Right Honourable Jean Chrétien, Prime Minister of Canada requesting that consideration be given to Mr. Bert Brown and Mr. Ted Morton to fill the Alberta Senate vacancy

Sessional Paper 29/2000

Members' Statements

Mr. Amery, Hon. Member for Calgary-East, made a statement regarding the senseless murder of Tara Ann McDonald of Calgary on February 17, 2000, and urging the Minister of Human Resources to consider the possibility of amending the labour laws making it mandatory for at least two people to be working during night shifts.

Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, made a statement regarding Albertans who volunteer for the organization Friends of Medicare and its role in the public health care system.

Mr. Tannas, Hon. Member for Highwood, made a statement regarding the High River District Health Care Foundation and its efforts in establishing a cataract clinic at the High River Hospital.

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, recognizing that the public health care system is the most cost-effective way to deliver quality health services, urges the Government to ban private for-profit hospitals in Alberta and provide the necessary funding to maintain the integrity of the public, universal health care system.

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Motions Other Than Government Motions

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, requested and received unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 38(1)(a) to allow for consideration of the following motion:

501. Moved by Mrs. Gordon:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to incorporate as part of the high school curriculum, a service learning program encouraging students to become involved in activities that promote and demonstrate good citizenship, community service and personal responsibility.

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(2)(c), debate adjourned, Ms Carlson speaking.

Message from Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor

The Provincial Treasurer tabled a copy of the Supplementary Supply Estimates, pursuant to the Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2000 cG-5.5, s8(1):

1999-2000 Supplementary Estimates (No. 2): General Revenue Fund
Sessional Paper 30/2000

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, then delivered a Message from Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor.

The Speaker read the Message to the Assembly (the Members standing).

Consideration of Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech

Moved by Ms Haley and seconded by Mr. Lougheed:

That an humble address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor as follows:

To Her Honour Mrs. Lois E. Hole, C.M., the Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Alberta:

We, Her Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly, now assembled, beg leave to thank Your Honour for the gracious speech Your Honour has been pleased to address to us at the opening of the present session.

A debate followed.

Mrs. MacBeth moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2000 — 8:00 P.M.

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A debate followed.

Hon. Mrs. Nelson moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:42 p.m. until Wednesday, February 23, 2000, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Tuesday, February 22, 2000