



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 3

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Fourth Session

Twenty-Fourth Legislature

Wednesday, February 23, 2000

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

Presenting Petitions

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 104 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.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from 251 Edmonton and area residents requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, presented a petition from 264 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mr. Gibbons, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, presented a petition from 200 Edmonton and area residents requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mr. White, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, presented a petition from 254 Edmonton residents requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Reading and Receiving Petitions

On request by Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of the province of Alberta, hereby petition the Legislative Assembly of Alberta to pass a bill banning private for-profit hospitals in Alberta so that the integrity of the public, universal health care system may be maintained.

On request by Mr. Wickman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

On request by Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

On request by Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, the following petition was read and received:

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On request by Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to stop promoting private health care and undermining public health care.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 3 Statute Revision Act — Hon. Mr. Hancock

Bill 4 Surveys Amendment Act, 2000 — Hon. Mr. Mar

Bill 5 Land Titles Amendment Act, 2000 — Mr. Jacques

Bill 202 Marriage Amendment Act, 2000 — Mr. Doerksen

Bill 204 Agricultural and Recreational Land Ownership Amendment Act, 2000 — Mr. McFarland

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the following Bill was placed on the Order Paper under Government Bills and Orders:

Bill 5 Land Titles Amendment Act, 2000 — Mr. Jacques

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Paszkowski, Minister of Municipal Affairs:

Response to Motion for Return MR182 asked for by Mr. Sapers on April 21, 1999:

The Government's Y2K (Year 2000) consequence management plan developed Alberta Transportation and Utilities Disaster Services as referenced in an October 9, 1998 Government news release

Sessional Paper 31/2000

Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, pursuant to the Alberta Opportunity Fund Act, cA-34, s15(6):

Alberta Opportunity Company, Annual Report 1998-99

Sessional Paper 32/2000

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

Letter dated February 22, 2000 from Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, to Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health and Wellness, requesting that full information be disclosed pursuant to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act as previously requested from Alberta Health and Wellness regarding private hospital policy

Sessional Paper 33/2000

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

Minutes of meetings dated March 25, 1999 and April 30, 1999 and agenda dated June 4, 1999 and from the Health Resource Group Inc.

Sessional Paper 34/2000

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

Information sheet regarding a town hall meeting at Westlawn Junior High School in Edmonton to discuss private hospitals in Alberta on February 24, 2000

Sessional Paper 35/2000

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

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 36/2000

Oral Question Period

During Oral Question Period, Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of International and Intergovernmental Relations, tabled the following:

Excerpt from NAFTA (North American Free Trade Agreement) regarding Cross-Border Services and Investment

Sessional Paper 37/2000

Recognitions

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre: Black History Month, February 2000, and the events coordinated by local chapters of the National Black Coalition of Canada.

Ms Haley, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Rocky View: Mr. Bert Brown for being elected in the province-wide Senate Election held in October 1998.

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo: The appointment of Dr. Marsha Hanen as President of the Sheldon Chumir Foundation for Ethics in Leadership.

Mr. Lougheed, Hon. Member for Clover Bar-Fort Saskatchewan: The success of the 13th Alberta Winter Games, held in Strathcona County, February 17-20, 2000.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona: Raging Grannies and their efforts in raising awareness of public issues and their commitment to the community.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

WQ1, WQ2, WQ3, WQ4, WQ5, WQ6.

Motions for Returns

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

MR1, MR2, MR3, MR4, MR5, MR6, MR7, MR8, MR9, MR10.

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 73(1) allowing for the Second reading consideration of the following Bill:

Bill 202 Marriage Amendment Act, 2000 — Mr. Doerksen

During debate, Mr. Doerksen, Hon. Member for Red Deer-South, tabled the following:

Copy of a document titled “Evidence in Support of Marriage”

Sessional Paper 38/2000

A debate followed

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

Bill 202 Marriage Amendment Act, 2000 — Mr. Doerksen

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: 40

Amery	Hlady	Nelson
Broda	Jacques	Paszkowski
Burgener	Johnson	Renner
Cao	Jonson	Shariff
Clegg	Klapstein	Stevens
Coutts	Kryczka	Strang
Day	Laing	Tannas
Doerksen	Langevin	Taylor
Ducharme	Lougheed	Thurber
Evans	Lund	West
Forsyth	McClellan	Woloshyn
Friedel	McFarland	Yankowsky
Haley	Melchin	Zwozdesky
Herard		

Against the motion: 11

Blakeman	Leibovici	Olsen
Bonner	MacDonald	Sapers
Dickson	Magnus	White
Hancock	Nicol	

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

Bill 202 Marriage Amendment Act, 2000 — Mr. Doerksen

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Bill 204 Agricultural and Recreational Land Ownership Amendment Act, 2000 —
Mr. McFarland

A debate followed.

Adjourned debate: Mr. McFarland

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:21 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2000— 8:00 P.M.

Consideration of Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech (Day 1)

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.

Hon. Ms Evans moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 1 Alberta Heritage Foundation for Science and Engineering Research Act (\$)
— Hon. Mr. Klein

A debate followed.

Dr. Massey moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

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A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:55 p.m. until Thursday, February 24, 2000, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Wednesday, February 23, 2000