



**Legislative Assembly  
Province of Alberta**

No. 4

## **VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

Fourth Session

Twenty-Fourth Legislature

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Thursday, February 24, 2000

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

### **Presenting Petitions**

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 218 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.

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, presented a petition from 542 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, presented a petition from 262 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Dr. Nicol, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, presented a petition from 581 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

## **Reading and Receiving Petitions**

On request by Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood, 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. Gibbons, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, 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 Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, 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 Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, 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. White, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, 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 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.

## Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees

Mr. White, Chairman, Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts, presented the following report:

Report of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts for the Third Session of the Twenty-Fourth Legislature

Sessional Paper 39/2000

## Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Environment:

Response to Written Question WQ197 asked for by Ms Carlson on April 21, 1999:

On what dates between January 1, 1997 and December 31, 1998, did Alberta Environmental Protection conduct unannounced *and announced* inspections of the Big Valley Industrial Landfill and the Ryley Hazardous Waste Landfill; *for each inspection what field activity occurred and what followup action occurred for any noted Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act contravention?*

Sessional Paper 40/2000

Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Environment:

Response to Written Question WQ198 asked for by Ms Carlson on April 21, 1999:

Between January 1, 1997 and February 16, 1999, at which provincial parks and recreation areas was a contract for the private sector management of a campground terminated *prior to the expiry date; at which of these sites has a new contract been signed with another private sector operator; which of these sites are now being managed by the Government, and which of these sites have closed?*

Sessional Paper 41/2000

Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Environment:

Response to Motion for Return MR200 asked for by Ms Carlson on April 21, 1999:

A copy of the minutes of each meeting between January 1, 1997 and February 16, 1999, of the Endangered Species Conservation Committee and the Independent Scientific Subcommittee, established in accordance with section 9.1 of the Wildlife Act.

Sessional Paper 42/2000

Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Environment:

Response to Motion for Return MR201 asked for by Ms Carlson on April 21, 1999:

*A copy of the most recent inventory of upstream oil and gas sites with substance releases, and a summary of the Department's approach for ensuring the remediation of the sites.*

Sessional Paper 43/2000

Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Environment:

Response to Motion for Return MR202 asked for by Ms Carlson on April 21, 1999:

*A list of the year and the type of fish sampling programs that have been conducted at specific lakes in the north east boreal region of Alberta since 1984.*

Sessional Paper 44/2000

Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Environment:

Response to Motion for Return MR203 asked for by Mr. White on April 21, 1999:

*A copy of the reports completed since January 1, 1995 (namely, the Grande Alberta Paper Joint Fibre Supply - July 31, 1995 and the Joint Timber Supply Analysis - November 1996), indicating the conifer timber supply that is available and being reserved for allocation to Grande Alberta Paper which include the assumptions made in establishing harvest levels (including growth and yield information, reforestation assumptions, areas set aside for non-timber uses and all other information pertaining to the estimation of the annual allowable cut).*

Sessional Paper 45/2000

Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Environment:

Response to Written Question WQ204 asked for by Ms Carlson on April 21, 1999:

*How many staff were employed to conduct compliance assurance activities by Alberta Environmental Protection on January 1, 1999, how many inspections and investigations did they conduct pursuant to the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act in the calendar year 1998, and how many enforcement actions were undertaken by the Environmental Service under the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act in the calendar year 1998?*

Sessional Paper 46/2000

Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Environment:

Response to Written Question WQ211 asked for by Ms Carlson on May 5, 1999:

How many *enforcement actions* were taken by Alberta Environmental Protection staff on licensed industrial facilities each year between *September 1, 1993* and December 31, 1998, as a result of inspections or investigations?

Sessional Paper 47/2000

Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Environment:

Response to Written Question WQ212 asked for by Ms Carlson on May 5, 1999:

What is the total number of industrial facilities that were licensed to operate in the province by Alberta Environmental Protection each year from January 1, 1990 until December 31, 1998, and how many approvals and permits were issued to such facilities in each of those years?

Sessional Paper 48/2000

Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Environment:

Response to Written Question WQ213 asked for by Ms Carlson on May 5, 1999:

How many *Alberta Environmental Protection, Environmental Service staff* (full time equivalents) were *inspectors at the end of each calendar year from 1993 to 1998*?

Sessional Paper 49/2000

Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Environment:

Response to Written Question WQ214 asked for by Ms Carlson on May 5, 1999:

How many oil and gas industry well site reclamation certificates were issued each year from *April 1, 1993 to March 31, 1999*, and how many *well site reclamation inquiries* were held each year?

Sessional Paper 50/2000

Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Environment:

Response to Written Question WQ215 asked for by Ms Carlson on May 5, 1999:

How many water wells were reclaimed each year from January 1, 1990 until December 31, 1998, and how many well inspections were carried out each year?

Sessional Paper 51/2000

Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Environment:

Response to Written Question WQ216 asked for by Ms Carlson on May 5, 1999:

How many staff (full time equivalents) worked in Environmental Service, Alberta Environmental Protection on December 31, 1998, and how many were working in *its predecessor, the Environmental Regulatory Service, on the same date each year from 1993 to 1997?*

Sessional Paper 52/2000

Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Environment:

Response to Written Question WQ217 asked for by Ms Carlson on May 12, 1999:

How many approvals were issued by Environmental Service, Alberta Environmental Protection between January 1 and December 31, 1998, and how many equivalent approvals were issued each year from 1994 to 1997?

Sessional Paper 53/2000

Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Environment:

Response to Written Question WQ237 asked for by Ms Carlson on December 1, 1999:

How much did Alberta Environmental Protection spend on conservation education each year from April 1, 1991 to March 31, 1999, and through which programs was this administered?

Sessional Paper 54/2000

Dr. Taylor, Hon. Minister of Innovation and Science:

Alberta Foundation for Medical Research, Progression and Excellence, Triennial Report 1999

Sessional Paper 55/2000

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

E-mail dated February 18, 2000 from Ann Lockwood of Vermillion to Canadian Premiers enlisting their support in fighting privatization of health care

Sessional Paper 56/2000

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

New Zealand Waiting List Report dated December 8, 1999

Sessional Paper 57/2000

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

6 letters from Edmonton and Athabasca residents to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding protection of the Little Smoky Area

Sessional Paper 58/2000

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

8 letters from Albertans regarding the proposed Spray Valley developments by Genesis in Kananaskis Country

Sessional Paper 59/2000

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

Letter dated February 24, 2000 from to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, to the Right Honourable Jean Chrétien, Prime Minister, regarding Alberta's exclusion from an agricultural bail-out package solely for the provinces of Manitoba and Saskatchewan

Sessional Paper 60/2000

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

Information leaflet regarding Two-Tier Health Care

Sessional Paper 61/2000

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

Article taken from the July 1999 issue of Construction Canada entitled "Pine Shakes The Whole Rottin' Story"

Sessional Paper 62/2000

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

Presentation to the Standing Committee on Health and Safe Communities dated November 1999 on behalf of all registered nurses, prepared by the Alberta Association of Registered Nurses

Sessional Paper 63/2000

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

4 letters to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, regarding Persons With Developmental Disabilities funding cuts

Sessional Paper 64/2000

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

2 letters dated July 1999 to Mr. Melchin, Hon. Member for Calgary-North West, and 2 letters dated July 1999 to Mrs. Burgener, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, from Calgary residents regarding funding for the Arts

Sessional Paper 65/2000

## Members' Statements

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, made a statement regarding the 2000 Big Valley Jamboree Festival to be held in Camrose this year during the August long-weekend.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, made a statement recognizing the celebration of the Vietnamese Tet and Chinese Lunar New Year which were observed earlier this month.

Mr. Hlady, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, made a statement regarding Calgary being awarded the 2005 Goodwill Games.

## Projected Government Business

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(5), Mr. Dickson, Official Opposition House Leader, asked a question pertaining to the order of Government Business to be brought before the Assembly for the following week.

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government Business for the week of February 28 to March 2, 2000:

Monday, February 28

Aft. - **Introduction**

Interim Supply Bill 9

### **Government Bills and Orders**

Subcommittees ABCD: motion to establish committees and memberships

Leader of Official Opposition response to Budget Address

Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne

Day 1 of 1, Supplementary Supply

Eve. - **Government Bills and Orders**

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Day 1 of 1, Supplementary Supply  
And as per Order Paper

Tuesday, February 29 (4:30) - **Government Bills and Orders**  
Interim Supply Bill 9, 2nd  
Reading  
**Assembly**  
Community Development, Main  
Estimates  
And as per Order Paper

Eve. - **Government Bills and Orders**  
**Assembly**  
International and  
Intergovernmental Relations  
(Committee B) (Day #1, Main  
Estimates)  
**Room 512**  
Gaming (Committee A) (Day #2,  
Main Estimates)  
**Assembly, Post 10:00 p.m.**  
Community Development, Main  
Estimates (cont'd)  
Address in Reply from the Throne  
Interim Supply Bill 9, 2nd  
Reading  
And as per Order Paper

Wednesday, March 1 Eve. - **Government Bills and Orders**  
**Assembly**  
Government Services  
(Committee C) (Day #3, Main  
Estimates)  
**Room 512**  
Economic Development  
(Committee D) (Day #4, Main  
Estimates)

**Assembly, Post 10:00 p.m.**

Address in Reply to the Speech  
from the Throne

Interim Supply Bill 9 Committee  
of the Whole

And as per Order Paper

Thursday, March 2

Aft. - **Government Bills and Orders**

Official Opposition Designation  
for Thursday (Day #5, Main  
Estimates)

Interim Supply Bill 9, 3rd  
Reading

And as per Order Paper based on  
progress Monday, Tuesday and  
Wednesday

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

### **Temporary Recess**

The Speaker recessed the Assembly at 2:53 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2000 — 4:00 P.M.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, delivered certain Messages from Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor.

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

### **Government Motions**

8. Moved by Hon. Mr. Day:

Be it resolved that the Message of Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, the 2000-2001 Estimates and Business Plans, and all matters connected therewith, be referred to Committee of Supply.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

**9.** Moved by Hon. Mr. Day:

Be it resolved that the Message of Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, the 2000-2001 Lottery Fund Estimates, and all matters connected therewith, be referred to Committee of Supply.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

**10.** Moved by Hon. Mr. Day:

Be it resolved, pursuant to Standing Order 58(2.1), the number of days that the Committee of Supply will be called to consider the 2000-2001 Lottery Fund Estimates shall be two days.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

**11.** Moved by Hon. Mr. Day:

Be it resolved that the Message of Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, the 1999-2000 Supplementary Supply Estimates (No. 2) for the General Revenue Fund, and all matters connected therewith, be referred to Committee of Supply.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

**12.** Moved by Hon. Mr. Day:

Be it resolved, pursuant to Standing Order 58(6), the number of days that the Committee of Supply will be called to consider the 1999-2000 Supplementary Supply Estimates (No. 2) for the General Revenue Fund shall be one day.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

**13.** Moved by Hon. Mr. Day:

Be it resolved that the Assembly resolve itself into Committee of Supply, when called, to consider supply to be granted to Her Majesty.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

14. Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock:

Be it resolved that the Assembly resolve itself into Committee of the Whole, when called, to consider certain Bills on the Order Paper.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer, then tabled a copy of Budget 2000, pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s3, s4, s7, s9, s13:

Budget 2000: New Century. Bold Plans. budget speech presented February 24, 2000

Sessional Paper 66/2000

Government and Lottery Fund Estimates, 2000-01

Sessional Paper 67/2000

Offices of the Legislative Assembly Estimates, 2000-01

Sessional Paper 68/2000

Budget 2000: New Century. Bold Plans. Government of Alberta Fiscal Plan 2000 to 2003

Sessional Paper 69/2000

Budget 2000: New Century. Bold Plans. Government and Ministry Business Plans 2000 to 2003

Sessional Paper 70/2000

15. Moved by Hon. Mr. Day:

Be it resolved that the Assembly approve in general the business plans and fiscal policies of the Government.

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 4:52 p.m. until Monday, February 28, 2000, at 1:30 p.m.

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Hon. Ken Kowalski,  
Speaker

Title: Thursday, February 24, 2000