



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 6

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Fourth Session

Twenty-Fourth Legislature

Tuesday, February 29, 2000

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

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Broda, Hon. Member for Redwater, presented a petition from 23 Thorhild and area residents expressing opposition to a private for-profit health care system in Alberta.

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry, presented a petition from 140 Cold Lake and area residents requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from 120 Cold Lake 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 140 Cold Lake 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 237 Cold Lake 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 160 Cold Lake and area residents requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, presented a petition from 80 Edmonton and area residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Mr. Gibbons, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, presented a petition from 75 Edmonton residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 220 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.

Reading and Receiving Petitions

On request by Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, 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. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, 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 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 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 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. 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 Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, 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.

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, March 1, 2000:

Written Questions: Stand and retain their places.

Motions for Returns: Stand and retain their places.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Upon recommendation of Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, and notice having been given:

Bill 7 Alberta Science, Research and Technology Authority Amendment Act, 2000 (\$) — Hon. Dr. Taylor

Notice having been given:

Bill 10 Securities Amendment Act, 2000 — Mr. Hlady

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

Bill 10 Securities Amendment Act, 2000 — Mr. Hlady

Notice having been given:

Bill 205 Emblems of Alberta (Alberta Dress Tartan) Amendment Act, 2000 — Mr. Stevens

Bill 206 School (Students' Code of Conduct) Amendment Act, 2000 — Mr. Coutts

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Report entitled "The World Health Report 1999-Making a Difference" prepared by the World Health Organization

Sessional Paper 99/2000

Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health and Wellness, pursuant to the Physical Therapy Profession Act, cP-7.5, s9(4):

College of Physical Therapists Annual Report 1998-1999

Sessional Paper 100/2000

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

Final Audited Financial Statements of the Calgary Health (Crown) Foundation for the period ended December 9, 1998

Sessional Paper 101/2000

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

Final Audited Financial Statements of the Health Region #6 (Crown) Foundation for the period ended December 9, 1998

Sessional Paper 102/2000

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

Final Audited Financial Statements of the Capital Health (Crown) Foundation for the period ended December 9, 1998

Sessional Paper 103/2000

Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health and Wellness, pursuant to the Dental Profession Act, cD-9.5, s6(4):

Annual Report of the Alberta Dental Association for the period ended December 31, 1998

Sessional Paper 104/2000

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

Report of findings dated June 1998 entitled "Waiting for Health Care" prepared by Burke & Associates Inc.

Sessional Paper 105/2000

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

E-mail dated February 28, 2000 from Ron Clarkson to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding health care funding cuts resulting in hospital treatment delays

Sessional Paper 106/2000

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

Letter dated February 28, 2000 from Mary Jane Pedersen to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding Genesis Land Corporation's development of the Spray Valley
Sessional Paper 107/2000

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

E-mail dated February 28, 2000 from Shirley Stinson to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, urging Hon. Mr. Klein and Members of the Legislative Assembly to find solutions to uphold the principles of the Canada Health Act
Sessional Paper 108/2000

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

Letter dated February 1, 2000 from Rev. G.E. Ingram to Ms Paul, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, supporting Bill 202, Marriage Amendment Act, 2000
Sessional Paper 109/2000

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

Document 001245 from the Department of Municipal Affairs entitled "Response to Consumers" regarding untreated pine shakes in response to a request made under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act
Sessional Paper 110/2000

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood:

Report of the Court Reporting/Recording Committee of British Columbia dated September 28, 1992
Sessional Paper 111/2000

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

Memorandum dated August 13, 1998 from Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, to Mr. Shariff, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, regarding the Hope Mission - Herb Jamieson Centre
Sessional Paper 112/2000

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

Letter dated February 29, 2000 from Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, requesting that expenses of Members of the Legislative Assembly be made accessible pursuant to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act
Sessional Paper 113/2000

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

Copies of expense claims for Members of the Legislative Assembly from the Liberal Caucus, March 1999 to February 2000

Sessional Paper 114/2000

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

Report dated entitled "Allowance and Travel Expenses for the Twelve Months Ending March 31, 1999" accompanied by copies of claim forms as they relate to the Member from Barrhead-Westlock

Sessional Paper 115/2000

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Woloshyn, Minister of Community Development, made a statement regarding the 16th Annual Freedom to Read Week, February 27 to March 4, 2000 and the involvement of libraries in setting up displays and holding special events such as public readings and book displays

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, commented on the statement.

Oral Question Period

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

E-mail dated February 18, 2000 from Joan Swain to Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, Hon. Mr. Hancock, Member for Edmonton-Whitemud, Mr. White, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood, Mr. Wickman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, Mr. Gibbons, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, Dr. Nicol, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, and Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview regarding health petitions

Sessional Paper 116/2000

Question of Privilege

During Oral Question Period, Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, indicated he would be raising a Question of Privilege following Question Period.

Members' Statements

Mrs. Forsyth, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, made a statement regarding the Youth Connection Program which is a youth employment and counselling program for people aged 16-24 and its role in Alberta

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding the Calgary Herald strike and the lack of support by Calgary Members of the Legislative Assembly and the Government.

Mrs. Tarchuk, Hon. Member for Banff-Cochrane, made a statement recognizing the Spray Lakes Sawmills of Cochrane being awarded the Premier's Award of Distinction and the Epcor Triple Bottom-Line Awards for environmental performance on February 23, 2000 in Calgary hosted by the Alberta Chamber of Commerce.

Question of Privilege

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, advised he would not be pursuing the Question of Privilege raised during Oral Question Period.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

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

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(2)(b), debate adjourned, Mr. Fischer speaking.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

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(4), the question being put, the motion was defeated.

502. Moved by Mr. Shariff:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to reaffirm its commitment to the five principles of the Canada Health Act and ensure that all provincial healthcare legislation continues to comply with these principles.

A debate followed.

During debate, Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Gaming, tabled the following:

Copy of the Canada Health Act, cC-6

Sessional Paper 117/2000

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(2)(c), debate adjourned, Hon. Mr. Smith speaking.

Committee of Supply (Main Estimates)

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

(Assembly in Committee)

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(3), at 5:30 p.m. the Committee recessed until 8:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2000 — 8:00 P.M.

Committee of Supply (Days 1 and 2 — Main Estimates)

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair and Mrs. Gordon reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the Department of International and Intergovernmental Relations for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2001 (Subcommittee B), reports progress thereon, and requests leave to sit again.

The Committee of Supply has also had under consideration certain resolutions of the Department of Gaming for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2001 (Subcommittee A), reports progress thereon, and requests leave to sit again.

The Committee of Supply has also had under consideration certain resolutions of the Department of Community Development for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2001, reports progress thereon, and requests leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to table copies of a document tabled by Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, during Committee of Supply consideration of the Estimates of the Department of Community Development:

Letter dated January 29, 2000 from Don Perdue to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, concerning rising rent costs and long waiting lists for senior citizen housing complexes

Sessional Paper 118/2000

Notice from the Special Needs Assistance for Seniors program stating limits on funding for appliances for senior citizens

Sessional Paper 119/2000

The question being put, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 9 Appropriation (Interim Supply) Act, 2000 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Hancock on behalf of Hon. Mr. Day

A debate followed.

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

Committee of Supply (Main Estimates)

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair and Mrs Laing reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the Department of Community Development for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2001, reports progress thereon, and requests leave to sit again.

The question being put, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 9 Appropriation (Interim Supply) Act, 2000 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Day

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 61(3), at 11:45 p.m. the Deputy Speaker immediately put the question on the Appropriation Bill standing on the Order Paper for Second Reading, which was agreed to.

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

Bill 9 Appropriation (Interim Supply) Act, 2000 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Day

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:46 p.m. until Wednesday, March 1, 2000, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Tuesday, February 29, 2000