



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 9

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Fourth Session

Twenty-Fourth Legislature

Monday, March 6, 2000

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

Presenting Petitions

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from 604 Albertans requesting the freezing of tuition and institutional fees and an increase in post-secondary education support.

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, presented a petition from 1,377 Calgary residents 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 644 Edmonton and area residents 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 Calgary and area residents 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 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 Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, the following petition was read and received:

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On request by Dr. Nicol, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, the following petition was read and received:

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On request by Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, the following petition was read and received:

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On request by Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry, 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.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 13 Energy Statutes 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 13 Energy Statutes Amendment Act, 2000 — Mr. Hlady

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Gaming:, pursuant to Gaming and Liquor Control Act, cG-0.5, s30(2):

Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission, Annual Report for the year ended March 31, 1999

Sessional Paper 172/2000

Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer:

Report dated February 25, 2000, entitled “Market Trends, Alberta - Increasing Its Lead” prepared by Scotiabank Group

Sessional Paper 173/2000

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

Letter dated December 10, 1999, from Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health and Wellness, to the Honourable Allan Rock, Federal Minister of Health, regarding the renewal of medicare and the Alberta Government’s policy statement on the delivery of surgical services

Sessional Paper 174/2000

Letter dated March 2, 2000, from Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health and Wellness, to the Honourable Allan Rock, Federal Minister of Health, regarding Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act

Sessional Paper 175/2000

Mr. McFarland, Hon. Member for Little Bow:

Copies of letters to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, from 41 residents of the Picture Butte Health Care Centre objecting to the proposed conversion of the Picture Butte Health Care Centre to a limited services facility

Sessional Paper 176/2000

Copies of letters to Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health and Wellness, from 139 Picture Butte and area residents expressing concerns regarding the proposed closure of their emergency room and the drastic change in the way health services are delivered

Sessional Paper 177/2000

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

Letter dated September 28, 1999, from Hon. Dr. West, Minister of Resource Development, to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, confirming that the Government would not be conducting a provincial review of gasoline prices

Sessional Paper 178/2000

Program from "Music of a Thousand Years, 37th Annual Night of Music" held on March 1, 2000

Sessional Paper 179/2000

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

Letter dated February 15, 2000, from Kent Harrold, Board Chairman, Lamont Health Care Centre, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding an analysis of the cost of cataract surgery at the Lamont Health Care Centre as compared to private facilities and expressing concern over the proposal to introduce legislation allowing private for-profit surgical clinics

Sessional Paper 180/2000

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie,:

Information pamphlet entitled "Edmonton Composting Facility - Waste to Compost" prepared by TransAlta and the City of Edmonton

Sessional Paper 181/2000

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

Formal notice of Application for Contempt/Privilege from Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, to Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker, requesting a ruling pursuant to Standing Order 15

Sessional Paper 182/2000

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood:

Letter dated March 1, 2000, from Marie Gordon of McBean, Becker, Barristers and Solicitors, to Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, regarding the decision to abolish the use of court reporters in Alberta courts

Sessional Paper 183/2000

Letter dated March 1, 2000, from Mona T. Duckett, Q.C., of Royal, McCrum, Duckett and Glancy, Barristers and Solicitors, regarding the Alberta Government's decision to replace court reporters with digital recording equipment

Sessional Paper 184/2000

Mr. Gibbons, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning:

Report dated February 2000, entitled "Good People... Good Practices... No System", a discussion paper prepared by the Alberta Alliance on Mental Illness and Mental Health

Sessional Paper 185/2000

Media Release dated March 3, 2000, entitled "Alberta returns to 'dark ages' of mental health care", prepared by the Canadian Mental Health Association

Sessional Paper 186/2000

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

11 letters from Albertans to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health and Wellness, and Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, expressing their opposition to private for-profit health care

Sessional Paper 187/2000

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

Report dated September 28, 1999, entitled "Rural Medical Education - Alberta Rural Physician Action Plan", prepared by the Rural Physician Action Plan (RPAP) Co-ordinating Committee

Sessional Paper 188/2000

Oral Question Period

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

Transcript dated March 3, 2000, from The Magazine television program aired on CBXT on March 2, 2000, regarding health care in Canada and Alberta's Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act

Sessional Paper 189/2000

Recognitions

Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert: Ada Curial, Gillian Hansen, Fran Preston, Millie Seitz, and Wendy Stiver, recipients of the Women of Distinction Awards presented by the St. Albert Baha'i community in conjunction with the United Nations International Women's Day.

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry: University of Alberta Pandas Volleyball Team, offering congratulations on winning their sixth CIAU (Canadian Interuniversity Athletic Union) national women's volleyball championship, Christy Torgerson for being named the tournament's most valuable player, Jenny Cartmell for being named to the all-tournament team, interim head coach Lorne Sawula who was named 1999-2000 coach of the year and head coach Laurie Eisler.

Mr. McFarland, Hon. Member for Little Bow: Team Alberta North and its 232 members participating in the 16th edition of the Arctic Winter Games from March 5 to 11, 2000 in Whitehorse, Yukon.

Mr. White, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder: Association of Professional Engineers, Geologists and Geophysicists of Alberta, National Engineering Week themed "Engineering - Anything's Possible", March 4 - 12, 2000.

Ms Paul, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs: University of Alberta legal studies program in partnership with Changing Together for establishing a web site called RoseNet.ca aimed at helping immigrant women.

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark: Dr. Paul Aleksander Kostov who passed away on February 25, 2000, for his accomplishments as a scientist, researcher and biomedical engineer at the University of Alberta.

Point of Privilege - Contempt

Following the Point of Privilege - Contempt raised by Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, on Thursday, March 2, 2000, the Speaker heard presentations from Mr. Dickson, Mr. Stevens, Hon. Mr. Hancock and Mr. Sapers.

During debate on the issue, Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, tabled the following:

News Release dated March 2, 2000, regarding the embargoed technical briefing on Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act, held on March 2, 2000
Sessional Paper 190/2000

Copy of a note from Dave Linden, Press Gallery President, to Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, regarding the exclusion of Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, from the technical briefing on Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act, on March 2, 2000
Sessional Paper 191/2000

The Speaker stated he would reserve ruling on this matter until Tuesday, March 7, 2000.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

The following Bills were read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

Bill 2 First Nations Sacred Ceremonial Objects Repatriation Act — Hon. Ms Calahasen

Bill 12 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2000 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Day

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.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, it was agreed at 5:22 p.m. that when the Assembly reconvened at 8:00 p.m., it would be in Committee of Supply, and the Speaker left the Chair.

MONDAY, MARCH 6, 2000 — 8:00 P.M.

Committee of Supply (Days 6 and 7 — Main Estimates)

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Acting Speaker assumed the Chair and Mr. Tannas reported as follows:

Madam Speaker:

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

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the Department of Justice and Attorney General for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2001 (Subcommittee B), 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.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:07 p.m. until Tuesday, March 7, 2000, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Monday, March 6, 2000