



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 12

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Fourth Session

Twenty-Fourth Legislature

Thursday, March 9, 2000

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

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry, presented a petition from 290 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 238 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 151 Edmonton and area residents requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood, presented a petition from 215 Edmonton residents requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from 142 Edmonton 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 134 Edmonton 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 138 Albertans 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 384 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 224 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 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.

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 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.

On request by Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, 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. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, 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 14 Alberta Treasury Branches Amendment Act, 2000 — Hon. Mr. Day

Bill 15 Business Corporations Amendment Act, 2000 — Mr. Melchin

Bill 17 Fair Trading Amendment Act, 2000 — Mr. Ducharme

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

Bill 17 Fair Trading Amendment Act, 2000 — Mr. Ducharme

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Minister of Infrastructure:

Response to Written Question No. WQ1 asked for by Dr. Nicol on behalf of Mrs. Soetaert on March 8, 2000:

How much did the former Department of Transportation and Utilities spend in fiscal years 1990-91, 1991-92, 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1998-99 for work conducted by the Department on primary highway maintenance with respect to direct operating and contract costs and supervision, inspection and audit, in the summer (April to October) and winter (November to March) months?

Sessional Paper 223/2000

Hon. Dr. West, Minister of Resource Development:

Return to Order of the Assembly No. MR5 asked for by Mr. White on March 8, 2000:

Copies of all studies and reports prepared by, or for, the Department of Resource Development between May 25, 1999 and February 17, 2000 providing the yearly projection of upside interest accruing to the Province from the operations of the Lloydminster Bi-provincial Upgrader for the period 2000-2014 as specified under the Upside Interest Agreement of February 7, 1995 between the Government and CIC (Crown Investment Corporation) Industrial Interests Inc.

Sessional Paper 224/2000

Return to Order of the Assembly No. MR9 asked for by Mr. White on March 8, 2000:

Copies of all studies and reports prepared by, or for, the Electricity Supply Task Force or submitted to the Electricity Supply Task Force between June 2, 1999 and February 17, 2000.

Sessional Paper 225/2000

Mr. Doerksen, Hon. Member for Red Deer-South:

Questionnaire dated March 6, 2000, from Mr. Doerksen, Hon. Member for Red Deer-South, Chair of the Member of the Legislative Assembly Service Review Committee, seeking input from injured workers in Alberta on services provided by the WCB (Workers' Compensation Board)

Sessional Paper 226/2000

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

Letter dated January 11, 1999, from Ms Haley, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Rocky View, to an Albertan, responding to concerns regarding pine shakes

Sessional Paper 227/2000

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

Summaries of meetings held by the Calgary Regional Health Authority with the Glamorgan Community Association, held on February 19, 2000; Annie Gale Junior High School, Calgary, held on February 12, 2000; with educational partners, including the University of Calgary, held on February 16, 2000

Sessional Paper 228/2000

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

Document dated March 9, 2000, entitled "Official Opposition Analysis of the 11% Klein Flat Tax"

Sessional Paper 229/2000

Document dated March 9, 2000, entitled "Impact of Federal Government Tax Measures on Alberta", prepared by the Official Opposition

Sessional Paper 230/2000

Document dated March 9, 2000, entitled "Ratio of Program Spending, Tax Cuts, and Debt Repayments: Allocation of Fiscal Dividend, 2000/01 - 2002/03 (\$ millions), prepared by the Official Opposition

Sessional Paper 231/2000

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry:

Letter, undated, from Tim Hayduk, Past President, Lauderdale Community League, to Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, regarding a dispute between the Lauderdale Community League and Barb Koziak

Sessional Paper 232/2000

Information request dated January 21, 2000, from Allan P. Jobson to Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment, subsequent to a report tabled in the Alberta Legislative Assembly March 7, 2000, (Sessional Paper 201/2000) requesting an investigation into actions taken by an employee of the Workers' Compensation Board

Sessional Paper 233/2000

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

Information package prepared by CUPE (Canadian Union of Public Employees) regarding private for-profit health care being proposed in Alberta

Sessional Paper 234/2000

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

2 letters dated February 27, 2000, from Nobby Sato, Calgary to Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, and February 16, 2000, from Carol Hechtenthal, M.S.W. (Master of Social Work), Calgary, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding the proposed development of the Spray Valley by the Genesis Land Development Corporation

Sessional Paper 235/2000

Petition signed by 14 Calgary and area residents opposing commercial development, including the Genesis/Spray Lakes project, in Kananaskis country

Sessional Paper 236/2000

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood:

Letter dated March 9, 2000, from Charles B. Davison, Abbey Davies Greaves Hunter Davison, Barristers and Solicitors, to Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood, expressing concern about the decision to replace court reporters with various forms of recording equipment

Sessional Paper 237/2000

Mr. White, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder:

Letter dated March 7, 2000, from Mr. White, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, to Hon. Dr. West, Minister of Resource Development, requesting a reduction in the Alberta provincial fuel tax

Sessional Paper 238/2000

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

13 letters from Calgary and Canmore residents to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health and Wellness, Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, Members of the Legislative Assembly, The Right Honourable Jean Chrétien, Prime Minister, Hon. Allan Rock, Federal Minister of Health and Jim Dinning of the Calgary Regional Health Authority, expressing concern regarding the proposed privatization of health care in Alberta

Sessional Paper 239/2000

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

Memorandum dated March 9, 2000, from Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, to all Members of the Legislative Assembly, regarding proclamation of amendments to the Conflicts of Interest Act

Sessional Paper 240/2000

Members' Statements

Mr. Ducharme, Hon. Member for Bonnyville-Cold Lake, made a statement announcing that on Wednesday, March 8, 2000, the Francophone Secretariat hosted the signing of a memorandum of Understanding between Radio France Isère and CHFA Radio-Canada Alberta, effective March 20, 2000, and ending June 24, 2002.

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, made a statement regarding town hall meetings hosted by the Calgary Regional Health Authorities and concerns expressed at those meetings by Calgary residents regarding for-profit health care.

Ms Kryczka, Hon. Member for Calgary-West, made a statement regarding support for Alberta senior citizens, her involvement as Chair of the Seniors Advisory Council for Alberta and concerns raised to her by Alberta senior citizens.

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 March 13 to March 17, 2000:

Monday, March 13

Aft. - **Government Bills and Orders**
Second Reading

Bill 6, 4, 5, 1, 3

Committee of the Whole

Bill 2

Eve. - **Government Bills and Orders**
Committee of Supply

Main Estimates Days 13 and 14

Subcommittees

(C) Municipal Affairs (Assembly)
(Day 13, Main Estimates)

(D) Resource Development
(Room 512, Legislature Building)
(Day 14, Main Estimates)

**Committee of the Whole and
Third Reading**

Bill 2

And as per Order Paper

Tuesday, March 14

(4:30) - **Government Bills and Orders**
Royal Assent

Bills 9, 12

Second Reading

Bill 7, 1

And as per Order Paper

Eve. - **Government Bills and Orders**
Committee of Supply

Main Estimates Day 15 -
Reporting:

Agriculture, Food and Rural
Development

Community Development

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

Bill 1, 6, 3, 4, 5, 7

And as per Order Paper

Wednesday, March 15

Eve. - **Government Bills and Orders**

Committee of Supply

Main Estimates Day 16 -
Reporting:

Innovation and Science,
Economic Development,
Government Services, Resource
Development

Second Reading

Bill 1, 6, 3, 4, 5, 7

And as per Order Paper

Thursday, March 16

Aft. - **Government Bills and Orders**

Committee of Supply

Official Opposition Designation
for Thursday (Day 17, Main
Estimates)

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

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Committee of Supply (Day 12 — Main Estimates)

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Madam 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.

Consideration of Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech

(Day 10)

Pursuant to Standing Order 19(1)(c), at 5:15 p.m. the Acting Speaker immediately put the question on the following motion which was agreed to:

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, 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.

Government Motions

16. Moved by Hon. Mr. Havelock on behalf of Hon. Mr. Klein:

Be it resolved that the Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne be engrossed and presented to Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor by such Members of the Assembly as are Members of Executive Council.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:16 p.m., until Monday, March 13, 2000, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Thursday, March 9, 2000