



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 13

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Fourth Session

Twenty-Fourth Legislature

Monday, March 13, 2000

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

Presenting Petitions

Mr. White, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, presented a petition from 209 Edmonton and area residents requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, presented a petition from 292 Calgary residents 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 178 Edmonton and area residents requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, presented a petition from 142 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry, presented a petition from 111 Edmonton 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 302 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 1,111 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. 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 Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, the following petition was read and received:

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

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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. 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 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 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. 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.

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

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

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

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier:

Letter dated March 13, 2000, from Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, to The Right Honourable Jean Chrétien, Prime Minister, regarding the conduct of Hon. Allan Rock, Federal Minister of Health, the previous week in Calgary

Sessional Paper 241/2000

2 letters dated September 30, 1999, from Hon. Allan Rock, Federal Minister of Health, to Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health and Wellness, and Larry R. Ohlhauser, MD., Registrar, Alberta College of Physicians and Surgeons, regarding the Alberta College of Physicians and Surgeons Council Meeting, October 1, 1999

Sessional Paper 242/2000

Radio transcript dated December 29, 1999, from CBC (Canadian Broadcasting Corporation) Radio of an interview with Hon. Allan Rock, Federal Minister of Health, regarding the national health care system

Sessional Paper 243/2000

Article dated October 18, 1990, from the Edmonton Journal entitled "Federal cuts undermine health system - minister"

Sessional Paper 244/2000

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

11 letters from Albertans to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health and Wellness, regarding their opposition to Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act, the privatization of for-profit hospitals, and the use of tax dollars for shareholders of private for-profit hospitals

Sessional Paper 245/2000

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

4 letters from Calgary, Canmore and Edmonton residents regarding their opposition to the Spray Lakes Development by Genesis Land Corporation in Kananaskis Country

Sessional Paper 246/2000

60 signatures from Edmonton and area residents opposing the Government granting permission to the Genesis Land Developers, Ltd. for developments in Kananaskis Country

Sessional Paper 247/2000

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

Report, undated, entitled "Budget 2000 Analysis of Income Tax Changes Comparison of 1999 vs 2004 Taxation Years, Comparison of Tax on BFT(Basic Federal Tax) vs Flat Tax" prepared by Brad Severin, Senior Tax Manager, BDO Dunwoody, Chartered Accountants and Consultants

Sessional Paper 248/2000

Report dated March 13, 2000, entitled "Business Losses under Stockwell Day"

Sessional Paper 249/2000

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

Report, undated, entitled "A Legal Opinion Concerning NAFTA (North American Free Trade Agreement) Investment and Services Disciplines and Proposals by Alberta to Privatize the Delivery of Certain Insured Health Care Services" prepared by Steven Shrybman, Barrister and Solicitor, of Vancouver, British Columbia

Sessional Paper 250/2000

Mr. Wickman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford:

4 letters from Albertans to Mr. Wickman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, and Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing their opposition to Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act

Sessional Paper 251/2000

Article entitled "Barrier Free Building Design" prepared by Ron Wickman, Architect

Sessional Paper 252/2000

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

Letter dated January 27, 2000, from Sophie Dupuis Graves, President, Association canadienne-française de l'Alberta, to Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, regarding the transfer of École Ste-Marguerite-Bourgeoys school to the new francophone school authority

Sessional Paper 253/2000

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

Information pamphlet regarding the Trans Canada Trail Relay 2000 which began on February 19, 2000, in Tuktoyaktuk, Northwest Territories, and ending April 7, 2000 in Victoria, British Columbia

Sessional Paper 254/2000

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

Information request dated January 26, 2000, from Allan P. Jobson to Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment, subsequent to reports tabled in the Alberta Legislative Assembly March 7, 2000, (Sessional Paper 201/2000) and March 9, 2000 (Sessional Paper 223/2000) requesting an investigation into actions taken by an employee of the Workers' Compensation Board

Sessional Paper 255/2000

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

Memorandum dated March 13, 2000, from Mr. Stevens, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore, requesting that Bill 205, Emblems of Alberta (Alberta Dress Tartan) Amendment Act, 2000, be brought for Committee of the Whole consideration on Tuesday, March 14, 2000

Sessional Paper 256/2000

Memorandum dated March 9, 2000, from Mr. Doerksen, Hon. Member for Red Deer-South, requesting that Bill 202, Marriage Amendment Act, 2000, be brought for Third Reading consideration on Tuesday, March 14, 2000

Sessional Paper 257/2000

Message dated March 13, 2000, regarding Commonwealth Day entitled "The Communications Challenge" from Her Majesty the Queen, Head of the Commonwealth

Sessional Paper 258/2000

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, made a statement recognizing Mr. Laurence Decore's values and accomplishments and announcing the creation of the Laurence Decore Awards for Student Leadership which will distribute \$50,000 worth of scholarships each year to be shared by 100 Alberta post-secondary students

Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, commented on the statement

Oral Question Period

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

Chart prepared by the Calgary Regional Health Authority documenting relative health care expenditures by age

Sessional Paper 259/2000

Recognitions

Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert: The Writing Home Project celebrated at the Musée Héritage de St. Albert on March 10, 2000, in which grade 5 students at Ronald Harvey School met and worked with seniors from St. Albert's Ironwood Estates and the Westlock Care Centre.

Mr. Wickman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford: Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert and Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar for agreeing to publicly debate Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act on March 14, 2000, 7:00 p.m. at King's College

Mr. Lougheed, Hon. Member for Clover Bar-Fort Saskatchewan: University of Alberta Pandas hockey team in winning their first Canadian Interuniversity Athletic Union (CIAU) championship, and head coach Howie Draper for being named Canada West coach of the year

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar: Alberta's health care professionals for their commitment and dedication to the health care system in the midst of radical funding cuts and the proposed Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act

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 4 Surveys Amendment Act, 2000 — Hon. Mr. Mar
Bill 5 Land Titles Amendment Act, 2000 — Mr. Jacques
Bill 6 Special Payment Act — Hon. Mr. Dunford

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

Adjourned debate: Hon. Mr. Smith

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., it was agreed at 5:21 p.m. that when the Assembly reconvened at 8:00 p.m. it would be in Committee of Supply and the Acting Speaker left the Chair.

MONDAY, MARCH 13, 2000 — 8:00 P.M.

Committee of Supply (Days 13 and 14 — Main Estimates)

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Mr. Speaker:

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

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the Department of Resource Development for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2001 (Subcommittee D), 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. Havelock, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:10 p.m. until Tuesday, March 14, 2000, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Monday, March 13, 2000