



**Legislative Assembly  
Province of Alberta**

No. 14

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

Fourth Session

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Tuesday, March 14, 2000

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

**Presenting Petitions**

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from 54 Albertans regarding the addition of newer and more effective medications and therapies to the Alberta drug list.

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood, presented a petition from 221 Albertans 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 200 Hinton 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 200 Hinton 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 236 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 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 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 Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, 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 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 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.

## **Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees**

Ms Graham, Chairman, Select Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented the following report:

Mr. Speaker, in accordance with Standing Order 94, I have reviewed the petitions that were presented Wednesday, March 8, 2000, and can advise the House that all of the petitions comply with Standing Orders 85 to 89.

## **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 15, 2000:

Written Questions: Stand and retain their places.

Motions for Returns: MR1, MR2, MR3, MR4, MR8, MR10, MR17.

## **Introduction of Bills (First Reading)**

Notice having been given:

Bill 16 Condominium Property Amendment Act, 2000 — Mrs. Laing

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 16 Condominium Property Amendment Act, 2000 — Mrs. Laing

## **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment:

Annual Report, Alberta Veterinary Medical Association Radiation Protection Program, 1998

Sessional Paper 260/2000

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

Letter dated March 14, 2000, from Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health and Wellness, to Hon. Allan Rock, Federal Minister of Health, regarding concerns over the Federal Health Minister's March 10, 2000 speech at the University of Calgary regarding Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act

Sessional Paper 261/2000

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

11 letters and e-mails from Albertans to Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and other Members of the Legislative Assembly, expressing their opposition to private for-profit health care

Sessional Paper 262/2000

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

Response to Written Question 149 (Sessional Paper 149/95) regarding access to Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) private clinics

Sessional Paper 263/2000

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

Edmonton Journal newspaper article dated February 28, 1995, entitled "Martin earns passing grade from Alberta"

Sessional Paper 264/2000

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood:

Edmonton Journal newspaper article dated March 10, 1994, entitled "Province is willing to sell hospital"

Sessional Paper 265/2000

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

Edmonton Journal newspaper article dated December 13, 1993, entitled "Health care may vary by region - Klein"

Sessional Paper 266/2000

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

Calgary Sun newspaper article dated September 24, 1994, entitled "Privatization push"

Sessional Paper 267/2000

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

Edmonton Sun newspaper article dated April 2, 1995, entitled "Health Care Up For Sale"

Sessional Paper 268/2000

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Edmonton Journal newspaper article dated May 30, 1993, entitled "Klein looks to bingo to ease cuts"

Sessional Paper 269/2000

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods:

Edmonton Journal newspaper article dated February 21, 1994, entitled "Tories ponder services ad blitz"

Sessional Paper 270/2000

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert:

Document dated March 14, 2000, entitled "The Growth of Private Non-Hospital Surgical Facilities in Alberta under Premier Ralph Klein"

Sessional Paper 271/2000

Document dated March 1, 2000, entitled "NHSF (Non-Hospital Surgical Facilities) Facility Listing as at March 1, 2000"

Sessional Paper 272/2000

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

Edmonton Sun newspaper article dated March 24, 1995, entitled "Klein wants to market health care"

Sessional Paper 273/2000

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

Calgary Herald newspaper article, undated, entitled "Millions in tax dollars spent before cuts"

Sessional Paper 274/2000

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

Calgary Herald newspaper article dated April 13, 1994, entitled "PCs back private clinics"

Sessional Paper 275/2000

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

Calgary Herald newspaper article dated July 19, 1995, entitled "Klein backs Fulton's health push"

Sessional Paper 276/2000

## **Oral Question Period**

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

Excerpt of notes dated November 4, 1998, from the Leader's Dinner in Calgary  
Sessional Paper 277/2000

## **Members' Statements**

Mr. Amery, Hon. Member for Calgary-East, made a statement regarding the Eid-Al-Adha celebration by approximately two billion Muslims from around the world, March 16, 2000.

Mr. White, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, made a statement urging the Government to give Alberta taxpayers a temporary tax break on fuel according to a set formula.

Mr. McFarland, Hon. Member for Little Bow, made a statement regarding Team Alberta North and its 232 athletes participating in the 16th Arctic Winter Games from March 5 to 11, 2000, in Whitehorse, Yukon.

## **Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders**

### **Third Reading**

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

Bill 202 Marriage Amendment Act, 2000 — Mr. Doerksen

A debate followed.

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

## **Motions Other Than Government Motions**

**503.** Moved by Mrs. Forsyth:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce a pilot project to examine the feasibility of a school uniform policy in Alberta schools, as current research gathered from other jurisdictions shows a correlation between the requirement to wear school uniforms and a decrease in school violence.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

**504.** Moved by Mrs. MacBeth:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to create an Alberta Citizen's Commission on the Future of Education which would set goals and direction for education, acknowledging its fundamental importance to the prosperity and well-being of all Albertans, and defining a clear vision for its future.

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(2)(c), debate adjourned, Dr. Massey speaking.

# ORDERS OF THE DAY

## Government Bills and Orders

### Royal Assent

Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, having entered the Assembly and being seated on the Throne,

The Speaker addressed Her Honour in the following words:

May it please Your Honour:

The Legislative Assembly has, at its present sitting, passed certain Bills to which, and in the name of the Legislative Assembly, I respectfully request Your Honour's assent.

The Clerk of the Assembly then read the title of the Bills that had been passed as follows:

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

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

To these Bills, Royal Assent was announced by the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly in the following words:

In Her Majesty's name, Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor doth assent to these Bills.

Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor then retired from the Assembly.

### Second Reading

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

Bill 1 Alberta Heritage Foundation for Science and Engineering Research Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Klein

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

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

Mrs. Soetaert moved adjournment of debate, which was agreed to.

### Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Deputy 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.

TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2000 — 8:00 P.M.

**Committee of Supply** (Day 15 — Main Estimates)

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Madam Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2001, reports as follows, and requests leave to sit again:

Resolved that a sum not exceeding the following be granted to Her Majesty for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2001, for the Department and purpose indicated:

**Agriculture, Food and Rural Development**

\$449,553,000    Operating Expense and Capital Investment

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 3    Statute Revision Act — Hon. Mr. Hancock

A debate followed.

Ms. Blakeman moved adjournment of debate, which was agreed to.

**Committee of the Whole**

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, and the Acting Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Acting Speaker resumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 6    Special Payment Act — Hon. Mr. Dunford

Mr. Coutts tabled copies of the document tabled by Mr. Bonner during Committee of the Whole consideration of Bill 6, Special Payment Act.



Report entitled "Summary of Bill 90 Benefits - An Act to amend the Workers' Compensation Act", prepared by the Workers' Compensation Board of Nova Scotia, May 1999

Sessional Paper 278/2000

## **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:08 p.m. until Wednesday, March 15, 2000, at 1:30 p.m.

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Hon. Ken Kowalski,  
Speaker

Title: Tuesday, March 14, 2000