



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 15

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Fourth Session

Twenty-Fourth Legislature

Wednesday, March 15, 2000

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

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Gibbons, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, presented a petition from 120 Edmonton and area residents 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 117 Edmonton and area 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 144 Edmonton 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 Edmonton and area residents requesting that public health care be protected, supported and enhanced, and that for-profit, private hospitals be banned from receiving public dollars.

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, presented a petition from 120 Edmonton and area residents requesting that public health care be protected, supported and enhanced, and that for-profit, private hospitals be banned from receiving public dollars.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 635 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

Ms Graham, Chairman, Select Standing Committee on Private Bills, moved that, further to the report of the Standing Committee on Private Bills that was reported in the Assembly on Tuesday, March 14, 2000, the following petitions for Private Bills presented in the Assembly on Wednesday, March 8, 2000, now be deemed to be read and received:

of the Grand Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the Dominion of Canada for the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the Province of Alberta Repeal Act;

of William Roper Hull Child and Family Services for the William Roper Hull Child and Family Services Amendment Act, 2000;

of the Town of Pincher Creek and the Municipal District of Pincher Creek No. 9 for the Westcastle Development Authority Repeal Act;

of Larry Gilchrist, on behalf of the Calgary Municipal Heritage Properties Authority, for the Calgary Municipal Heritage Properties Authority Amendment Act, 2000;

of the Calgary Foundation for the repeal and replacement of the Calgary Foundation Act.

Agreed to.

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

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Alberta Government to take an enlightened preventative approach and add the newer and more effective medications and therapies to the Alberta drug list to ensure the health of an aging society.

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. 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.

Notices of Motions

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, gave oral notice of his intention to move the following motion under Standing Order 40:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly, recognizing that the ongoing Calgary Herald strike and Mr. Conrad Black's refusal to engage in fair collective bargaining is an indictment of Alberta's unfair laws, urges the Government to appoint a Disputes Inquiry Board to facilitate the settlement of this dispute.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier:

Letter dated March 10, 2000, from Dr. Allan W. Jones, Bonavista Eye Clinic, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, offering support for private surgical centres
Sessional Paper 279/2000

Letter dated March 8, 2000, from Celia Posyniak, Executive Director, Kensington Clinic, indicating that since entering into a contract with the Calgary Regional Health Authority in July 1996, the Kensington Clinic has charged less than it did when patients paid for services privately
Sessional Paper 280/2000

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

Report dated January 2000, entitled "Building Better Bridges - Final Report on Programs and Services in Support of Persons with Developmental Disabilities", with attached consultation form, prepared by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Associate Minister of Health and Wellness

Sessional Paper 281/2000

Alberta Health and Wellness News release dated March 15, 2000, entitled "Saskatchewan Legislation Very Similar to Bill 11"

Sessional Paper 282/2000

Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development:

Response to questions asked by Dr. Nicol, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, and Mr. Strang, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead, during Committee of Supply consideration of the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development Main Estimates, March 7, 2000

Sessional Paper 283/2000

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

5 letters and e-mail messages from Albertans to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health and Wellness, and Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, opposing Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act, and criticizing the Government for not properly debating Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act

Sessional Paper 284/2000

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

Excerpt dated May 20, 1999, from the 1999 Western Canada Finance Ministers' Report, entitled "An Opportunity to Develop a New Fiscal Partnership for Canada's Social Programs"

Sessional Paper 285/2000

Current Analysis article dated September 1999, entitled "Relative fiscal power: Ottawa versus the provinces" prepared by the Royal Bank of Canada

Sessional Paper 286/2000

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 Comparison of increased exemption for \$0 - \$35,000" prepared by Brad Severin, Senior Tax Manager, BDO Dunwoody, Chartered Accountants and Consultants

Sessional Paper 287/2000

Document dated March 15, 2000, entitled "Projected Reduction in Alberta's 11% Flat Tax Rate to Flow Through Federal Government Tax Measures affecting Alberta, 2004/05 - 2007/08"

Sessional Paper 288/2000

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

Letter dated March 1, 2000, from Harold S. Millican, Calgary, concerning the quality of print journalism in Calgary and the negative impact of the current labour dispute at the Calgary Herald

Sessional Paper 289/2000

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Standing Order 109:

Legislative Assembly Office, Annual Report 1999

Sessional Paper 290/2000

Oral Question Period

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

E-mail message dated March 8, 2000, from Margaret McKague, Edmonton, to Mr. Severtson, Hon. Member for Innisfail-Sylvan Lake, in response to phone calls to the Save Medicare campaign and the Friends of Medicare

Sessional Paper 291/2000

Recognitions

Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert: Late Martyn Godfrey from St. Albert, teacher and author of a variety of genre for children and young adults

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie: Marco and Carlos Riviera of Edmonton, for their coming to the rescue of an elderly woman in distress

Mr. Yankowsky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clairview: 25th Anniversary of the Ukrainian Bilingual Program, celebrated at the Edmonton City Hall, March 1, 2000

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo: Connaught Community Association and the efforts of volunteers to produce "Outlook," a community newspaper voicing concerns surrounding development, business and community resources issues

Ms Kryczka, Hon. Member for Calgary-West: Scotiabank's fraud awareness program, ABCs of Fraud, Calgary Seniors' Resource Society and the print and television media for providing the public with information about community fraud abuse targeting senior citizens

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona: Striking Calgary Herald workers who have been on strike since November 1999

Motions Under Standing Order 40

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly for consideration of the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly, recognizing that the ongoing Calgary Herald strike and Mr. Conrad Black's refusal to engage in fair collective bargaining is an indictment of Alberta's unfair laws, urges the Government to appoint a Disputes Inquiry Board to facilitate the settlement of this dispute.

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

WQ7, WQ8, WQ9, WQ10.

Motions for Returns

The following Motion for Returns was accepted:

MR10. Moved by Mr. Gibbons:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all fees and charges, and copies of expense and revenue analyses prepared by the Department of Government Services and Alberta Registries between May 1, 1999 and February 17, 2000, for Alberta Treasury and the Fees and Charges Committee.

The following Motions for Returns were rejected:

MR1. Moved by Mr. Sapers:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A copy of the October 19, 1993 document from a third party to the Executive Council/Office of the Premier relating to the refinancing of the West Edmonton Mall.

MR2. Moved by Mr. Sapers:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A copy of the December 3, 1993 letter from one MLA (Member of the Legislative Assembly) to a second MLA, in the possession of the Executive Council/Office of the Premier relating to the refinancing of the West Edmonton Mall.

MR3. Moved by Mr. Sapers:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A copy of the December 3, 1993 memo from one MLA (Member of the Legislative Assembly) to another MLA, in the possession of the Executive Council/Office of the Premier relating to the refinancing of the West Edmonton Mall.

MR4. Moved by Mr. Sapers:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A copy of the February 18, 1993 letter from a third party to the Executive Council/Office of the Premier relating to the refinancing of the West Edmonton Mall.

MR8. Moved by Mr. Sapers:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copy of excerpts of Cabinet agenda, with attachments, dated March 12, 1996, pertaining to the refinancing of the West Edmonton Mall, as listed on page 34 of the affidavit of records of Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Alberta dated November 30, 1999.

MR17. Moved by Mr. Wickman on behalf of Dr. Nicol:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all studies and reports prepared by, or for, the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development between May 25, 1999 and February 17, 2000, relating to the integration of the Alberta Agricultural Financial Services Corporation and the Alberta Opportunity Company.

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

MR11, MR12, MR13, MR14, MR15, MR16, MR18, MR19, MR20, MR21, MR22, MR23, MR24.

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.

The question being put, with Hon. Mr. Kowalski in the Chair, the motion was agreed to. The names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 32

Burgener	Jonson	Pham
Cao	Klapstein	Shariff
Coutts	Kryczka	Stelmach
Doerksen	Langevin	Strang
Ducharme	Lougheed	Tannas
Forsyth	Lund	Tarchuk
Friedel	Marz	West
Haley	McClellan	Woloshyn
Havelock	McFarland	Yankowsky
Hlady	Melchin	Zwozdesky
Johnson	Paszkowski	

Against the motion: 15

Bonner	Jacques	Renner
Boutilier	MacDonald	Sapers
Dickson	Magnus	Severtson
Graham	O'Neill	White
Hancock	Pannu	Wickman

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., it was agreed at 5:19 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.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 2000— 8:00 P.M.

Committee of Supply (Day 16 — Main Estimates)

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions, 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 Departments and purposes indicated:

Resource Development

\$88,429,000 Operating Expense and Capital Investment

Economic Development

\$51,236,000 Operating Expense and Capital Investment

Government Services

\$49,810,000 Operating Expense and Capital Investment

Community Development

\$334,491,000 Operating Expense and Capital Investment

Mr. Speaker, I would like to table copies of documents tabled by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Minister of Economic Development during Committee of Supply consideration of the Estimates of the Department of Economic Development:

Response to the question raised by Mr. White, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Caldor, during Subcommittee of Supply Estimates consideration of the Department of Economic Development March 1, 2000

Sessional Paper 292/2000

Response to questions raised by Mr. Hlady, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, during Subcommittee of Supply Estimates consideration of the Department of Economic Development March 1, 2000

Sessional Paper 293/2000

Response to the question raised by Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, during Subcommittee of Supply Estimates consideration of the Department of Economic Development March 1, 2000

Sessional Paper 294/2000

Mr. Speaker, I would also like to table copies of a document tabled by Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Government Services, during Subcommittee of Supply Estimates consideration of the Department of Government Services March 1, 2000

Sessional Paper 295/2000

Mr. Speaker, I would also like to table copies of a document tabled by Hon. Mr. Woloshyn, Minister of Community Development, during Committee of Supply Estimates consideration of the Department of Community Development March 15, 2000

Sessional Paper 296/2000

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

Government Bills and Orders**Third Reading**

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 6 Special Payment Act — Hon. Mr. Dunford

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:02 p.m. until Thursday, March 16, 2000, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Wednesday, March 15, 2000