



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 17

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Fourth Session

Twenty-Fourth Legislature

Monday, March 20, 2000

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

Presenting Petitions

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, presented a petition from 661 St. Albert residents 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 220 Albertans 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 294 Albertans 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 325 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 1,145 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.

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, presented a petition from 404 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Dr. Nicol, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, presented a petition from 323 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

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.

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

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Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, the following petition was read and received:

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Mr. Wickman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, the following petition was read and received:

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Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, the following petition was read and received:

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Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for 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 provide respective Regional Health Authorities with the flexibility necessary to provide the delivery of publicly funded, publicly administered overnight surgical services cost-effectively and efficiently through the contracting-out of such services if deemed necessary.

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 Pr1 Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the Province of Alberta Repeal Act — Mr. Coutts

Bill Pr2 William Roper Hull Child and Family Services Amendment Act, 2000 — Mr. Stevens

Bill Pr3 Westcastle Development Authority Repeal Act — Mr. Coutts

Bill Pr4 Calgary Municipal Heritage Properties Authority Amendment Act, 2000 — Mrs. Laing

Bill Pr5 Calgary Foundation Act — Ms Kryczka on behalf of Mrs. Burgener

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier:

Letter dated March 20, 2000, from Dennis L. Modry, Clinical Associate Professor, University of Alberta, to Dr. Robert Burns, Executive Director, Alberta Medical Association, advising that the Alberta Medical Association will no longer represent the Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgeons in the Province of Alberta
Sessional Paper 307/2000

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

Letter dated March 16, 2000, from Hon. Allan Rock, Federal Minister of Health, to Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health and Wellness, in response to Mr. Jonson's letter of March 14, 2000 (Sessional Paper 261/2000), 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 308/2000

E-mail message dated March 15, 2000, from Joe Nagy to the Alberta Liberal
Caucus regarding his wife's MRI (magnetic resonance imaging) options
Sessional Paper 309/2000

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

3 letters from Albertans to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and 1 additional letter from
an Albertan, opposing Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act, and private for-profit
health care

Sessional Paper 310/2000

Letter dated March 7, 2000, from Hon. Roy Romanow, Premier of Saskatchewan,
to Heather Smith, President, United Nurses of Alberta, expressing his views on
the Canada Health Act principles and private hospitals

Sessional Paper 311/2000

Toronto Star article dated March 20, 2000, entitled "Fixing Health Care, The
Hard Lessons Down Under"

Sessional Paper 312/2000

Press release from the Athabasca Citizens for Public Healthcare Forum on Alberta
Health Care on March 16, 2000

Sessional Paper 313/2000

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

Program from the Edmonton Minor Hockey Association Edmonton-Calgary
Provincial Tournament, March 17-19, 2000

Sessional Paper 314/2000

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Petition dated February 2000, signed by 29 Albertans protesting the proposed
Cheviot coal mine

Sessional Paper 315/2000

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

Letter dated March 19, 1998, from the Alberta Labour Relations Board, to the
Canadian Health Care Guild, Capital Care Group, Carewest, Alberta Justice,
Bethany Care Centre, St. Joseph's Auxiliary Hospital, and St. Michael's Extended
Care Centre regarding an application brought by the Canadian Health Care Guild
affecting Bethany Care Society, Carewest, St. Joseph's Hospital, St. Michael's
Extended Care Centre, and Capital Care Group

Sessional Paper 316/2000

Leaflet entitled "Alberta Pensions Administration employees are asking for your
support" prepared by the Alberta Union of Provincial Employees

Sessional Paper 317/2000

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

2 letters and 2 e-mail messages from Albertans to Mr. Wickman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, expressing their opposition to Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act

Sessional Paper 318/2000

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

Letter dated March 9, 2000, from Elisabeth deWynter to Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, expressing her opinions regarding Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act

Sessional Paper 319/2000

Letter dated March 14, 1996, from Peter Valentine, Auditor General of Alberta, to Elmer Leahy, Acting Superintendent, Alberta Treasury Branches, regarding the Auditor General's in-depth review of Alberta Treasury Branches

Sessional Paper 320/2000

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

Press release dated March 11, 2000, entitled "Canadian Nurses Condemn Alberta Privatization Bill"

Sessional Paper 321/2000

Letter dated March 3, 2000, from Dan C. MacLellan, President, Alberta Union of Provincial Employees (AUPE), to Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health and Wellness, asking for a response to a letter to Mr. Jonson from Carl Soderstrom dated February 10, 2000, requesting the criteria and process for declaring approved hospitals

Sessional Paper 322/2000

Oral Question Period

During Oral Question Period, Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, tabled the following:

E-mail message dated March 10, 2000, from Ann Lockwood to the Alberta Liberal Caucus and the New Democratic Caucus, expressing her dissatisfaction with a public event in Vermilion on March 9, 2000, attended by Hon. Dr. West, Minister of Resource Development and Hon. Mr. Day, Provincial Treasurer

Sessional Paper 323/2000

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

Calgary Herald article dated May 21, 1991, entitled "Patients choose private treatment"

Sessional Paper 324/2000

Recognitions

Mr. Gibbons, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning: Edmonton Minor Hockey Association hosting the 2000 Edmonton-Calgary provincial hockey tournament in the Clareview arena this past weekend

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo: Workshop in Calgary on March 15, 2000, dealing with the Protection for Persons in Care Act co-sponsored by the Alberta Association for Community Living, the Developmental Disabilities Resource Centre of Calgary, and FAIRE (Families Allied to Influence Responsible Eldercare)

Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora: Provincial minor soccer playoffs in Edmonton this past weekend and the gold medal winners from Sherwood Park, the silver medal winners from Edmonton Kenilworth, and the bronze medal winners, the Edmonton West Belmead Raiders

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

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

A debate followed.

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

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

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

A debate followed.

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

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

Bill 14 Alberta Treasury Branches Amendment Act, 2000 — Hon. Mr. Day

A debate followed.

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

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

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

A debate followed.

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

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

Bill 10 Securities Amendment Act, 2000 — Mr. Hlady

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

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

Mr. Renner tabled copies of all amendments considered by the Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 1 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 325/2000

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader it was agreed at 5:24 pm, that when the Assembly reconvened at 8:00 p.m. it would be in Committee of Supply, and the Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

MONDAY, MARCH 20, 2000 — 8:00 P.M.

Committee of Supply (Day 18 — Main Estimates)

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions (reported from the Designated Supply Subcommittee), 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:

Health and Wellness

\$5,623,442,000 Operating Expense and Capital Investment

Learning

\$3,105,403,000 Operating Expense and Capital Investment

\$65,800,000 Non-budgetary Disbursements

Mr. Speaker, I would like to table copies of an amendment proposed by Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, during Committee of Supply consideration of the Estimates of the Department of Learning:

Amendment to the Estimates of the Department of Learning (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 326/2000

The Committee of Supply has also 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:

Justice and Attorney General

\$419,916,000 Operating Expense and Capital Investment

Municipal Affairs

\$142,890,000 Operating Expense and Capital Investment

Mr. Speaker, I would also like to table copies of a document tabled by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, during Committee of Supply consideration of the Estimates of the Department of Justice and Attorney General:

Responses to questions raised on March 6, 2000, Department of Justice and Attorney General, 2000-2001 Committee of Supply debate

Sessional Paper 327/2000

Mr. Speaker, I would also like to table copies of a document tabled by Hon. Mr. Paszkowski, Minister of Municipal Affairs, during Committee of Supply consideration of the Estimates of the Department of Municipal Affairs:

Responses to questions raised on March 13, 2000, Department of Municipal Affairs, 2000-2001 Committee of Supply debate

Sessional Paper 328/2000

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 10:01 p.m. until Tuesday, March 21, 2000, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Monday, March 20, 2000