



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 28

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Fourth Session

Twenty-Fourth Legislature

Thursday, April 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 250 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 180 Albertans 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 130 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 1,100 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. 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 Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, 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. 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 Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, 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.

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Letter dated March 30, 2000, from Reverend J.J. Trudeau and Dr. R.B. Sheard, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, e-mail message dated April 6, 2000, from William Dscavich, Lee Kitlarchuk, Francina Lazarovich and Reverend Robert Seal, all constituents of Vegreville-Viking, to Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Minister of Infrastructure, and fax from Janice L. Wheeler, Chipman, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health and Wellness, Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Associate Minister of Health and Wellness, Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Minister of Infrastructure, Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, and Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, all expressing concerns regarding Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act

Sessional Paper 617/2000

Letter dated April 11, 2000, from Allan E. Blakeney, P.C., University of Saskatchewan, to The Right Honourable Jean Chrétien, Prime Minister, commenting on the possible effects of Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act
Sessional Paper 618/2000

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

Document, undated, entitled "Summary of Bill 11 Second Reading Debate from Wednesday, April 12, 2000"

Sessional Paper 619/2000

List of MLAs (Members of the Legislative Assembly) who did not speak to Second Reading consideration of Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act

Sessional Paper 620/2000

Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

Report dated February 1998 (revised January 1999), entitled "Lone Female Headship and Welfare Policy in Canada" prepared by Martin D. Dooley, McMaster University, Stephane Gascon, Human Resources Development Canada, and Pierre Lefebvre and Philip Merrigan, Université du Québec à Montréal, concerning the correlation between single female parents and the incidence of being supported by social welfare

Sessional Paper 621/2000

Report dated December 1999, entitled "Low income cut-offs" prepared by Statistics Canada, providing statistical information regarding the number of Canadian residents who earn less than a specific income

Sessional Paper 622/2000

Report dated January 2000, entitled "Canada's Great Divide: The politics of the growing gap between rich and poor in the 1990s" prepared by Armine Yalnizyan, Centre for Social Justice

Sessional Paper 623/2000

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

Government of Alberta web page providing a Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act debate summary for April 10 and 11, 2000, with notations of errors in the summary

Sessional Paper 624/2000

Government of Alberta web page providing a list of reports and studies relating to Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act

Sessional Paper 625/2000

Document providing a tally of e-mail messages and letters up to and including April 11, 2000, sent to the office of Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, regarding Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act

Sessional Paper 626/2000

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

2 letters dated March 5, 2000, from Deborah A. Sanderson and Miles Tindal, Calgary, to Annette Trimbee, Director, Environmental Assessment and Strategy Division, Department of Environment, expressing concerns about the development of the Spray Lakes area in Kananaskis Country by Genesis Land Development Corporation

Sessional Paper 627/2000

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Letter dated March 6, 2000, from the Sierra Youth Coalition of Calgary to Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, and e-mail message dated March 6, 2000, from Janet Miller, Canmore, to Annette Trimbee, Director, Environmental Assessment and Strategy Division, Department of Environment, expressing concerns about the development of the Spray Lakes area in Kananaskis Country by Genesis Land Development Corporation

Sessional Paper 628/2000

Members' Statements

Mr. Boutilier, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray, made a statement regarding the Fort McMurray Oil Barons Junior hockey team on winning the Alberta Provincial Junior Hockey Championships held on April 12, 2000.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding the importance of unions in Alberta and urged the Government to improve its relationship with them.

Mrs. Forsyth, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, made a statement regarding the importance of men's health issues.

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 April 17 to April 21, 2000:

Monday, April 17	Aft.	- Government Bills and Orders Second Reading Bill 3, 7, 13, 14, 15 Committee of the Whole Bill 11 And as per Order Paper
	Eve.	- Government Bills and Orders Second Reading Bill 16, 17, 18, 19 Committee of the Whole Bill 11 And as per Order Paper
Tuesday, April 18	(4:30)	- Government Bills and Orders Second Reading Bill Pr1, Pr2, Pr3, Pr4, Pr5 Committee of the Whole Bill 11 And as per Order Paper
	Eve.	- Government Bills and Orders Second Reading Bill 20, 22, 23 Committee of the Whole Bill 11 And as per Order Paper
Wednesday, April 19	Eve.	- Government Bills and Orders Committee of the Whole Bill 10, 11 Third Reading Bill 21 And as per Order Paper

Thursday, April 20

Aft. - **Government Bills and Orders**

Third Reading

Bill 21, 2, 4, 5

Committee of the Whole

Bill 11

And as per Order Paper

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 21 Appropriation Act, 2000 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Day

Pursuant to Standing Order 61(4), at 5:15 p.m., the Chairman interrupted the proceedings and immediately put the question on the Appropriation Bill standing on the Order Paper referred to Committee of the Whole, which was agreed to.

The Deputy Speaker assumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 21 Appropriation Act, 2000 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Day

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 11 Health Care Protection Act — Hon. Mr. Jonson

Mr. Herard, Acting Chairman of Committees, 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 11 (Section A) (Introduced by the Minister of Health and Wellness on April 12, 2000) — Debate adjourned

Sessional Paper 629/2000

Mr. Herard, Acting Chairman of Committees, also tabled copies of the document tabled by Ms Olsen during Committee of the Whole consideration of Bill 11.

Letter dated April 12, 2000, from Hon. Allan Rock, Federal Minister of Health, to Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health and Wellness, responding to Hon. Mr. Jonson's letter of April 10, 2000, concerning Hon. Mr. Rock's suggestions for amendments to Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act
Sessional Paper 630/2000

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:19 p.m. until Monday, April 17, 2000, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Thursday, April 13, 2000