



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 33

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Fourth Session

Twenty-Fourth Legislature

Monday, May 1, 2000

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

The Speaker offered a prayer and a moment of silence was observed in recognition of the death of former Member, Mr. Al Hiebert, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, 1979 to 1986, who passed away on April 23, 2000.

A moment of silence was also observed in recognition of the National Day of Mourning, April 28, 2000, for persons killed or injured in the workplace.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Gibbons, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, presented a petition from 218 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 211 Calgary 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 221 Albertans 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 213 Calgary residents 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 3,255 Albertans requesting the introduction of a Bill requiring a minimum of two people on shifts from dark to daylight.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 1,038 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.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 56 Albertans requesting that the Government use its legislative powers to help resolve the labour dispute at the Calgary Herald.

Reading and Receiving Petitions

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

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

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

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On request by Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, the following petition was read and received:

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On request by Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, the following petition was read and received:

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

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

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On request by Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, the following petition was read and received:

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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 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. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, the following petition was read and received:

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On request by Dr. Nicol, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to introduce legislation requiring a minimum of two people on shifts from dark to daylight.

On request by Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, 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:

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

Notices of Motions

Mr. Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following motion:

Be it resolved that further consideration of any or all of the resolutions, clauses, sections or titles of Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act, shall, when called, be the first business of the Committee and shall not be further postponed.

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Letter dated April 7, 2000, from Mike Kolinatycki, Director, Employment Standards, Human Resources and Employment, to Employers of Employees in the Restaurant/Hospitality Industry, attaching a poster entitled "Employment Standards for Employees and Employers in the Restaurant/Hospitality Industry"
Sessional Paper 723/2000

Responses to questions raised on March 21, 2000, during the Department of Human Resources and Employment, 2000-2001 Committee of Supply consideration

Sessional Paper 724/2000

Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning:

Letter dated April 18, 2000, from Robert R. Blakely, President, Alberta Building Trades Council, to Shirley Dul, Executive Director, Apprenticeship and Industry Training, Alberta Learning, expressing support for Bill 23, Apprenticeship and Industry Training Amendment Act, 2000

Sessional Paper 725/2000

Letter dated March 29, 2000, from R. Neil Tidsbury, President, Construction Labour Relations, to Shirley Dul, Executive Director, Apprenticeship and Industry Training, Alberta Learning, expressing support for Bill 23, Apprenticeship and Industry Training Amendment Act, 2000

Sessional Paper 726/2000

Letter dated April 18, 2000, from Stephen Kushner, President, Merit Contractors Association, to Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, expressing support for Bill 23, Apprenticeship and Industry Training Amendment Act, 2000

Sessional Paper 727/2000

Letter dated April 14, 2000, from Sharon Copithorne, Executive Director, Alberta Construction Association, to Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, expressing support for Bill 23, Apprenticeship and Industry Training Amendment Act, 2000

Sessional Paper 728/2000

Letter dated March 27, 2000, from W.D. (Bill) Watkin, President, Motor Dealers' Association of Alberta, to Shirley Dul, Executive Director, Apprenticeship and Industry Training, Alberta Learning, expressing support for Bill 23, Apprenticeship and Industry Training Amendment Act, 2000

Sessional Paper 729/2000

Letter dated April 12, 2000, from Doug Ferris, President, Construction Owners Association of Alberta, to Shirley Dul, Executive Director, Apprenticeship and Industry Training, Alberta Learning, expressing support for Bill 23, Apprenticeship and Industry Training Amendment Act, 2000

Sessional Paper 730/2000

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Letter dated February 8, 2000, and 2 letters dated March 5, 2000, from Allison Burstin, Canmore, and Barbara Hardt, and Kristin Kiml, both of Calgary, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to the Genesis Land Corporation development in the Spray Valley of Kananaskis

Sessional Paper 731/2000

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Letter dated April 20, 2000, from Kyle Franz, Edmonton, to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, supporting Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act

Sessional Paper 732/2000

Premiere issue of newsletter entitled "The Thorn" Volume I, Number 1, Spring 2000, Volunteer Community Newsletter

Sessional Paper 733/2000

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

Letter dated April 30, 2000, from Sheila Hogan, Stephen Hogan, Laurie Lang, and Maureen Adachi, all psychiatric nurses from Edmonton, to Mr. Gibbons, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, expressing concerns regarding, and requesting the withdrawal of, Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act

Sessional Paper 734/2000

Program from the 2000 Rotary Integrity Awards held on April 27, 2000, recognizing Edmonton and area citizens for their contributions to business and community

Sessional Paper 735/2000

Program from "Together 2000" a reunion of the North Edmonton Public and St. Francis Catholic Schools, held on April 29 and 30, 2000

Sessional Paper 736/2000

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

Letter dated April 18, 2000, from Robert R. Blakely, President, Alberta Building Trades Council, to Shirley Dul, Executive Director, Apprenticeship and Industry Training, Alberta Learning, expressing support for Bill 23, Apprenticeship and Industry Training Amendment Act, 2000

Sessional Paper 737/2000

E-mail message dated April 17, 2000, from Joanne Ramondt, striking Calgary Herald worker, to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, urging the Government to use its legislative powers to assist striking Calgary Herald workers in obtaining their first collective agreement

Sessional Paper 738/2000

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

2 documents, undated, entitled "Health Care Facts" listing several health related statistics from 1991/92 to 1998/99 and "CEO and Executive Salaries by Regional Health Authority" summarizing total salaries, benefits, and allowances from 1998/99

Sessional Paper 739/2000

First Annual Report (2000) of the Canadian Institute for Health Information, Ottawa

Sessional Paper 740/2000

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

2 web pages from the voteAlberta.org Bill 11 web site, showing the voting status on April 24 and April 30, 2000

Sessional Paper 741/2000

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

Report dated August 16, 1995, entitled "Medicare is Killing Us - Patient Choice in a Re-engineered Health Care System" prepared by Dennis L. Modry, M.D.

Sessional Paper 742/2000

Statement dated March 30, 2000, entitled "Is Bill 11 Good for Albertans?" prepared by the Interfaith Coalition on Justice in the Workplace

Sessional Paper 743/2000

Report dated April 20, 2000, entitled "Canadians and Albertans Speak on Alberta's Bill 11" prepared by Angus Reid Group, Inc.

Sessional Paper 744/2000

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

E-mail message, undated, from Kenman Gan, to a Member of the Legislative Assembly expressing his concern about the lack of Government attention to osteoporosis.

Sessional Paper 745/2000

9 e-mail messages and 1 letter, from M.V. Boisvert, Barbara Baker, Keith and Eileen Leal, Brent Jeffery, Joseph A. Buijs, Dorothea Theilmann, Noel Somerville, Linda Cheu, James Fleckenstein, and Iqbal Lakhani, to Members of the Legislative Assembly and Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act

Sessional Paper 746/2000

3 letters, dated April 25, 2000, April 19, 2000, and one undated with attachments from Len Douziech, Steve Virag, and Ed Parks, all of Edmonton, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health and Wellness, and Mr. Wickman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, expressing opposition to the proposal of allowing Regional Health Authorities to enter into contractual arrangements with private for-profit hospitals

Sessional Paper 747/2000

Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

Document entitled "Eulogy for the Burial of Bill 11" prepared by Brenda D. Corney, R.N., and delivered by Reverend Gordon Cunningham at a mock burial service in Ponoka on April 28, 2000

Sessional Paper 748/2000

Document dated May 1, 2000, listing private health care sector contributions, individual and corporate, to the Progressive Conservative Party of Alberta, 1993-1999

Sessional Paper 749/2000

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

E-mail message dated May 1, 2000, from Carol and Murray Roy, Camrose, to Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, and Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, expressing concerns about a public meeting regarding Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act, held in Camrose on April 9, 2000, arranged by Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose

Sessional Paper 750/2000

Letter dated April 29, 2000, from Con Duemler, Edmonton, to Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health and Wellness, expressing opposition to, and asking questions about Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act

Sessional Paper 751/2000

List of names of 96 Albertans expressing their opposition to private for-profit health care

Sessional Paper 752/2000

List of names of 13 Albertans expressing their opposition to private for-profit health care

Sessional Paper 753/2000

Calgary Regional Health Authority Regional Policy on Personal Conflict of Interest (Medical Officers) dated January 2000

Sessional Paper 754/2000

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

Alberta Dental Hygienists' Association (ADHA) Annual Report for the Year Ending October 31, 1999

Sessional Paper 755/2000

Oral Question Period

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

Partially completed checklist intended for Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, to update Government costs incurred promoting Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act

Sessional Paper 756/2000

Recognitions

Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert: St. Albert Public Library on being awarded the Alberta Library Trustees Association creative library public service award, for the Library's efforts in creating an Internet training program and a book club for Seniors

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre: Library Week, May 1-7, 2000, celebrating our libraries, and thanking all library staff for their service to the community

Mr. Boutilier, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray: Fort McMurray Oil Barons, of the Alberta Junior Hockey League, on winning the Doyle Cup and Pacific Championship on April 30, 2000, earning them an opportunity to play in the National Junior Hockey Championships to be held in Fort McMurray May 5-14, 2000

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie: Earth Day, April 30, 2000, and urging the Government of Alberta to return to the vision that originally inspired the special places program

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry: 55th Anniversary of the liberation of Holland by Canadian soldiers from the Lord Strathcona's Horse regiment in the Second World War, April 19, 1945, and a memorial by the people of Nunspeet, Holland, honouring our veterans, placed next to the town hall where the liberation was signed

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 18 Alberta Personal Income Tax Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Day

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(1), debate adjourned, Mr. Bonner speaking.

Adjournment

The Assembly adjourned at 5:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

MONDAY, MAY 1, 2000 — 8:00 P.M.

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Bill 18 Alberta Personal Income Tax Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Day

A debate followed.

Mr. Magnus moved adjournment of debate, which was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:00 p.m. until Tuesday, May 2, 2000, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Monday, May 1, 2000