



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 35

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Fourth Session

Twenty-Fourth Legislature

Wednesday, May 3, 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 216 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from 69 Albertans requesting the addition of newer and more effective medications and therapies to the Alberta drug list.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from 64 Calgary residents requesting that the Government use its legislative powers to help resolve the labour dispute at the Calgary Herald.

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood, presented a petition from 225 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 64 Calgary residents requesting that the Government use its legislative powers to help resolve the labour dispute at the Calgary Herald.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 4,566 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 Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, 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 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. 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 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.

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

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:

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 Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned, ask the Assembly to petition the Government to use its legislative powers to help resolve the labour dispute at the Calgary Herald.

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.

Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees

Mr. Langevin, Chairman, Select Standing Committee on Legislative Offices, presented the following report:

Report of the Select Standing Committee on Legislative Offices, May 2000, regarding the reappointment of the Auditor General

Sessional Paper 795/2000

Notices of Motions

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

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly concur in the recommendation of the Select Standing Committee on Legislative Offices agreed to on April 19, 2000, to recommend to Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor that Mr. Peter Valentine be reappointed as Auditor General for the Province of Alberta.

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 has no confidence in the Government's handling of the escalating labour disputes at the Calgary Herald.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General:

Response to Written Question WQ11 asked for by Ms Blakeman on April 12, 2000:

As of March 1, 2000, how many active files in the Maintenance Enforcement Program were in receipt of payments from a jurisdiction named in the Declaration of Reciprocating States Regulation?

Sessional Paper 796/2000

Response to Written Question WQ12 asked for by Ms Blakeman on April 12, 2000:

As of March 1, 2000, how many active files in the Maintenance Enforcement Program were paid to creditors in a jurisdiction named in the Declaration of Reciprocating States Regulation?

Sessional Paper 796/2000

Response to Written Question WQ13 asked for by Ms Blakeman on April 12, 2000:

As of March 1, 2000, how many active files in the Maintenance Enforcement Program related to creditors or to debtors where the payee or payor was resident in a jurisdiction not named in the Declaration of Reciprocating States Regulation?

Sessional Paper 796/2000

Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Children's Services:

Summary of survey conducted by Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Children's Services, of Sherwood Park constituents regarding potential concerns of constituents

Sessional Paper 797/2000

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

2 letters dated April 10, 2000, from David Craig, Red Deer, and May 3, 2000, from Bob Settle, Edmonton, both to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to, and requesting the withdrawal of Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act

Sessional Paper 798/2000

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

Letter dated March 16, 2000, from Merv and Hildegard Prediger, Edmonton, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, requesting the withdrawal of Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act

Sessional Paper 799/2000

E-mail message dated April 14, 2000, from Ken McGoogan, 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 800/2000

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood:

Schedule of approved hospitals set out in Deputy Minister's Order #4/87

Sessional Paper 801/2000

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

E-mail message dated May 2, 2000, from Richard Shelast to Ken Boessenkool confirming that \$375.66 in cash was anonymously received from the Provincial Treasurer's Office and deposited to the General Revenue Fund

Sessional Paper 802/2000

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

Letter dated April 19, 2000, from Merv and Jean Rogers, Edmonton, to Members of the Legislative Assembly, and 3 e-mail messages dated April 29, 2000, from Marne St. Claire, Victoria, British Columbia, to Mr. Wickman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, April 30, 2000, from Duane Dawson, Calgary, to Members of the Legislative Assembly, and undated, from Stephen Lamoureux, Edmonton, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, all expressing opposition to, and requesting the withdrawal of, Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act

Sessional Paper 803/2000

Oral Question Period

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

Document dated May 3, 2000, pledging that the Alberta Liberal Caucus will be free to reflect the wishes of their constituents through a free vote at Third Reading of Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act, signed by Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition

Sessional Paper 804/2000

Recognitions

Mrs. Burgener, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie: Ceremony on the steps of the Legislature, May 3, 2000, commemorating the repatriation and interment of the remains of an unknown soldier who died in World War I, to represent all the Canadian men and women who have died both in war and in the service of peace, which is being carried out in all provinces and will be completed at a ceremony in Ottawa on May 28, 2000

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar: 40th Anniversary of Gold Bar Elementary School, to be celebrated on May 25, 2000, its principal, Mr. Terry Treleski, teachers, volunteers, parents, and students for their accomplishments and contributions to the Edmonton-Gold Bar community

Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert: Spinal Health Week, May 1-7, 2000, by the College of Chiropractors of Alberta, by bringing awareness to the relationship of the spine to a person's overall health

Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition: Holocaust Remembrance Day, May 2, 2000, remembering the horrors inflicted upon six million Jews, and recognizing Alberta's Jewish communities for their efforts to educate others to ensure these horrors against humanity are never witnessed again

Ms Fritz, Hon. Member for Calgary-Cross: 25th Anniversary of the Properties Sports Association (PSA) of Calgary which will be hosting a gala evening on May 6, 2000, to pay tribute to, and honour the directors, organizers, parent volunteers, and participants

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona: Library Week, April 30 - May 6, 2000, the librarians and staff of the public libraries, and the Legislature librarians for displaying high standards of service and expertise

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort: Servants Anonymous Society of Calgary (SAS) for their contribution in serving the needs of youth aged 16 to 25 who are victims of street life

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 has no confidence in the Government's handling of the escalating labour disputes at the Calgary Herald.

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Questions were accepted:

WQ17. Moved by Mrs. Soetaert on behalf of Mrs. Sloan:

How many children with Child Welfare status have been housed in hotel rooms in the Edmonton region between February 18, 1999 and April 5, 2000?

WQ18. Moved by Mrs. Soetaert on behalf of Mrs. Sloan:

How many children with Child Welfare status have been housed in jail cells, remand centres, or single men's hostels between February 18, 1999 and April 5, 2000 in the Province?

WQ19. Moved by Mrs. Soetaert on behalf of Mrs. Sloan:

In which hotels in the Edmonton region were children who were receiving services under the Child Welfare Act housed in between February 18, 1999 and April 5, 2000?

WQ20. Moved by Mrs. Soetaert on behalf of Mrs. Sloan:

What are the reasons for appeal and breakdown of decisions reached in the 485 appeals heard by the Child Welfare Citizen's Appeal Panel during the 1998-99 fiscal year?

The following Written Question was ordered to stand:

WQ21.

Motions for Returns

The following Motion for Return was accepted:

MR46. Moved by Mrs. Soetaert on behalf of Mrs. Sloan:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of requests for proposals for employment program initiatives designed for Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped and Assured Support Program recipients since February 28, 1999.

The following Motions for Returns were rejected:

MR29. Moved by Mr. Wickman on behalf of Mr. Sapers:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copy of hand-written notes of a meeting between Jim Dinning, Allister McPherson, and Nader Ghermezian, dated January 28, 1994, pertaining to the refinancing of the West Edmonton Mall (WEM), as listed on page 9 of the affidavit of records of the WEM Corporate Defendants, November 30, 1999.

MR31. Moved by Mr. Wickman on behalf of Mr. Sapers:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copy of excerpts of Cabinet agenda and 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.

MR32. Moved by Mr. Wickman on behalf of Mr. Sapers:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copy of correspondence from Stockwell Day to Triple Five Group Ltd. (Nader Ghermezian) dated June 30, 1998, pertaining to the refinancing of the West Edmonton Mall, as listed on page 40 of the affidavit of records of the West Edmonton Mall (WEM) dated November 30, 1999.

MR36. Moved by Mr. Wickman on behalf of Mr. White:

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 Resource Development between May 25, 1999 and April 3, 2000, evaluating the impact of electricity de-regulation on the utility bills of various classes of Alberta consumers.

MR37. Moved by Mr. Wickman on behalf of Mr. White:

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 Resource Development between January 1, 1999 and April 3, 2000, evaluating the cost-effectiveness of the Mineral Revenue Information System (MRIS).

MR38. Moved by Mr. Wickman on behalf of Mr. Sapers:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copy of excerpts of Cabinet agenda and minutes dated February 6, 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.

MR41. Moved by Mr. Wickman on behalf of Mr. Sapers:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copy of excerpts of minutes, dated July 20, 1994, pertaining to the refinancing of the West Edmonton Mall, as listed on page 33 of the affidavit of records of Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Alberta dated November 30, 1999.

MR42. Moved by Mr. Wickman on behalf of Mr. Sapers:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copy of excerpts of the Agenda and Priorities Committee agenda, with attachments, dated October 18, 1993, 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.

MR43. Moved by Mr. Wickman on behalf of Mr. Sapers:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copy of minutes, dated March 21, 1994, pertaining to the refinancing of the West Edmonton Mall, as listed on page 33 of the affidavit of records of Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Alberta, dated November 30, 1999.

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

MR33, MR34, MR35, MR39, MR40, MR44, MR45, MR47, MR48, MR49, MR50.

Public Bills and Orders Other Than 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)

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

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 206 School (Students' Code of Conduct) Amendment Act, 2000 — Mr. Coutts

Mr. Shariff, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, 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 206 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Egmont) — Agreed to
Sessional Paper 805/2000

Second Reading

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

Bill 207 Provincial-Municipal Tax Sharing Calculation Act — Mrs. MacBeth

A debate followed.

During debate, Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, tabled the following:

Letter dated April 12, 2000, from Lorne Olsvik, President, AUMA (Alberta Urban Municipalities Association), to Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, expressing support for Bill 207, Provincial-Municipal Tax Sharing Calculation Act

Sessional Paper 806/2000

The question being put, with Mrs. Gordon in the Chair, the motion was defeated. The names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 10

Blakeman	Leibovici	Soetaert
Bonner	MacBeth	Wickman
Carlson	MacDonald	
Dickson	Olsen	

Against the motion: 37

Amery	Graham	Melchin
Broda	Haley	Nelson
Burgener	Hierath	O'Neill
Calahasen	Hlady	Renner
Cao	Jacques	Severtson
Cardinal	Johnson	Shariff
Coutts	Klapstein	Smith
Doerksen	Langevin	Strang
Dunford	Lougheed	Tannas
Evans	Mar	Thurber
Fischer	Marz	Zwozdesky
Forsyth	McClellan	
Fritz	McFarland	

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

Bill 208 Gaming and Liquor Amendment Act, 2000 — Mrs. MacBeth

A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Acting Government House Leader, it was agreed at 5:27 p.m. that when the Assembly reconvened at 8:00 p.m. it would be in Committee of the Whole and the Acting Speaker left the Chair.

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Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bill was reported:

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

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 10 Securities Amendment Act, 2000 — Mr. Hlady
Amendment to Bill 10 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View) —
Agreed to (April 3, 2000)
Sessional Paper 436/2000

Second Reading

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

Bill 23 Apprenticeship and Industry Training Amendment Act, 2000 — Hon.
Dr. Oberg

Third Reading

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

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

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned
at 10:00 p.m. until Thursday, May 4, 2000, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Wednesday, May 3, 2000