



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 37

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Fourth Session

Twenty-Fourth Legislature

Monday, May 8, 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 end of the war in Europe on May 8, 1945, and to those who died in the long and costly struggle.

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Gibbons, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, presented a petition from 142 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood, presented a petition from 18 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood, presented a petition from 156 Calgary and Cochrane 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 32 Calgary residents requesting that the Government use its legislative powers to help resolve the labour dispute at the Calgary Herald.

Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, presented a petition from 151 Edmonton and area residents 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 22 Edmonton and area residents requesting the Government to stop promoting and implementing Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act, and the privatization of public health care.

Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, presented a petition from 49 Sherwood Park residents opposing the proposal to allow private for-profit hospitals in Alberta.

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, presented a petition from 179 Albertans urging the Government to maintain Kananaskis in a natural state, deny development approval to any intensive recreational developments, and create a Wildland Provincial Park.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 200 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.

Mr. White, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, presented a petition from 189 Calgary residents urging the Government to maintain Kananaskis in a natural state, deny development approval to any intensive recreational developments, and create a Wildland Provincial Park.

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:

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 Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, 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:

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

Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees

Mr. Trynchy, Chairman, Select Standing Committee on Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, presented the following report:

Report of the Standing Committee on the Alberta Heritage Trust Fund, May 2000,
Legislative Assembly of Alberta

Sessional Paper 835/2000

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Office of the Farmers' Advocate of Alberta, Annual Report 1999

Sessional Paper 836/2000

Mrs. Forsyth, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek:

Newspaper dated May 2000 entitled "Connecting Voices Creating Choices"
prepared by the Prostitution Awareness and Action Foundation of Edmonton

Sessional Paper 837/2000

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

Invitation to Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, from the
Support Network of Edmonton to attend the Theresa Comrie Champagne
Luncheon which will be held at the Hotel MacDonald, Edmonton, on May 12,
2000

Sessional Paper 838/2000

Invitation to Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, from the Girl
Guides of Canada, Edmonton, to attend the Annual Area Awards and
Appreciation dinner, which will be held at the Delta Edmonton South, Edmonton,
on May 10, 2000

Sessional Paper 839/2000

Report dated January 26, 2000, entitled "Policy Framework: Homelessness"
prepared by Alberta Community Development, Family and Special Purpose
Housing

Sessional Paper 840/2000

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

Letter dated May 5, 2000, from Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official
Opposition, to The Right Honourable Jean Chrétien, Prime Minister, urging the
Federal Government to use its powers to ensure that Bill 11, Health Care
Protection Act, is not allowed to become law

Sessional Paper 841/2000

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

E-mail message dated April 18, 2000, from Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, to Barb Baker, Edmonton, responding to her e-mail message dated April 18, 2000, to The Right Honourable Jean Chrétien, Prime Minister, expressing her concerns regarding, and opposition to, Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act

Sessional Paper 842/2000

Web page from the voteAlberta.org Bill 11 web site, showing the poll status for or against Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act, as of May 7, 2000

Sessional Paper 843/2000

Web page belonging to John D. Mills, Lethbridge, showing 4 entries in a guest book expressing opposition to Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act

Sessional Paper 844/2000

Update of Government of Alberta web site, dated May 4, 2000, entitled "Bill 11 Debate Summary for May 3, 2000"

Sessional Paper 845/2000

Letter dated May 4, 2000, from Michael Aston, Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Coordinator, Alberta Treasury, to Lennie Kaplan, Liberal Caucus Researcher, responding to a request for access to information relating to the implementation of an 11% single tax rate, the elimination of the 0.5% flat tax, the elimination of the 8% surtax, and an increase in personal, spousal, and equivalent-to-spouse exemptions, and attaching a severed document entitled "Personal Income Tax Issues"

Sessional Paper 846/2000

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

Cité libre article dated Spring 2000, entitled "Is a Two-Tier Health-Care System the Right Answer?" written by Victor Leblanc

Sessional Paper 847/2000

Health Matters article dated April 1995, entitled "Operating in the public interest?" regarding waiting times for appointments in NHS (National Health Service), written by John Yates

Sessional Paper 848/2000

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

Letter dated May 1, 2000, from Michelle Laing-LeClercq, Beaumont, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concerns regarding, and opposition to, Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act

Sessional Paper 849/2000

Letter dated April 25, 2000, from Carol Beck, Chairperson, Prince Albert District Health Board, to Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, advising that she has written to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, urging Mr. Klein to consider withdrawing Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act, and requesting Dr. Pannu's assistance to have the Bill 11 withdrawn

Sessional Paper 850/2000

Letter, undated, from Carol Larsen, RN, BN, Standard, to Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health and Wellness, expressing grave concerns regarding Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act, and asking Mr. Jonson to vote against it

Sessional Paper 851/2000

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Letter dated March 5, 2000, from Keith Walker, Calgary, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to the Genesis Land Development Corporation development in the Spray Valley of Kananaskis Country

Sessional Paper 852/2000

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry:

Letter dated April 6, 2000, from the Grade 6 class of St. Anne School, Edmonton, expressing opposition to Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act

Sessional Paper 853/2000

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert:

5 letters, undated, from Gary M. Comer, Vic Mastrosard, Doug Edwards, P. Lemoine, and Gerald Larson, all of Edmonton, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health and Wellness, and Members of the Legislative Assembly, expressing opposition to the proposal to allow Regional Health Authorities to enter into contractual arrangements with private for-profit hospitals

Sessional Paper 854/2000

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Program from performance entitled "Mama Mia! Me a Mama?" presented by the Big Mama Co-op, Edmonton

Sessional Paper 855/2000

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

Letter dated April 17, 2000, from Hon. Gary Doer, Premier of Manitoba, to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, responding to Mr. MacDonald's letter of January 19, 2000, regarding the issue of the shortage of health professionals in the health care system across the country

Sessional Paper 856/2000

Program from the King's University College Graduation Convocation 2000, held on April 29, 2000

Sessional Paper 857/2000

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood:

E-mail message dated April 27, 2000, from Herb Baldwin, Red Deer, to Members of the Legislative Assembly, attaching a response to an opinion by Mr. Doerksen, Hon. Member for Red Deer-South, printed in the Red Deer Advocate on April 20, 2000, regarding health care issues

Sessional Paper 858/2000

Oral Question Period

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

Report dated April 14, 2000, to be presented to Edmonton City Council, providing a response to an Administrative Inquiry respecting Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act, requested by Councillor D. Thiele on March 7, 2000

Sessional Paper 859/2000

Recognitions

Ms Kryczka, Hon. Member for Calgary-West: Jerry Selinger, QC, Chief Crown Prosecutor, Calgary Crown Prosecutor's Office, who passed away on May 2, 2000, at 50 years of age, and for his numerous contributions to the community, notably, as a member of the Alberta Justice Working Committee on Domestic Violence, as well as on the steering committee of the national pilot project in developing a domestic violence intake court in Calgary, and for his contribution in establishing a native court on the Tsuu T'ina reserve

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry: Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Month, and related celebrations including the 10th annual Super Cities Walk for Multiple Sclerosis at Rundle Park, Edmonton, on May 7, 2000, raising \$64,143 to date, and the 400 volunteers and many corporate sponsors who organized and facilitated the walk

Mr. Strang, Hon. Member for West Yellowhead: Grande Cache Rockies Senior Hockey Team, on winning the Alberta North Central Hockey League Championship, May 9, 2000, and head coach Rick Bentley, coaching staff, sponsors, and citizens of Grande Cache for supporting and encouraging the team

Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview: International Nursing Week, May 8-14, 2000, themed, "Nursing in the New Millenium" and the 180th birthday of Florence Nightingale

Mr. Lougheed, Hon. Member for Clover Bar-Fort Saskatchewan: Monument to Lord Strathcona, unveiled May 6, 2000, at a ceremony in Sherwood Park celebrating his life and accomplishments, project coordinator, John Ashton, for organizing the event, and Dawn McLean, the creator of the monument

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark: Bill Hunter, on the renaming of the Jasper Place arena as the Bill Hunter arena, and his achievements, notably, helping to found the World Hockey Association, the Western Hockey League, laying the groundwork for the National Hockey League's coming to Edmonton, acting as the Edmonton Oiler's general manager, recipient of the Order of Canada for his work as a hockey pioneer, and his nomination to the Hockey Hall of Fame

Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert: 12th annual Excellence in Teaching awards, May 6, 2000, honouring 21 teachers from across Alberta, and specifically Mark Samuel, St. Albert Catholic High School, who teaches many of the students in St. Albert who are at risk, and for his work and inspiration to young students at the St. Albert Storefront School

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

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, Hon. Member for Leduc, moved that this question be now put, pursuant to Standing Order 47(1).

A debate followed.

Mrs. Forsyth, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, moved adjournment of the debate on the motion for the previous question, which was agreed to.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(1), the Deputy Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 5:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

MONDAY, MAY 8, 2000 — 8:00 P.M.

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

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

A debate followed on the motion for the previous question.

Mr. Renner moved adjournment of the debate on the motion for the previous question, which was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 12:08 a.m. Tuesday, May 9, 2000, until 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Monday, May 8, 2000