



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 40

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Fourth Session

Twenty-Fourth Legislature

Thursday, May 11, 2000

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

Presenting Petitions

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, presented a petition from 153 Edmonton and area residents requesting increased funding for public and separate schools to levels which will cover increased costs.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from 8 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 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.

Reading and Receiving Petitions

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

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

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

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Alberta Government to take an enlightened preventative approach and add the newer and more effective medications and therapies to the Alberta drug list to ensure the health of an aging society.

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

We, the undersigned citizens of Alberta, hereby petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government to immediately stop promoting private for-profit health care within the domain of medically required services, and to ban any existing for-profit operations that are conducting medically required surgical services, as paid for by the Government of Alberta through any Regional Health Authority in the Province.

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 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 24 Wilderness Areas, Ecological Reserves and Natural Areas Amendment Act,
2000 — Hon. Mr. Mar

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Environment:

New release dated May 11, 2000, entitled “Legislative Amendment will protect Alberta’s grasslands heritage” prepared by Alberta Environment, regarding Bill 24, Wilderness Areas, Ecological Reserves and Natural Areas Amendment Act, 2000

Sessional Paper 926/2000

Mr. Hlady, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View:

Report dated May 2000, entitled “Wage Enhancement” prepared by a variety of childcare organizations, educational institutions, and municipal organizations in Calgary, supporting better wages for childcare professionals

Sessional Paper 927/2000

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

E-mail message dated May 11, 2000, from Kay and Ross Gould, Calgary, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, asking questions about private health care facilities in view of the Premier’s comments during Third Reading debate on Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act

Sessional Paper 928/2000

E-mail message dated May 11, 2000, from Fiona Boulet, Calgary, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concerns regarding Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act, and the way Albertans who oppose Bill 11 have been treated by the Government during debate on the Bill

Sessional Paper 929/2000

Petition signed by 19 Albertans urging 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

Sessional Paper 930/2000

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

Summary of 128 questions asked by Calgary residents during the “Night of 100 Questions Rally” at the McDougall Centre, Calgary, on May 3, 2000, regarding Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act

Sessional Paper 931/2000

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

Document dated May 11, 2000, entitled "Tax on Income Proposals in the Provinces" setting out income tax rates in eight provinces

Sessional Paper 932/2000

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood:

E-mail message dated May 4, 2000, from Toni Ziganash, Edmonton, to Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood, expressing support for Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act

Sessional Paper 933/2000

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

Letter dated January 27, 2000, from Hon. Brian Tobin, Premier of Newfoundland, to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, indicating that health care would be a priority agenda item at the Premiers' conference in February 2000 in response to Mr. MacDonald's letter dated January 19, 2000, urging that the shortage of health professionals be discussed at the Premiers' conference

Sessional Paper 934/2000

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

News release dated May 11, 2000, entitled "It's not over!" prepared by the Friends of Medicare, regarding Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act being given Third Reading

Sessional Paper 935/2000

Members' Statements

Ms Kryczka, Hon. Member for Calgary-West, made a statement regarding Nursing Week, May 8-14, 2000, coinciding with Florence Nightingale's birthday, May 12, 2000, to be celebrated with a series of simultaneous birthday parties in a many communities at 6:00 p.m. on May 12, 2000

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood, made a statement regarding the public opposition to Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act, and concern by the Official Opposition regarding comments made by some Government Members of the Legislative Assembly during the disruptions in the Gallery the previous evening.

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. Havelock, Deputy Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government Business for the week of May 15 to May 19, 2000:

Monday, May 15	<p>Aft. - Government Bills and Orders Second Reading Bill 18, 19 And as per Order Paper</p> <p>Eve. - Government Bills and Orders Committee of the Whole Bill 3, 13, 16 Second Reading Bill 18, 19, 24 And as per Order Paper</p>
Tuesday, May 16	<p>(4:30) - Private Bills Second Reading Bill Pr3 Committee of the Whole Bill Pr1, Pr3, Pr2, Pr4, Pr5 Third Reading Bill Pr1, Pr3, Pr2, Pr4, Pr5 Government Bills and Orders Government Motion 18 And as per Order Paper</p> <p>Eve. - Government Bills and Orders Committee of the Whole Bill 23 Second Reading Bill 20, 18, 19 And as per Order Paper</p>
Wednesday, May 17	<p>Eve. - Government Bills and Orders Committee of the Whole based on progress Tuesday in consultation with Opposition</p>

Third Reading

All

And as per Order Paper

Thursday, May 18

Aft. - **Government Bills and Orders**

Committee of the Whole

based on progress Wednesday in
consultation with Opposition

Third Reading

All

And as per Order Paper

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

Debate continued on the amendment introduced by the Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie on May 2, 2000, that the motion be amended by striking out all of the words after “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 18, Alberta Personal Income Tax Act, be not now read a Second time because the Assembly believes that as a result of the tax reduction measures announced in the 2000 Federal budget the Bill would not ensure that all Alberta taxpayers receive a fair tax reduction.

Hon. Ms Calahasen moved adjournment of the debate on the reasoned amendment, which was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:03 p.m. until Monday, May 15, 2000, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Thursday, May 11, 2000