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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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

Presenting Petitions

Dr. Nicol, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, presented a petition from 2,003 Albertans requesting the introduction of a bill requiring a minimum of two people on shifts from dark to daylight.

Mr. Gibbons, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, presented a petition from 131 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 72 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. 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 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 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.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Environment:

Response to Written Question WQ2 asked for by Mr. White on March 8, 2000:

How many Alberta Environment staff and how many individuals on contract were available to fight forest fires on April 1, July 1 and October 1, 1999 and what were the equivalent numbers for the same dates in 1998?

Sessional Paper 936/2000

Response to Written Question WQ3 asked for by Mr. White on March 8, 2000:

What base resources were available to fight forest fires in Alberta at the beginning of the 1992, 1993, 1998 and 1999 fire seasons, including the number and type of air tankers, the number and type of helicopters and the number and size of wildland firefighting units?

Sessional Paper 937/2000

Response to Written Question WQ4 asked for by Ms Carlson on March 8, 2000:

How many fish and wildlife officers and how many park rangers were employed by Alberta Environment on April 1, in 1992 and 1998, and how many conservation officers were employed on April 1, 1999 to carry out the duties previously performed by fish and wildlife officers and park rangers?

Sessional Paper 938/2000

Response to Written Question WQ5 asked for by Mr. White on March 8, 2000:

During the calendar year 1999, how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in the entire Land and Forest Service, and specifically how many were employed in the Forest Management Division and in the Forestry Regional and Area offices; what was the total area of allocated Crown land (held under forest management agreements and other forms of tenure) on which forest management operations had to be supervised and how many full-time equivalent staff were involved in monitoring in the field?

Sessional Paper 939/2000

Response to Written Question WQ6 asked for by Mr. White on March 8, 2000:

How many forest officers with the working title or classification of Forest Officer, Forester, Agrologist, or Manager in Land and Forest Service, were employed by the then Alberta Environmental Protection on April 1, 1999?

Sessional Paper 940/2000

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

Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan Schedule of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Benefits

Sessional Paper 941/2000

Alberta Health Care Insurance Schedule of Medical Benefits Procedure List

Sessional Paper 942/2000

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood:

Letter dated May 12, 2000, from Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood, to Hon. Mr. Havelock, Minister of Economic Development, inquiring as to what steps have been taken by the Department of Economic Development to support the Government of Canada's diplomatic measures against the Socialist Republic of Vietnam in response to the execution of a Canadian citizen

Sessional Paper 943/2000

Letter dated May 12, 2000, from Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood, to Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of International and Intergovernmental Relations, inquiring as to what steps have been taken by the Government of Alberta to support the Government of Canada's diplomatic measures against the Socialist Republic of Vietnam in response to the execution of a Canadian citizen

Sessional Paper 944/2000

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

Program dated May 11, 2000, from the Steele Barracks Dedication Ceremony

Sessional Paper 945/2000

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

Report, undated, entitled "Bridging Downtown and Inner City - The first 30 years of Edmonton City Centre Church Corporation" prepared by Kathryn A. Ivany

Sessional Paper 946/2000

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

Report dated March 2000, entitled "Suicide Data Report - Suicide and Self Inflicted Injury Among Albertans" prepared by Alberta Centre for Injury Control and Research, Suicide Information and Education Centre, Alberta Health and Wellness, and Health Canada

Sessional Paper 947/2000

Program and accompanying information regarding the Alberta Registered Nurses Educational Trust and the Nightingale Night 2000 gala held on May 12, 2000
Sessional Paper 948/2000

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

Report dated 1991, entitled “Your Views and Experience Are Critical In the Development of New Environmental Regulations for Alberta” prepared by Honourable Ralph Klein, former Minister of Environment
Sessional Paper 949/2000

2 letters dated April 18, 2000, from Paulette Smith, Claresholm, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and Aileen Pelzer, Calgary, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Environment, both expressing opposition to the Genesis Land Corporation development of the Spray Lakes area of Kananaskis Country
Sessional Paper 950/2000

E-mail message dated May 9, 2000, from Jerry Smith, Medicine Hat, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to and requesting the withdrawal of Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act
Sessional Paper 951/2000

Recognitions

Ms Kryczka, Hon. Member for Calgary-West: Scott, a chemically dependent adolescent, the 131st graduate of the Alberta Adolescent Recovery Centre (AARC)

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark: Juvenile Arthritis Week, May 13-19, 2000, bringing public awareness to the illness

Ms Fritz, Hon. Member for Calgary-Cross: Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Month, May 2000, and Dr. Luanne Metz, University of Calgary, the only Canadian chosen to sit on the North American steering committee to study the effectiveness of the first oral medication for multiple sclerosis

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert: Palliative Care Week, May 14-20, 2000, developed to address the needs of those with terminal illness

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort: Samir Pradhan, Stephen Kung, and Casey Wang, recipients of the Youth Immigrants of Distinction Awards given out by the Calgary Immigrant Aid Society

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo: Day of Compassion, May 20, 2000, dedicated to the treatment and understanding of Alzheimer disease and other dementia, sponsored by the Alzheimer Association of Alberta

Mr. Broda, Hon. Member for Redwater: Constable Laurel Kading, Morinville RCMP (Royal Canadian Mounted Police) and Trevor Tychowsky, Smoky Lake resident, Alberta Justice Crime Prevention Award 2000 recipients

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.

The question being put, with Mr. Tannas in the Chair, the amendment was defeated. The names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 11

Bonner	MacBeth	Sloan
Dickson	Massey	Soetaert
Gibbons	Nicol	White
Leibovici	Pannu	

Against the amendment: 37

Broda	Jacques	Renner
Burgener	Johnson	Severtson
Cao	Jonson	Shariff
Coutts	Klapstein	Stelmach
Ducharme	Kryczka	Stevens
Dunford	Lougheed	Strang
Fischer	Lund	Thurber
Forsyth	McClellan	Trynchy
Fritz	McFarland	West
Graham	Melchin	Woloshyn
Haley	O'Neill	Yankowsky
Herard	Oberg	Zwozdesky
Hlady		

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all the words after “that” and substituting the following:

Bill 18, Alberta Personal Income Tax Act, be not now read a Second time but that the Order for Second Reading be discharged, the Bill withdrawn and the subject-matter be referred to the Standing Committee on Law and Regulations.

Debate continued on the amendment.

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(1), debate adjourned on the amendment, Mr. White speaking.

Adjournment

The Assembly adjourned at 5:30 p.m. and it was agreed that when the Assembly reconvened at 8:00 p.m. it would be in Committee of the Whole and the Speaker left the Chair.

MONDAY, MAY 15, 2000 — 8:00 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

(Assembly in Committee)

During Committee of the Whole consideration of Bill 23, Apprenticeship and Industry Training Amendment Act, 2000, Mr. Dickson, Official Opposition House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Committee to waive Standing Order 32(2) to reduce the time between division bells from 10 minutes to one minute.

The question was immediately put on the amendment to Bill 23, Apprenticeship and Industry Training Amendment Act, 2000, introduced by Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar on May 15, 2000, that the Bill be amended as follows:

- A. Section 3(c) is amended, in the proposed section 3, by striking out subsection (3).
- B. Section 8 is amended, in the proposed section 13.1, by striking out subsection (2).
- C. Section 16 is amended by striking out clause (b).
- D. Section 17 is struck out.

With Mr. Tannas in the Chair, the amendment was defeated. The names being called for were taken as follows:

For the amendment: 7

Carlson	Nicol	Sloan
Dickson	Sapers	White
MacDonald		

Against the amendment: 28

Broda	Klapstein	Shariff
Cardinal	Kryczka	Stelmach
Clegg	Laing	Stevens
Coutts	Lund	Strang
Ducharme	Magnus	Thurber
Fischer	McClellan	West
Graham	McFarland	Woloshyn
Havelock	Melchin	Yankowsky
Hlady	Oberg	Zwozdesky
Jonson		

And after some time spent therein, the Speaker assumed the Chair.

The following Bills were reported:

Bill 16 Condominium Property Amendment Act, 2000 — Mrs. Laing
Bill 23 Apprenticeship and Industry Training Amendment Act, 2000 — Hon.
Dr. Oberg

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 13 Energy Statutes Amendment Act, 2000 — Mr. Hlady

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 13 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View) —
Agreed to

Sessional Paper 952/2000

Amendment to Bill 16 (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo on behalf of the
Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 953/2000

Amendment to Bill 23 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar) — Defeated
on division

Sessional Paper 954/2000

Second Reading

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

Bill 19 Alberta Income Tax Amendment Act, 2000 — Hon. Mr. Day

A debate followed.

Ms Carlson moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:03 p.m. until Tuesday, May 16, 2000, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Monday, May 15, 2000