



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 42

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Fourth Session

Twenty-Fourth Legislature

Tuesday, May 16, 2000

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

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Gibbons, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Manning, presented a petition from 44 Edmonton residents 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.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 69 Albertans requesting that the Government not institute a flat tax.

Reading and Receiving Petitions

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 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 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.

Notices of Motions

Pursuant to Standing Order 34(2)(a), Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following Written Questions and Motions for Returns to be dealt with Wednesday, May 17, 2000:

Written Questions: WQ21, WQ23, WQ24, WQ25.

Motions for Returns: MR39, MR47, MR50.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Havelock, Minister of Economic Development:

Response to Written Question WQ8 asked for by Dr. Nicol on April 5, 2000:

What are the *actual* costs of operating Alberta's trade offices and engaging trade consultants under contract abroad for the fiscal year 1998-99, broken down by *posted staffing costs, locally engaged administrative and clerical staffing costs, accommodation and operating costs, and what was the salary range for posted staff?*

Sessional Paper 955/2000

Return to Order of the Assembly MR24 asked for by Dr. Nicol on April 5, 2000:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of *monthly report summaries* prepared by the Department of Economic Development on Alberta trade offices abroad for the fiscal years 1997-98 and 1998-99.

Sessional Paper 956/2000

Hon. Dr. West, Acting Provincial Treasurer:

Public Finance article dated 1996, entitled "On the Classification and Interpretation of Global Progressivity Measures" prepared by K. Cassady, G.C. Ruggeri, and D. Van Wart, all of Alberta Treasury

Sessional Paper 957/2000

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

Letter dated April 9, 2000, from Claire Goertzen, Lacombe, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding, and opposition to, Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act, and opposition to private surgical facilities

Sessional Paper 958/2000

E-mail message dated May 15, 2000, from Harry B. Chase, Calgary, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opinions regarding Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act, and Bill 18, Alberta Personal Income Tax Act

Sessional Paper 959/2000

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

Report, undated, entitled "JPGF C.A.N.!" prepared by the Jasper Place Gateway Foundation Community Access Network, describing the services they provide to help the community learn about computers and Internet access

Sessional Paper 960/2000

Letter dated May 10, 2000, from Harry B. Chase, unaddressed, expressing opinions regarding Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act, and Bill 18, Alberta Personal Income Tax Act

Sessional Paper 961/2000

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

Letter, undated, from Allan P. Jobson to Mr. Doerksen, Hon. Member for Red Deer-South, Chairman, Review Panel of the WCB, (Workers' Compensation Board) regarding WCB concerns expressed by workers and employers, and offering solutions

Sessional Paper 962/2000

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

Letter, undated, from Brenda McClelland, McDonald's Restaurants of Canada Limited, unaddressed, outlining the events of McHappy Day XII, May 16, 2000, with attached volunteer application form

Sessional Paper 963/2000

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

Letter dated May 8, 2000, from Bruce Uditsky, Alberta Association for Community Living, Odette Dantzer Skoglund, Developmental Disabilities Resource Centre of Calgary, and Bev McKay, Families Allied to Influence Responsible Eldercare, to Mr. Ganske, Director, Customer and Information Service, Senior Services Division, Community Development, attaching a summary of findings from the Protection for Persons in Care Act community consultation held March 15, 2000

Sessional Paper 964/2000

News release dated May 15, 2000, entitled "For Patients, Not For Profits, Alberta Physicians Speak Out on Health Care in Our Province" prepared by 150 Calgary physicians

Sessional Paper 965/2000

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

Letter dated April 3, 2000, from Janice Waddell, Social Housing Advisory Committee (SHAC), to Hon. Mr. Woloshyn, Minister of Community Development, requesting a meeting to discuss the 30% of gross income paid for rent in social housing

Sessional Paper 966/2000

Letter dated May 3, 2000, from Hon. Mr. Woloshyn, Minister of Community Development, to Janice Waddell, Social Housing Advisory Committee (SHAC), in response to Ms Waddell's letter of April 3, 2000, advising he is unable to meet with her committee, and advising that he has asked Mr. Clarence Bereska, Housing Advisor, Family and Special Purposes Housing, to meet with her committee

Sessional Paper 967/2000

Oral Question Period

During Oral Question Period, Hon. Dr. West, Acting Provincial Treasurer, tabled the following:

Report, undated, entitled "Alberta Families Win With New Provincial Tax System" prepared by the National Foundation for Family Research and Education, outlining initiatives and benefits of Bill 18, Alberta Personal Income Tax Act

Sessional Paper 968/2000

Members' Statements

Mr. Lougheed, Hon. Member for Clover Bar-Fort Saskatchewan, made a statement regarding Crime Prevention Week, May 13-19, 2000, coordinated by Alberta Justice with the Alberta Community Crime Prevention Association, and the 13 recipients of the Alberta Justice Crime Prevention Awards on May 13, 2000.

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry, made a statement regarding Rendez-vous Canada 2000, held in Calgary, May 6-10, 2000, organized by the Tourism Industry Association of Canada.

Mr. Friedel, Hon. Member for Peace River, made a statement regarding the death of Dr. Mary Percy Jackson, Manning, on May 6, 2000, and paid tribute to her 50-year dedication to the practice of medicine in the Peace Country, her receipt of several awards, and her authorship talent.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 209 Employment Standards (Parental Leave) Amendment Act, 2000 — Mr. Cao

A debate followed.

During debate, Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort, tabled the following:

13 letters dated November 12-16, 1998, from Albertans, and a variety of community agencies dealing with children and child development, to Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort, expressing support for his proposed amendment to the Employment Standards Act regarding maternity and adoption leave
Sessional Paper 969/2000

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(2)(b), debate adjourned, Dr. Massey speaking.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

510. Moved by Ms Olsen:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to establish a special task force in conjunction with federal and municipal authorities to examine ways to preserve neighbourhoods affected by school closures and business relocations.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was defeated.

511. Moved by Ms Kryczka (amended):

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to *broaden the mandate of the Interdepartmental Committee on Family Violence to include elder abuse so that its functions are to; educate and further raise the awareness of Albertans about this serious problem for seniors; support current government and community initiatives and support improvements on them, if needed; identify gaps in legislation and services to seniors in areas where they might be at risk; and to ensure the Committee has adequate resources to handle its expanded role as advocate for seniors in Alberta.*

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to unanimously.

Private Bills

Second Reading

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

Bill Pr3 Westcastle Development Authority Repeal Act — Mr. Coutts

Committee of the Whole

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, and the Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bills were reported:

Bill Pr1 Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the Province of Alberta Repeal Act — Mr. Coutts

Bill Pr2 William Roper Hull Child and Family Services Amendment Act, 2000 — Mr. Stevens

Bill Pr3 Westcastle Development Authority Repeal Act — Mr. Coutts

Bill Pr4 Calgary Municipal Heritage Properties Authority Amendment Act, 2000 — Mrs. Laing

Bill Pr5 Calgary Foundation Act — Mrs. Burgener

Third Reading

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill Pr1 Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the Province of Alberta Repeal Act — Mr. Coutts

Bill Pr2 William Roper Hull Child and Family Services Amendment Act, 2000 — Mr. Stevens

Ms Graham, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed, requested and received unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 73(1) allowing for Third Reading consideration of the following Bill:

Bill Pr3 Westcastle Development Authority Repeal Act — Mr. Coutts

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

- Bill Pr3 Westcastle Development Authority Repeal Act — Mr. Coutts
Bill Pr4 Calgary Municipal Heritage Properties Authority Amendment Act,
2000 — Mrs. Laing
Bill Pr5 Calgary Foundation Act — Mrs. Burgener

Government Motions

18. Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock:

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.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed

- Bill 5 Land Titles Amendment Act, 2000 — Mr. Jacques

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:16 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, MAY 16, 2000 — 8:00 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

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

Third Reading

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

- Bill 7 Alberta Science, Research and Technology Authority Amendment Act, 2000
(\$ — Hon. Dr. Taylor
- Bill 10 Securities Amendment Act, 2000 — Mr. Hlady
- Bill 13 Energy Statutes Amendment Act, 2000 — Mr. Hlady
- Bill 15 Business Corporations Amendment Act, 2000 — Mr. Melchin
- Bill 16 Condominium Property Amendment Act, 2000 — Mrs. Laing
- Bill 17 Fair Trading Amendment Act, 2000 — Mr. Ducharme

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

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

The question being put, with Hon. Mr. Kowalski in the Chair, the motion was agreed to. The names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 30

Boutilier	Gibbons	Paszkowski
Broda	Graham	Renner
Cao	Hancock	Severtson
Clegg	Hlady	Shariff
Doerksen	Johnson	Stelmach
Dunford	Kryczka	Stevens
Evans	Langevin	Tarchuk
Forsyth	Marz	Taylor
Friedel	McFarland	Woloshyn
Fritz	Oberg	Zwozdesky

Against the motion: 8

Blakeman	Massey	Sapers
Leibovici	Nicol	Soetaert
MacDonald	Olsen	

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

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

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

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, moved that the question be now put, pursuant to Standing Order 47(1).

A debate followed on the motion for the previous question.

Hon. Dr. Taylor 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 11:30 p.m. until Wednesday, May 17, 2000, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Tuesday, May 16, 2000