



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Fourth Session

Twenty-Fourth Legislature

Wednesday, May 17, 2000

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

Presenting Petitions

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from 100 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 94 Calgary and 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 120 Calgary residents requesting that the Government use its legislative powers to help resolve the labour dispute at the Calgary Herald.

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 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 urge the Government not to institute a flat tax because:

- it will unfairly shift the tax load from high-income earners onto middle-income Albertans;
- it will deepen the divisions between rich and poor in Alberta society; and
- it will do nothing to simplify the tax system.

Notices of Motions

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

Be it resolved that debate on Second Reading of Bill 18, Alberta Personal Income Tax Act, shall not be further adjourned.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier:

Report dated February 2000, entitled "Premier's Mission to Japan and China 1999" prepared by the Government of Alberta, regarding the Team Canada Mission to Japan, September 11-17, 1999, and the Premier's Mission to China, September 18-23, 1999

Sessional Paper 970/2000

Hon. Dr. West, Acting Provincial Treasurer:

Report dated April 1996, entitled "Taxes and the New Economy-Why Fairness Matters-Progressive Versus Flat Taxes" prepared by Robert J. Shapiro, Director of Economic Studies, Progressive Foundation

Sessional Paper 971/2000

News release dated May 6, 2000, entitled "Klein's tax cuts a boon to middle-class-Bill 18 critics out to lunch" prepared by the Canadian Taxpayers Federation

Sessional Paper 972/2000

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

Letter dated May 16, 2000, from Kim Cassady, Constituency Manager for Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, to Mr. Herard, Hon. Member for Calgary-Egmont, regarding Mr. Herard referencing individuals not in the Legislature during the May 10, 2000, evening session debate on Bill 18, Alberta Personal Income Tax Act

Sessional Paper 973/2000

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

Privacy Commissioner of Canada, Annual Report, 1999-2000

Sessional Paper 974/2000

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Letter dated February 14, 2000, from Robin White, MCIP (Member of the Canadian Institute of Planners), to Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, attaching his letter dated February 14, 2000, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to the development of the Spray Lakes area of Kananaskis Country, and document entitled "Kananaskis Country - Spray Lakes-A Review of the Genesis Development Application" prepared by Robin White, MCIP

Sessional Paper 975/2000

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

Program for the Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadian) Statue Unveiling Ceremony at the Alberta Legislature on May 17, 2000 - Office of the Speaker

Sessional Paper 976/2000

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

Excerpt from Ontario Legislature Hansard dated February 1, 2000, of comments made by Hon. Mr. Eves, Minister of Finance, during the Finance Committee's pre-budget hearings

Sessional Paper 977/2000

Letter dated April 18, 2000, from Alison Longson, Calgary, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concern regarding the Genesis Land Development Corporation's proposal to develop the Spray Lakes area in Kananaskis Country

Sessional Paper 978/2000

E-mail message dated May 17, 2000, from Trevor Nickel, Sherwood Park, to Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Children's Services, regarding the Government's health care policy and questioning the details regarding the staffing of a position in the Department of Health

Sessional Paper 979/2000

Oral Question Period

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

Letter dated May 16, 2000, from Jane A. Schulz, MD, FRCS(C), Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Royal Alexandra Hospital, to Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, regarding private service for CT (computed tomography) scanning, with attached letter dated May 12, 2000, from Carl W. Torbiak, MD, Meadowlark MRI (magnetic resonance imaging) and CT, to colleagues in the medical field, announcing the addition of CT services at their Meadowlark facility

Sessional Paper 980/2000

Recognitions

Mrs. Burgener, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie: The Government of Japan for sponsoring the 2000 Ship for World Youth program, where 266 youth from 16 nations will sail through the Pacific Ocean on the Nippon Maru

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar: Al and Edna Sempovich, long-time residents of the Edmonton-Gold Bar constituency, for their efforts in supporting the public health care system

Ms Kryczka, Hon. Member for Calgary-West: Calgary and District Heritage Fair held in Calgary on May 13, 2000, organized to help students in grades 4 to 9 learn more about their Canadian heritage

Ms Olsen, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood: Linda Lovewalsh, Principal, Eastwood Elementary School, for composing the song, One Child, Our Future, written to commemorate the millennium, Johan Brinkmann, music teacher, Kirkness School, for arranging the music to the song, and the choir of Eastwood Elementary School and the band comprised of public school teachers, Men in Black and One Lady, who will record a CD (compact disc) of the song

Mr. Boutilier, Hon. Member for Fort McMurray: Fort McMurray Oil Barons Junior A hockey team on winning the Royal Bank Cup in Fort McMurray on May 14, 2000

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona: Riaz Choudry, former City of Edmonton employee, for his personal integrity, commitment to public service, professionalism, and primacy of public interest, evidenced when he advised the City of Edmonton of an unnecessary sewer project in 1991

Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert: 2001 World Championships in Athletics, the concurrent Festival of the Worlds, and an arts and cultural celebration which will be held in Edmonton August 3-12, 2001, and noting that Edmonton is the first North American city to host this event

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Question was accepted:

WQ25. Moved by Mr. Dickson on behalf of Mrs. Sloan:

What negotiations has the Government been involved in regarding the status of Aboriginal adoptions and what reasons have been identified as a result of these negotiations for the lack of placements approved by Aboriginal bands in the fiscal year 1999-2000?

The following Written Questions were rejected:

WQ21. Moved by Ms Leibovici:

How many hospital beds have been closed in the Province from January 1, 1993 to January 1, 2000; how many nurses have lost their jobs due to those closures; and how many doctors have lost their jobs due to those closures?

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

For the motion: 6

Bonner	Leibovici	Soetaert
Dickson	Nicol	White

Against the motion: 42

Amery	Havelock	O'Neill
Boutilier	Herard	Paszkowski
Broda	Hierath	Pham
Burgener	Hlady	Renner
Coutts	Klapstein	Shariff
Day	Kryczka	Smith
Doerksen	Laing	Stelmach
Ducharme	Lund	Stevens
Forsyth	Magnus	Strang
Friedel	Marz	Tarchuk
Gordon	McClellan	Taylor
Graham	McFarland	Thurber
Haley	Melchin	Trynchy
Hancock	Nelson	Yankowsky

WQ23. Moved by Mr. Dickson on behalf of Mrs. Sloan:

What is the number of aboriginal children who moved from permanent guardianship status to adoption in the fiscal year of 1998-99?

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: 12

Bonner	Leibovici	Nicol
Dickson	Lund	Soetaert
Havelock	Marz	Trynchy
Hancock	McClellan	White

Against the motion: 29

Amery	Hierath	Renner
Broda	Hlady	Shariff
Burgener	Klapstein	Smith
Coutts	Kryczka	Stevens
Doerksen	Magnus	Strang
Ducharme	Melchin	Tarchuk
Forsyth	Nelson	Taylor
Friedel	O'Neill	Thurber
Graham	Paszkowski	Yankowsky
Haley	Pham	

WQ24. Moved by Mrs. Soetaert on behalf of Mrs. Sloan:

What is the breakdown of student loan default rates for each calendar year from January 1, 1993 to December 31, 1999 broken down according to learning institution?

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: 13

Bonner	Havelock	Nicol
Dickson	Leibovici	O'Neill
Doerksen	Lund	Soetaert
Ducharme	Marz	White
Hancock		

Against the motion: 26

Amery	Klapstein	Shariff
Burgener	Kryczka	Smith
Coutts	Magnus	Stevens
Forsyth	McClellan	Strang
Friedel	Melchin	Taylor
Graham	Nelson	Thurber
Haley	Paszkowski	Trynchy
Herard	Pham	Yankowsky
Hlady	Renner	

The following Written Question was ordered to stand:

WQ22.

Motions for Returns

The following Motion for Return was accepted as amended:

MR50. Moved by Mrs. Soetaert on behalf of Ms Blakeman:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copy of any document for the redevelopment of mainframe technology for the Maintenance Enforcement Program.

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, moved the motion be amended to read:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copy of *the Request for Quotation for preparation of a business plan* for the redevelopment of mainframe technology for the Maintenance Enforcement Program.

The following Motions for Returns were rejected:

MR39. Moved by Mr. Dickson on behalf of Mr. Sapers:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copy of the October 31, 1997 document prepared by, or for, Alberta Treasury entitled "Alberta Treasury Branches: Process, Environmental Scan, Possible Government Objectives, and Alternative Business Outcomes."

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: 5

Bonner	Nicol	White
Dickson	Soetaert	

Against the motion: 33

Amery	Haley	O'Neill
Boutilier	Hancock	Paszkowski
Burgener	Havelock	Pham
Cao	Herard	Renner
Coutts	Hlady	Shariff
Doerksen	Klapstein	Smith
Ducharme	Lund	Stevens
Fischer	Marz	Strang
Forsyth	McClellan	Taylor
Friedel	Melchin	Thurber
Graham	Nelson	Yankowsky

MR47. Moved by Dickson on behalf of Mr. Sapers:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all reports, studies and background documents prepared by, or for,
Alberta Treasury, for the period March 1, 1999 to April 13, 2000 concerning
corporate capital plans developed by Government departments.

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: 5

Bonner	Nicol	White
Dickson	Soetaert	

Against the motion: 34

Amery	Hancock	O'Neill
Boutilier	Havelock	Paszkowski
Burgener	Herard	Pham
Cao	Hlady	Renner
Coutts	Klapstein	Shariff
Doerksen	Kryczka	Smith
Ducharme	Lund	Stevens
Fischer	Magnus	Strang
Forsyth	Marz	Taylor
Friedel	McClellan	Thurber
Graham	Nelson	Yankowsky
Haley		

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., it was agreed at 5:15 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.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17, 2000— 8:00 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bill was reported:

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

Second Reading

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

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 12:05 a.m. until Thursday, May 18, 2000, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Wednesday, May 17, 2000