



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Fourth Session

Twenty-Fourth Legislature

Wednesday, May 24, 2000

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

Presenting Petitions

Dr. Nicol, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, presented a petition from 1,173 Albertans requesting the introduction of a bill requiring a minimum of two people on shifts from dark to daylight.

Dr. Nicol, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, presented a petition from 377 Albertans requesting the introduction of a bill requiring a minimum of two people on shifts from dark to daylight.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, presented a petition from 50 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 24 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. Wickman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, 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. Nicol, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents 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. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, 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, call upon the Legislative Assembly of Alberta to urge the Government:

1. to immediately disallow any further development of the Spray Valley of Kananaskis Country, including those proposals currently under consideration;
2. to maintain Kananaskis Country in a natural state that provides high quality wildlife habitat and nature-based recreational activities;
3. to create a wildland provincial park which protects the whole of the undeveloped parts of the Kananaskis and Spray Valleys.

Notices of Motions

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

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

Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, gave oral notice of her intention to move, pursuant to Standing Order 30, that the Assembly adjourn the ordinary business of the Assembly to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, namely what steps must be taken to prevent harm to the public health care system resulting from the strike of 10,000 health care providers.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Dr. West, Acting Provincial Treasurer:

Edmonton Journal article dated May 24, 2000, entitled "Nobel economist supports flat tax" documenting support by 1999 Nobel Prize winner Dr. Robert A. Mundell, Professor, Columbia University, regarding Bill 18, Alberta Personal Income Tax Act, with attached biography of Dr. Mundell

Sessional Paper 1021/2000

Hon. Dr. West, Acting Provincial Treasurer pursuant to the Provincial Judges and Masters in Chambers Pension Plan Regulation (Regulation 265/88), s5(1):

Provincial Judges and Masters in Chambers Pension Plan Annual Report, 1999

Sessional Paper 1022/2000

Hon. Mr. Havelock, Minister of Economic Development:

Responses to questions raised on March 15, 2000, Department of Economic Development 2000-2001 Budget estimates consideration by Committee of Supply

Sessional Paper 1023/2000

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General:

Criminal Intelligence Service Alberta Annual Report, 1999-2000

Sessional Paper 1024/2000

Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Environment:

Responses to questions raised on May 23, 2000, during Oral Question Period regarding the Land and Forest Service, Department of Environment and timber auctions

Sessional Paper 1025/2000

Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Children's Services:

Letter dated May 24, 2000, from Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Children's Services, to Ronald V. Joyce, Chair, Tim Horton Children's Foundation, expressing support and congratulations regarding Camp Day, a fundraising event held by the Tim Horton Children's Foundation to assist economically disadvantaged children

Sessional Paper 1026/2000

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

Article, undated, entitled "Alberta's Flat Tax for Year 2001" prepared by Bill Daly, B.Com., MBA, analyzing and expressing opposition to the Alberta Government's flat tax proposal

Sessional Paper 1027/2000

2 letters dated May 5, 2000, from Mr. E. Faszer, Edmonton, and May 8, 2000, from Gordon Inglis, Edmonton, both to The Right Honourable Jean Chrétien, Prime Minister, requesting that the Prime Minister prevent implementation of Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act

Sessional Paper 1028/2000

Edmonton Community Foundation Annual Report, 1999

Sessional Paper 1029/2000

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

Letter dated May 18, 2000, from Patti LaPorte, President, Alberta Historical Preservation and Re-Building Society, to all Members of the Legislative Assembly representing Calgary constituencies, urging them to express support regarding the designation of the Lougheed Building/Grand Theatre as an historic site

Sessional Paper 1030/2000

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Letter dated February 8, 2000, from Donna Brunsdale, Calgary, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and April 18, 2000, from Aileen Pelzer, Calgary, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Environment, both expressing opposition to the Genesis Land Corporation proposed development of the Spray Lakes area of Kananaskis Country

Sessional Paper 1031/2000

Recognitions

Mrs. Gordon, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Stettler: Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Month, the annual Multiple Sclerosis Carnation Campaign, and the Multiple Sclerosis Society for their work in service programs, fund-raising events, and public awareness

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre: 20th anniversary of the Oliver School Center for Children, serving children aged 13 months to six years, their Head Start program, early intervention services for at-risk children, and the Classroom on Wheels (COW)

Ms Fritz, Hon. Member for Calgary-Cross: International Year for the Culture of Peace, commemorated by northeast Calgary communities who will be presenting awards and prizes on May 27, 2000, during a festival at the Sunridge Mall in Calgary to students from northeast Calgary schools and youth groups

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark: Teachers, administrators, and parents of schools in the Edmonton-Meadowlark constituency for their dedication and tenacity in working with a lack of resources and dealing with issues such as class size, funding, special-needs children, professional development, and facilities

Ms Kryczka, Hon. Member for Calgary-West: Calgary philanthropist Mary Selby who passed away on March 24, 2000, noted as a member of the University of Calgary Senate, a representative to the Board of Governors, vice-chair of the Senate's Executive Committee, and a volunteer for many Calgary organizations

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona: Shane and Evan Chrapko for their development of the computer software known as DocSpace which permits the secure movement of large electronic files, and their parents, Elizabeth and Victor Chrapko, for raising their sons with the strengths needed to make this achievement possible

Mrs. Laing, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow: Leonard Blumenthal, former Chief Executive Officer of AADAC (Alberta Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission) and current member of the Capital Health Authority, who will receive an honorary Doctor of Law degree from the University of Lethbridge on May 27, 2000

Motion for Adjournment for an Emergency Debate

Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, requested leave to move, pursuant to Standing Order 30, that the Assembly adjourn the ordinary business of the Assembly to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, namely what steps must be taken to prevent harm to the public health care system resulting from the strike of 10,000 health care providers.

A debate followed on urgency. The Speaker heard from: Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition; Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment; Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar; Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Health and Wellness; Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark; and Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader.

The Speaker ruled that the request for leave was in order. Leave being granted, the question was put to the Assembly. When more than 15 Members rose in their places, the Speaker called upon Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, to speak to the motion.

A debate on the motion followed pursuant to Standing Order 30(5).

Adjournment

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24, 2000— 8:00 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 25 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2000 — Hon. Mr. Hancock

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

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

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

Bill 18 Alberta Personal Income Tax Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Day

21. Oral notice having been given on Tuesday, May 23, 2000, Hon. Mr. Hancock moved the following motion:

Be it resolved that further consideration of any or all of the resolutions, clauses, sections or titles of Bill 18 Alberta Personal Income Tax Act, shall, when called, be the first business of the Committee and shall not be further postponed.

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

For the motion: 28

Boutilier	Hancock	Marz
Broda	Herard	McFarland
Cardinal	Johnson	Nelson
Clegg	Jonson	Pham
Coutts	Klapstein	Renner
Dunford	Laing	Severtson
Evans	Langevin	Smith
Fischer	Lougheed	Stelmach
Fritz	Mar	Tarchuk
Graham		

Against the motion: 6

Blakeman	Massey	Sloan
Dickson	Nicol	Wickman

Debate continued on the amendment to Bill 18, Alberta Personal Income Tax Act, introduced by Hon. Dr. West, Acting Provincial Treasurer, on May 23, 2000.

The question being put, the amendment was agreed to.

During Committee of the Whole consideration of Bill 18, Alberta Personal Income Tax Act, Mr. Sapers requested and received the unanimous consent of the Committee to waive Standing Order 32(2) to reduce the time between division bells from ten minutes to one minute on the amendment to the Bill introduced by Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora:

Section 89(3) is amended by striking out “to 2000 taxation years” and substituting “to 1999 taxation years”.

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

For the amendment: 8

Blakeman	Leibovici	Sloan
Dickson	Massey	White
Gibbons	Sapers	

Against the amendment: 28

Boutilier	Hancock	Marz
Broda	Herard	McFarland
Cardinal	Hlady	Nelson
Clegg	Johnson	Pham
Coutts	Jonson	Renner
Dunford	Klapstein	Severtson
Evans	Langevin	Smith
Fischer	Lougheed	Stelmach
Fritz	Mar	Tarchuk
Graham		

Pursuant to Government Motion 21 and Standing Order 21(2), at 12:02 a.m. the question was immediately put on the remaining clauses of Bill 18, Alberta Personal Income Tax Act, which was agreed to.

Pursuant to Government Motion 21 and Standing Order 21(2), at 12:02 a.m. the question was immediately put on the title and preamble to Bill 18, Alberta Personal Income Tax Act, which was agreed to.

Pursuant to Government Motion 21 and Standing Order 21(2), at 12:02 a.m. the question was immediately put that Bill 18, Alberta Personal Income Tax Act, be reported, with Mrs. Gordon in the Chair, which was agreed to. The names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 28

Boutilier	Hancock	Marz
Broda	Herard	McFarland
Cardinal	Hlady	Nelson
Clegg	Johnson	Pham
Coutts	Jonson	Renner
Dunford	Klapstein	Severtson
Evans	Langevin	Smith
Fischer	Lougheed	Stelmach
Fritz	Mar	Tarchuk
Graham		

Against the motion: 8

Blakeman	Leibovici	Sloan
Dickson	Massey	White
Gibbons	Sapers	

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

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 18 Alberta Personal Income Tax Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Day

Mr. Herard, Acting Chairman of Committees, tabled copies of amendments considered by the Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 18 (introduced by Acting Provincial Treasurer on May 23, 2000) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 1032/2000

Amendment to Bill 18 (introduced by Hon. Member for Glenora on May 24, 2000) — Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 1033/2000

Third Reading

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

Bill 18 Alberta Personal Income Tax Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Day

Hon. Mr. Hancock moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Acting Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 12:22 a.m. until Thursday, May 25, 2000, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Wednesday, May 24, 2000