

Legislative Assembly Province of Alberta

No. 49

# **VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

Fourth Session

Twenty-Fourth Legislature

Wednesday, November 15, 2000

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

## **Presenting Petitions**

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from 9 Edmonton and area residents requesting the addition of newer and more effective medications and therapies to the Alberta drug list.

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, presented a petition from 370 Calgary residents urging the Government to maintain Kananaskis in a natural state, deny development approval to any intensive recreational developments, and create a wildland provincial park.

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, presented a petition from 311 Albertans requesting that the promotion of private health care and the undermining of public health care be stopped.

## **Reading and Receiving Petitions**

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 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 Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, 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.

On request by Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, 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.

## **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Hon. Mr. Havelock, Minister of Economic Development:

Alberta Economic Development Authority Activity Report 1999/2000 entitled "Positioning Alberta for Continued Success"

Sessional Paper 1076/2000

Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment, pursuant to the Chartered Accountants Act, cC-5.1, s9(2):

Institute of Chartered Accountants of Alberta, Annual Report 2000 entitled "Proud Past, Promising Future"

Sessional Paper 1077/2000

Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment, pursuant to the Workers' Compensation Act, cW-16, s87(3)(4):

Workers' Compensation Board, Alberta 1999 Annual Report, entitled "Albertans working - a safe, healthy and strong Alberta"

Sessional Paper 1078/2000

Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment:

Appeals Commission for Alberta Workers' Compensation, Annual Report 1999 Sessional Paper 1079/2000

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52 and Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s14:

Alberta Justice, Annual Report 1999-2000

Sessional Paper 1080/2000

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

Alberta Law Enforcement Review Board, 1999 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 1081/2000

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, pursuant to the Legal Profession Act, cL-9.1, s120(2):

Alberta Law Foundation, Twenty Seventh Annual Report 2000, Fiscal Year Ended March 31st

Sessional Paper 1082/2000

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, pursuant to the Legal Profession Act, cL-9.1, s5(4):

The Law Society of Alberta, Annual Report 1999

Sessional Paper 1083/2000

Mr. Lougheed, Hon. Member for Clover Bar-Fort Saskatchewan, pursuant to the Premier's Council on the Status of Persons with Disabilities Act, cP-14.5, s7(2):

The Premier's Council on the Status of Persons with Disabilities, Annual Report 2000

Sessional Paper 1084/2000

Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:



Letter dated November 15, 2000, from Mrs. MacBeth, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding a remark made by Mr. Klein in the Legislative Assembly on November 14, 2000, while discussing MRIs (magnetic resonance imaging) and demanding that he retract his statements Sessional Paper 1085/2000

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

8 letters dated May 29, 2000, 6 from Members of the Board of Directors, Youth Dance Unlimited, 1 from the Artistic Director, Youth Dance Unlimited, and 1 from a contracted personnel, all expressing concern regarding the funding of the Arts in Alberta, and urging the Government to increase funding to the Alberta Foundation for the Arts

Sessional Paper 1086/2000

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

47 questionnaires addressed to Mr. Wickman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, asking questions relating to victims of brain injury

Sessional Paper 1087/2000

Mr. Wickman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford:

9 letters and 1 questionnaire to Mr. Wickman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, regarding concerns of victims of brain injury

Sessional Paper 1088/2000

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

Graduate Students' Association of the University of Alberta, External Advisory Board Second Annual Meeting agenda for meeting held on November 6, 2000, with 2 attached sample post-cards addressed to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, requesting a 2% cap on tuition increases

Sessional Paper 1089/2000

Discussion Paper on the Attributes of a National Framework for Injury Prevention and Control, dated October 13, 2000, prepared by Health Canada Secretariat for Injury Prevention and Control

Sessional Paper 1090/2000

Alberta Centre for Injury Control and Research, Annual Report 1999-2000 Sessional Paper 1091/2000

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

Report dated October 2000, entitled "HungerCount 2000, A Surplus of Hunger, Canada's Annual Survey of Emergency Food Programs" prepared by Beth Wilson with Carly Steinman for the Canadian Association of Food Banks

Sessional Paper 1092/2000

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Letter dated December 23, 1999, from Eric Lloyd, President, and Dieter Gade, Vice-President, Bragg Creek Environmental Coalition, to Menno Homan, Chair, Bow Basin Water Council, Calgary, requesting a moratorium on all resource developments in Kananaskis Country until a watershed assessment is conducted and its recommendations are implemented

Sessional Paper 1093/2000

Letter dated February 11, 2000, from Paul and Jean Greig, Canmore, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to the proposed Genesis project for the Spray Valley in Kananaskis Country

Sessional Paper 1094/2000

Press release dated November 14, 2000, entitled "Bovar Reports Third Quarter 2000 Results"

Sessional Paper 1095/2000

Mr. White, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder:

Letter dated May 19, 2000, from Roy Kramar, Edmonton, to Mr. White, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder, requesting reimbursement for MRIs (magnetic resonance imaging) performed at a private clinic

Sessional Paper 1096/2000

Market Surveillance Administrator Report on Power Pool of Alberta Prices -Summer 2000, dated October 13, 2000

Sessional Paper 1097/2000

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods:

Summary of responses from post-cards addressed to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, requesting a 2% cap on tuition increases

Sessional Paper 1098/2000

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert:

Letter dated September 28, 2000, from Dr. Morag Pansegrau, Chair, St. Albert Protestant Schools, to Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert, regarding their meeting on October 18, 2000, to discuss the proposal of establishing Catholic separate schools throughout the province

Sessional Paper 1099/2000

Letter dated October 12, 2000, from Dr. Morag Pansegrau, Chair, St. Albert Protestant Schools, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, seeking Government support for the DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program

Sessional Paper 1100/2000

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

Document dated November 18, 1998 regarding the shake treat protocols used by the Bell Pole Company provided in response to a request made by Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act

Sessional Paper 1101/2000

Treated Pine Shake Inspection Report provided in response to a request made by Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act

Sessional Paper 1102/2000

## **Recognitions**

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre: Osteoporosis Month, the importance of becoming educated about this disease and the mature women's health network at the Grey Nuns Hospital, particularly Dr. Patricia Bayne and Shelly Haugen for continuing to raise awareness regarding osteoporosis

Ms Kryczka, Hon. Member for Calgary-West: Vanderwell Heritage Place seniors' lodge, Slave Lake, on winning the most creative senior citizens week event contest for 2000, held by the Seniors Advisory Council for Alberta

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar: Capilano Elementary School on achieving Earth School status this year for the second time since 1996 and on being one of only three schools in Canada to twice earn Earth School status

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona: Council of Canadians day of action, November 15, 2000, over the threat of privatization and commercialization of the Canadian health care system., and associated rallies in several Canadian cities as well as a forum held in Edmonton on November 14, 2000

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert: Spruce Grove Saints Soccer Team on winning gold medals in the Edmonton Minor Soccer Association 1999-2000 indoor season and 1999 outdoor season, and at the Belvedere and Vermilion tournaments, their coaches, Rob Dean and Dave Howard and their manager, Boris Ywoshku

## **Speaker's Statement**

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly made a statement regarding recognitions as part of the routine of the Legislative Assembly and set out all of the organizations and subject areas that are recognized in the month of November.

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

## Written Questions

The following Written Question was accepted:

### WQ22. Moved by Ms. Blakeman:

What was the application process and the criteria used for determining successful applicants for the Community Mental Health Grants for the 1997-1998 fiscal year?

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

WQ26, WQ27, WQ28, WQ29.

## **Motions for Returns**

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

MR51, MR52, MR53, MR54, MR55, MR56, MR57, MR58.

## 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

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: 34

Amery	Gibbons	Marz
Blakeman	Haley	Mason
Bonner	Hancock	McClellan
Broda	Hlady	Pannu
Cao	Jablonski	Smith
Cardinal	Jacques	Soetaert
Coutts	Johnson	Strang
Dickson	Jonson	Tarchuk
Doerksen	Kryczka	Thurber
Evans	Laing	Trynchy
Forsyth	Leibovici	Wickman
Fritz		
Against the motion: 4		
Friedel Magnus	McFarland	Renner

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



Bill 210 Traffic Safety Amendment Act, 2000 — Ms Forsyth

A debate followed.

Mrs. Gordon moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

## Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., it was agreed at 5:14 p.m. that when the Assembly reconvened at 8:00 p.m. it would be in Committee of Supply and the Speaker left the Chair.

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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2000 - 8:00 P.M.
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**Committee of Supply** (Day 1 — Supplementary Estimates)

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker assumed the Chair and Mr. Langevin reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions of the 2000-01 Supplementary Supply Estimates for the General Revenue Fund, reports as follows and requests leave to sit again.

Resolved that a sum not exceeding the following be granted to Her Majesty for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2001, for the Departments and purposes indicated:

#### **Department of Children's Services**

\$46,372,000 Operating Expense

#### **Department of Infrastructure**

\$419,000,000 Operating Expense and Capital Investment

#### **Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development**

\$98,000,000 Operating Expense and Capital Investment

#### **Department of Community Development**

\$63,588,000 Operating Expense and Capital Investment

## **Department of Environment**

\$33,000,000 Operating Expense and Capital Investment

## Office of the Auditor General

\$1,045,000 Operating Expense and Capital Investment

The question being put, the report and the request for leave to sit again were agreed to.

## Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:37 p.m. until Thursday, November 16, 2000, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski, Speaker

Title: Wednesday, November 15, 2000