



**Legislative Assembly  
Province of Alberta**

No. 52

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

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Tuesday, November 21, 2000

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

**Presenting Petitions**

Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert, presented a petition from 210 Albertans residents requesting that the Government introduce amendments to the Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Act to allow health professionals to opt out of certain medical procedures.

Mrs. Laing, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow, presented a petition from 38 Calgary and area residents requesting that the Government introduce amendments to the Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Act to allow health professionals to opt out of certain medical procedures.

Mr. Yankowsky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, presented a petition from 1,453 Albertans requesting that the Government introduce amendments to the Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Act to allow health professionals to opt out of certain medical procedures.

Mr. McFarland, Hon. Member for Little Bow, presented a petition from 406 Albertans requesting that the Government introduce amendments to the Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Act to allow health professionals to opt out of certain medical procedures.

Mr. Stevens, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore, presented a petition from 89 Calgary and area residents requesting that the Government introduce amendments to the Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Act to allow health professionals to opt out of certain medical procedures.

Dr. Nicol, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, presented a petition from 52 Lethbridge residents requesting that the Government introduce amendments to the Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Act to allow health professionals to opt out of certain medical procedures.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 9 Edmonton residents 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 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 Mr. Yankowsky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly of Alberta to urge the Government of Alberta to introduce amendments to the Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Act to allow Alberta health professionals to opt out of those medical procedures that offend a tenet of their religion, or their belief that human life is sacred.

### **Notices of Motions**

Pursuant to Standing Order 34(2)(a), Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, gave oral notice of the following Written Questions and Motions for Returns to be dealt with Wednesday, November 22, 2000:

Written Questions: Stand and retain their places.

Motions for Returns: Stand and retain their places.

### **Introduction of Bills (First Reading)**

Notice having been given:

Bill 29 Protection of Children Involved in Prostitution Amendment Act, 2000 —  
Mrs. Forsyth

Bill 221 Public Health Care Protection Statutes Amendment Act, 2000 —  
Ms Leibovici

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the following Bill was placed on the Order Paper under Government Bills and Orders:

Bill 29 Protection of Children Involved in Prostitution Amendment Act, 2000 —  
Mrs. Forsyth

## **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Mr. Renner, Hon. Member for Medicine Hat:

Letter dated October 20, 2000, from Heather McCaig, SADD (Students Against Drunk Driving) Advisor, Crescent Heights High School, Medicine Hat, to Mr. Renner, Hon. Member for Medicine Hat, thanking the Provincial Government for its efforts in helping to stop impaired driving and asking for continued support in this area

Sessional Paper 1147/2000

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

Reasons for Judgement, dated July 28, 2000, of the Hon. Judge Karen J. Jordan in the matter of the Protection of Children Involved in Prostitution Act, the Provincial Court Act, the Constitution Notice Regulation, and the Judicature Act, between Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Alberta and a Director of Child Welfare, and K.B. and M.J., children within the meaning of the Protection of Children Involved in Prostitution Act

Sessional Paper 1148/2000

News release dated June 21, 2000, entitled "Secure Care", prepared by the British Columbia Ministry for Children and Families, setting out the details of how secure care will operate, with attached Bill 25, Secure Care Act, passed in the British Columbia Legislative Assembly July 6, 2000

Sessional Paper 1149/2000

Community Resources Handbook on Prostitution Issues, prepared by Communities for Awareness and Action on Prostitution Issues in conjunction with the Calgary Police Service Vice Unit

Sessional Paper 1150/2000

Document, undated, prepared by CAAPI (Communities for Awareness and Action on Prostitution Issues) of Calgary, setting out what CAAPI has accomplished since its inception in September 1997

Sessional Paper 1151/2000

Document dated March 2000 prepared by CAAPI (Communities for Awareness and Action on Prostitution Issues) of Calgary, setting out the number and dollar value of community volunteer hours donated to CAAPI, and providing information and questions to candidates of Calgary constituencies running in the current Federal election campaign

Sessional Paper 1152/2000

Report dated July 19, 2000, prepared by the City of Calgary responding to CAAPI (Communities for Awareness and Action on Prostitution Issues) initiatives regarding prostitution, setting out the nature of the CAAPI initiatives and recommending courses of action to Calgary City Council

Sessional Paper 1153/2000

Document dated September 6, 1994, entitled "Overview of Prostitution Activity in Calgary" prepared by the Calgary Police Commission, setting out uniform policing strategies and enforcement action taken by the Calgary Police Commission regarding prostitution

Sessional Paper 1154/2000

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

Day/Klein Alberta Flat Tax graph, prepared by Brad Severin, Senior Tax Manager, BDO Dunwoody, Chartered Accountants, published in the Edmonton Journal, October 20, 2000, and report, undated, entitled "Day's Alberta Flat Tax" prepared by Bill Daly, B.Comm., MBA

Sessional Paper 1155/2000

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark:

Letter dated November 13, 2000, from Bev Matthiessen, Executive Director, Alberta Committee of Citizens with Disabilities (ACCD), to Members of the Legislative Assembly, opposing the video and publication associated with the Anno Domini-Jesus Throughout the Centuries exhibit, portraying Robert Latimer, a convicted murderer, in the Beatitude of Mercy, and asking that the reference to Mr. Latimer be removed from the exhibit and that an apology be made by the Provincial Museum to ACCD, with associated attachments

Sessional Paper 1156/2000

Letter dated October 24, 2000, from Robin Acton, President, AACL (Alberta Association for Community Living) and Cheryl Gulliver, President, CACL (Canadian Association for Community Living), to Hon. Mr. Woloshyn, Minister of Community Development, opposing the video and publication associated with the Anno Domini-Jesus Throughout the Centuries exhibit, identifying Robert Latimer, a convicted murderer, as an example of the blessed merciful, and requesting assistance in remedying the exhibit, with associated attachments

Sessional Paper 1157/2000

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

Child Poverty in Canada Report Card 2000, prepared by Canada 2000, a non-partisan, cross-Canada coalition of over 85 national, provincial, and community partner organizations providing information and recommendations to the Federal Government regarding child poverty in Canada

Sessional Paper 1158/2000

Letter dated November 16, 2000, from Jake Kuiken, MSW, RSW, President, Alberta College of Social Workers (ACSW), to Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, requesting the Members of the Legislative Assembly to deal with two important matters, namely increasing Alberta's welfare rates and preparing a child development initiative for children aged 0 to 12

Sessional Paper 1159/2000

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Alberta Views Magazine article, November/December 2000 issue, entitled "Born in Alberta: Midwives struggle to bring a healthy new attitude into the birthing world" prepared by Gunhild Hoogensen

Sessional Paper 1160/2000

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

Executive summary dated October 1998, entitled "Paid in Full: Who pays for university education in BC?" prepared by Robert Allen

Sessional Paper 1161/2000

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

Letter dated October 9, 1998, from Allan P. Jobson, Calgary-Elbow constituent, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concerns and asking questions regarding the Workers' Compensation Board

Sessional Paper 1162/2000

Letter dated October 13, 1998, from Allan P. Jobson, Calgary-Elbow constituent, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, recommending that two injured workers should be part of the board of directors of the Workers' Compensation Board, and setting out proposed duties and functions of these board members

Sessional Paper 1163/2000

Letter dated November 25, 1998, from Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, to Allan Jobson, Calgary, responding to Mr. Jobson's October 13, 1998 letter regarding a recommendation that there be two injured workers on the board of directors of the Workers' Compensation Board

Sessional Paper 1164/2000

Letter dated June 20, 2000, from Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment, to Allan Jobson, Calgary, regarding the Workers' Compensation Board and the formation of the Government MLA (Member of the Legislative Assembly) Service Review Input Committee and the Appeals System Review Committee, both of which will deal with Albertans' concerns regarding Workers' Compensation Board issues

Sessional Paper 1165/2000

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

E-mail message dated September 28, 1998, unaddressed, 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, expressing concerns regarding a Sherwood Park home with a pine shake roof

Sessional Paper 1166/2000

E-mail message dated September 26, 1998, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, 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, expressing concerns regarding a home with a pine shake roof

Sessional Paper 1167/2000

Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment pursuant to the Forestry Profession Act, cF-15.5, s6(4):

Alberta Registered Professional Foresters Association (ARPFA) Annual Report, 1999-2000

Sessional Paper 1168/2000

Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment pursuant to the Dental Disciplines Act, cD-8.5, s8(4):

Alberta Dental Association 1999 Radiation Health and Safety Program Annual Report, 1999

Sessional Paper 1169/2000

Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment pursuant to the Veterinary Profession Act, cV-3.1, s7(4):

Alberta Veterinary Medical Association 1999 Radiation Protection Program Annual Report

Sessional Paper 1170/2000

Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment pursuant to the Chiropractic Profession Act, cC-9.1, s7(4):

College of Chiropractors of Alberta Radiation Health Administrative Organization Annual Report for the year ending March 31, 2000

Sessional Paper 1171/2000

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

College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta Radiation Health Administrative  
Organization Annual Report, 1999-2000

Sessional Paper 1172/2000

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

United Nations Agency Report, undated, regarding the sexual commercialization  
of children

Sessional Paper 1173/2000

## **Oral Question Period**

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

Response prepared by ATCO Electric to requests for schedules comparing typical  
total customer bills under approved existing bundled 2000 rates and under  
proposed "bundled" RRO rates

Sessional Paper 1174/2000

Response prepared by EPCOR Energy Services (Alberta) Inc. to a request for  
schedules comparing typical total customer bills under approved existing  
TransAlta bundled 2000 rates and under proposed bundled RRO rates

Sessional Paper 1175/2000

Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning:

Appendix IV of an untitled study regarding the effects of smaller class sizes in  
primary school grades

Sessional Paper 1176/2000

## **Members' Statements**

Mr. Renner, Hon. Member for Medicine Hat, made a statement regarding Students  
Against Drinking and Driving (SADD) and a banner he received from the Medicine Hat  
chapter signed by hundreds of students in southeastern Alberta along with a letter  
congratulating the Government on recent legislative changes related to impaired driving  
and encouraging continued support of programs aimed at reducing impaired driving.

Mr. Wickman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, made a statement regarding  
persons with disabilities and concerns regarding parking, access ramps, home care,  
employment for persons with disabilities, and the need for an ongoing review of  
programs.

Mrs. Laing, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow, made a statement regarding National Housing Strategy Day, November 22, 2000, the declaration by mayors of large cities and the caucus of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities that homelessness is a national disaster, and the ongoing problem of homelessness, particularly in Calgary, despite efforts by the Calgary Homeless Foundation and a variety of other organizations.

## **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 210 Traffic Safety Amendment Act, 2000 — Ms Forsyth

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(2)(b), adjourned debate, Mr. Doerksen.

### **Motions Other Than Government Motions**

**513.** Moved by Mr. Fischer:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to re-examine Alberta's existing Labour Relations Code and Public Service Employee Relations Act and propose recommendations for their improvement, particularly with respect to collective bargaining agreements.

A debate followed.

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

For the motion: 29

Amery	Dunford	Marz
Boutilier	Evans	McFarland
Broda	Friedel	Melchin
Burgener	Haley	Nelson
Calahasen	Herard	Renner
Cao	Hierath	Severtson
Cardinal	Hlady	Strang
Coutts	Jablonski	Taylor
Doerksen	Langevin	West
Ducharme	Magnus	



Against the motion: 13

Blakeman	Mar	Pannu
Bonner	Mason	Soetaert
Carlson	Nicol	Woloshyn
Dickson	O'Neill	Yankowsky
MacDonald		

**514.** Moved by Mr. Hlady (amended):

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to *examine its future in the Canada Pension Plan or explore other options, including an Alberta Pension Plan or a mandatory, personal Retirement Savings Plan.*

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(2)(c), debate adjourned, Ms Carlson speaking.

## **Government Bills and Orders**

### **Second Reading**

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

Bill 20 Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 2000 — Hon. Mr. Hancock

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Dr. Nicol speaking.

## **Adjournment**

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 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 20 Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 2000 — Hon. Mr. Hancock

## **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.

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 20 Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 2000 — Hon. Mr. Hancock

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

Amendments to Bill 20 (Minister of Justice and Attorney General) —  
Debate adjourned

Sessional Paper 1177/2000

## **Second Reading**

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

Bill 28 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2000 (No. 2) (\$) — Hon.  
Dr. West

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 61(3), at 11:45 p.m. the Acting Speaker immediately put the question on the Appropriation Bill standing on the Order Paper for Second Reading, which was agreed to.

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

Bill 28 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2000 (No. 2) (\$) — Hon.  
Dr. West

## **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:46 p.m. until Wednesday, November 22, 2000, at 1:30 p.m.

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Hon. Ken Kowalski,  
Speaker

Title: Tuesday, November 21, 2000