



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Fourth Session

Twenty-Fourth Legislature

Thursday, November 23, 2000

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

Speaker's Statement

The Speaker made a statement in recognition of the thirteen year anniversary of Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of International and Intergovernmental Relations, being elected to the Legislative Assembly on November 23, 1987.

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. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Calgary Regional Health Authority (CRHA) to reconsider the relocation of Unit 47 of the Foothills Hospital.

On request by Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents 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 Mrs. Burgener, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, 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.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Upon recommendation of Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, and notice having been given:

Bill 30 Alberta Income Tax Amendment Act, 2000 (No. 2) (\$) — Hon. Dr. West

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Document, undated, entitled "Responses to the Recommendations of the Auditor General" outlining several recommendations and responses regarding the Department of Children's Services

Sessional Paper 1212/2000

Document dated November 20, 2000, entitled "Child Welfare Caseload Growth in Alberta (Connecting the Dots)"

Sessional Paper 1213/2000

Document, undated, entitled "Contracted Agency Wage Enhancement - Implementation" advising that the Government will provide increases to contracted agencies that provide programs and services to individuals with special needs

Sessional Paper 1214/2000

Mrs. Burgener, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie:

Report, dated September 2000, entitled "CFB (Canadian Forces Base) West Master Plan Supporting Information (Proposed)" prepared by the City of Calgary, the Government of Alberta, and Canada Lands Company

Sessional Paper 1215/2000

CFB (Canadian Forces Base) West Citizens' Advisory Roundtable minutes of a meeting held on July 18, 2000

Sessional Paper 1216/2000

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

3 documents, undated, entitled "ATCO Electric 2001/02 RRO Application, Monthly Bill Comparisons - 2001 DTA plus RRO Rates vs. Current Rates" comparing sample bill calculations for residential, company farm, and oilfield pumping customers

Sessional Paper 1217/2000

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

Boyle McCauley Health Centre Annual Review for the year ending March 31, 2000

Sessional Paper 1218/2000

Letter dated November 17, 2000, from Sylvia Campbell, President, Southern Alberta Environmental Group, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, requesting a review of livestock operations issues in Alberta

Sessional Paper 1219/2000

E-mail message dated November 17, 2000, from Wayne Magnuson, Calgary, to Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, regarding assistance for hungry children

Sessional Paper 1220/2000

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

Document, undated, entitled "Official Opposition of Alberta, Proposed Amendments to Bill 29, Protection of Children Involved in Prostitution Amendment Act, 2000"

Sessional Paper 1221/2000

Report, undated, entitled "Duty Counsel Manual" taken from the Legal Aid Society of Alberta web site

Sessional Paper 1222/2000

Calgary Herald article dated May 29, 1999, entitled "The Lougheed Building: a cultural icon deserves a better fate"

Sessional Paper 1223/2000

Legacy article dated November 1999-January 2000, entitled "Time for a Change? The Alberta Historical Resources Act"

Sessional Paper 1224/2000

Calgary Herald article dated February 2, 1999, entitled "Historic deal, Saving the Lougheed would set a valuable precedent"

Sessional Paper 1225/2000

Alberta Views article dated July/August 2000, entitled "Plea, Save the Grand/Lougheed"

Sessional Paper 1226/2000

Legacy Letter to the Editor article dated February-April 2000, from Murray G. Miller, Principal Heritage Planner, City of Edmonton, regarding the Legacy article dated November 1999-January 2000, entitled "Time for a Change?"

Sessional Paper 1227/2000

Avenue article dated November 1999, entitled "Spare the Lougheed"

Sessional Paper 1228/2000

Calgary Herald article dated November 5, 1999, entitled "Growing pains, razing the Lougheed building demolishes a part of us all"

Sessional Paper 1229/2000

Report dated August 16, 2000, entitled "Calgary's Century: Calgary in the Twentieth Century - From the Vantage Point of one of Alberta's Most Historic Buildings" prepared by Donald Smith, Department of History, University of Calgary, regarding the Lougheed Building/Grand Theatre

Sessional Paper 1230/2000

Results of Edmonton-Meadowlark Constituency Questionnaire conducted in October 2000, dated Fall 2000, prepared by Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark

Sessional Paper 1231/2000

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

Document, undated, entitled "The Glenora Exchange - Special Edition Questionnaire Response Tabulation" listing results of questions asked regarding Alberta's budget surplus

Sessional Paper 1232/2000

Letter, undated, from Chantelle McNichol, to Mr. Sapers, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora, expressing support, on behalf of the International Adoption Families Association and its members, for Bill 209, Employment Standards (Parental Leave) Amendment Act, 2000

Sessional Paper 1233/2000

Document dated March 9, 1997, entitled "There is an Alternative" discussing alternatives for implementing fairer corporate taxes in Alberta

Sessional Paper 1234/2000

Edmonton Sun article dated January 27, 1996, entitled "Canada needs flat tax system" written by Pam Barrett

Sessional Paper 1235/2000

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

Report dated April 2000, entitled "Suicide Surveillance - 1999, Chinook Health Region" prepared by Population Health Information

Sessional Paper 1236/2000

Summary of the Alberta Suicide Data Report, Suicide and Self Inflicted Injury among Albertans, dated March 2000, prepared by the Alberta Centre for Injury Control and Research, the Suicide Information and Education Centre, Alberta Health and Wellness, and Health Canada

Sessional Paper 1237/2000

Information pamphlet entitled "Yellow Ribbon Suicide Prevention Program, Helping Youth Worldwide" an outreach program of the Light for Life Foundation

Sessional Paper 1238/2000

Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness:

Letter dated November 23, 2000, from Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness, to Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, responding to questions raised by Dr. Pannu during Oral Question Period on November 22, 2000, regarding a contract for podiatry services the Calgary Regional Health Authority has with Health Resources Group Ltd.

Sessional Paper 1239/2000

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Letter dated October 27, 2000, from Jack Fife, School Council Chairperson, J. Percy Page High School, Edmonton, to Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, expressing concerns regarding over-crowding conditions at J. Percy Page High School

Sessional Paper 1240/2000

Letter dated March 14, 2000, from Rhonda Brazeau, Edmonton, to Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, expressing concerns regarding funding for education in Alberta

Sessional Paper 1241/2000

Letter dated October 30, 2000, from Fiona Boulet, Volunteer Coordinator, Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society, to Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Environment, supporting the Government's commitment to create the Spray Valley Provincial Park

Sessional Paper 1242/2000

Letter dated October 21, 1999, from Doug Beaton, Principal, Crawford Plains School, Edmonton, to Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, thanking Ms Carlson for attending Celebrity Read Day at Crawford Plains Schools, with attached letters from three students

Sessional Paper 1243/2000

Letter dated April 11, 2000, from Coleen Taylor and Craig Harris, Edmonton, to Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, expressing concerns faced by families of children with diabetes

Sessional Paper 1244/2000

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

Letter dated November 23, 2000, from Allan P. Jobson, Calgary, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, and Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment, listing several quotes regarding the Workers' Compensation Board, and requesting a written response, or an announcement during the Fall Session of the Legislature be made regarding certain recommendations

Sessional Paper 1245/2000

Alberta Venture article dated November 2000, entitled "A Battle of Wills" regarding the Workers' Compensation Board

Sessional Paper 1246/2000

The Report article dated November 20, 2000, entitled "Workers are guaranteed to lose. One man's experience with Alberta's WCB (Workers' Compensation Board) reveals a system in need of overhaul"

Sessional Paper 1247/2000

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

Minutes from a Warner County Council meeting held on November 7, 2000, noting the discussion on realignment of Highway 4 east of Milk River

Sessional Paper 1248/2000

CAUS (Council of Alberta University Students) report of meetings with Members of the Legislative Assembly held on November 21, 22, 23, 2000, discussing tuition, fees, student loans, and learner assistance

Sessional Paper 1249/2000

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre,:

Letter dated July 15, 2000, from George Fenwick, Calgary, to Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, expressing concerns regarding arts funding in Alberta

Sessional Paper 1250/2000

Letter dated November 5, 2000, from Dianne Johnstone, President, The Alberta Music Festival Association, to Hon. Mr. Woloshyn, Minister of Community Development, expressing concerns regarding reduced arts funding

Sessional Paper 1251/2000

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

Fax memo sheet dated September 11, 1998, from The Alberta New Home Warranty Program, to Dennis Gartner, Alberta Labour, 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, regarding treated pine shakes

Sessional Paper 1252/2000

Summary of a September 29, 1998 meeting of Edmonton area roofers, 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, noting that roofers are not in favour of using treated pine shakes

Sessional Paper 1253/2000

Letter, undated, 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, regarding pine shakes

Sessional Paper 1254/2000

Revert to Tablings

The Deputy Speaker requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to revert to Tablings.

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

Letter dated November 22, 2000, from Chris Spearman, Chairman, Industrial Association of Southern Alberta, to Tom Cumming, Market Surveillance Chairman, Calgary, requesting a formal investigation into non-competitive electricity pricing practices

Sessional Paper 1255/2000

Oral Question Period

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

Letter dated November 21, 2000, from Drury Mason, Freedom of Information Coordinator, Alberta Executive Council, to Lennie Kaplan, Liberal Opposition Office, denying Mr. Kaplan's request for information relating to the Swan Hills Waste Treatment Centre under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act

Sessional Paper 1256/2000

Members' Statements

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, made a statement regarding protection of the environment in Alberta

Mrs. Burgener, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, made a statement regarding the Alberta Film Commission appointing Mr. Paul Rayman as CEO (Chief Executive Officer) and President, and thanking Murray Ord, former CEO and President, for his years of leadership

Projected Government Business

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(5), Mr. Dickson, Official Opposition House Leader, asked a question pertaining to the order of Government Business to be brought before the Assembly for the following week.

Hon. Mr. Havelock, Deputy Government House Leader, gave notice of projected Government Business for the week of November 27 to November 30, 2000:

Monday, November 27	Aft.	- Government Bills and Orders Third Reading Bill 3, 27 Committee of the Whole Bill 29, 20 Second Reading Bill 22, 30 And as per Order Paper
	Eve.	- Government Bills and Orders Committee of the Whole Bill 29, 20 Second Reading Bill 22, 30 And as per Order Paper
Tuesday, November 28	(4:30)	- Government Bills and Orders Third Reading Bill 29, 20 And as per Order Paper

	Eve.	- Government Bills and Orders Third Reading Bill 29, 20 Committee of the Whole Bill 22, 30 And as per Order Paper
Wednesday, November 29	Eve.	- Government Bills and Orders Third Reading Bill 29, 20, 22, 30 And as per Order Paper
Thursday, November 30	Aft.	- Government Bills and Orders Third Reading Remaining Third readings And as per Order Paper

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Motions

15. Moved by Hon. Mr. Day:

Be it resolved that the Assembly approve in general the business plans and fiscal policies of the Government.

A debate followed.

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

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 28 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2000 (No. 2) (\$) — Hon. Mr. Havelock on behalf of Hon. Dr. West

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:01 p.m. until Monday, November 27, 2000, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Thursday, November 23, 2000