



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 55

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Fourth Session

Twenty-Fourth Legislature

Monday, November 27, 2000

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

Presenting Petitions

Ms Fritz, Hon. Member for Calgary-Cross, presented a petition from 46 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. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, presented a petition from 19 Edmonton residents requesting that Bill 211, Alberta Taxpayer Bill of Rights, not be passed.

Mr. Yankowsky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, presented a petition from 1,677 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.

Reading and Receiving Petitions

On request by Mr. Stevens, Hon. Member for Calgary-Glenmore, 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.

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.

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.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Dr. West, Provincial Treasurer, pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s10:

Government of Alberta Annual Report, 1999-2000: Report to Albertans on Budget '99, the Right Balance, Includes: Consolidated Financial Statements, Measuring Up - Performance Results

Sessional Paper 1257/2000

Hon. Dr. West, Provincial Treasurer, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s14:

Treasury Annual Report 99/00, for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2000

Sessional Paper 1258/2000

Hon. Dr. West, Provincial Treasurer, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s14:

Executive Council, Annual Report 1999-2000

Sessional Paper 1259/2000

Hon. Dr. West, Provincial Treasurer, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, pursuant to the Agriculture Financial Service Act, cA-12.5, s14(2):

Agriculture Financial Services Corporation, Annual Report 1999-2000

Sessional Paper 1260/2000

Hon. Dr. West, Provincial Treasurer, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52 and the Government Accountability Act, sG-5.5, s14:

Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, Annual Report 1999-2000

Sessional Paper 1261/2000

Hon. Dr. West, Provincial Treasurer, on behalf of Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Children's Services, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s14:

Alberta Children's Services, Annual Report 1999-2000

Sessional Paper 1262/2000

Hon. Dr. West, Provincial Treasurer, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Woloshyn, Minister of Community Development, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s14:

Community Development, Annual Report for the Fiscal Year Ended March 31, 2000

Sessional Paper 1263/2000

Hon. Dr. West, Provincial Treasurer, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Havelock, Minister of Economic Development, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s14:

Ministry of Alberta Economic Development, Annual Report 2000

Sessional Paper 1264/2000

Hon. Dr. West, Provincial Treasurer, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Environment, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s14:

Ministry of Environment, 1999-2000 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 1265/2000

Hon. Dr. West, Provincial Treasurer, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Gaming, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s14:

Alberta Gaming, Annual Report 1999-2000

Sessional Paper 1266/2000

Hon. Dr. West, Provincial Treasurer, on behalf of Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Government Services, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s14:

Alberta Government Services, Annual Report 1999-2000

Sessional Paper 1267/2000

Hon. Dr. West, Provincial Treasurer, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s14:

Alberta Ministry of Health and Wellness, Annual Report 1999/2000, Section I
Sessional Paper 1268/2000

Alberta Ministry of Health and Wellness, Annual Report 1999/2000, Section II
Sessional Paper 1269/2000

Hon. Dr. West, Provincial Treasurer, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s14:

Alberta Human Resources and Employment, Annual Report 1999/2000

Sessional Paper 1270/2000

Hon. Dr. West, Provincial Treasurer, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Minister of Infrastructure, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s14:

Alberta Infrastructure, Annual Report 1999/2000

Sessional Paper 1271/2000

Hon. Dr. West, Provincial Treasurer, on behalf of Hon. Dr. Taylor, Minister of Innovation and Science, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52; the Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s14; the Oil Sands Technology and Research Authority Act, cO-6, s18(2); the Alberta Agricultural Research Institute Act, cA-13.7, s16(2); and the Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research Act, cA-26, s22:

Ministry of Innovation and Science, Annual Report 1999/2000, including the Alberta Science, Research and Technology Authority, Alberta Informatics Circle of Research Excellence Inc., Alberta Research Council Inc., Alberta Oil Sands Technology and Research Authority, Alberta Agricultural Research Institute, and the Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research

Sessional Paper 1272/2000

Hon. Dr. West, Provincial Treasurer, on behalf of Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of International and Intergovernmental Relations, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s14:

International and Intergovernmental Relations (Also responsible for Aboriginal Affairs), 27th Annual Report to March 31, 2000

Sessional Paper 1273/2000

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

Alberta Justice, Annual Report 1999-2000

Sessional Paper 1274/2000

Hon. Dr. West, Provincial Treasurer, on behalf of Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s14:

Alberta Learning, Annual Report 1999/2000

Sessional Paper 1275/2000

Hon. Dr. West, Provincial Treasurer, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Paszkowski, Minister of Municipal Affairs, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52; the Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s14; and the Alberta Housing Act, cA-30.1, s31:

Alberta Municipal Affairs, Annual Report 1999-2000

Sessional Paper 1276/2000

Hon. Dr. West, Provincial Treasurer, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Cardinal, Minister of Resource Development, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s14:

Alberta Ministry of Resource Development, Annual Report 1999-2000

Sessional Paper 1277/2000

Hon. Mr. Paszkowski, Minister of Municipal Affairs, pursuant to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, cF-18.5, s81:

Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy, Annual Report 1999/2000

Sessional Paper 1278/2000

Hon. Mr. Paszkowski, Minister of Municipal Affairs:

Alberta Boilers Safety Association, Annual Report 1999

Sessional Paper 1279/2000

Alberta Elevating Devices and Amusement Rides Safety Association, Annual Report, April 1, 1999 to March 31, 2000

Sessional Paper 1280/2000

Petroleum Tank Management Association of Alberta, Annual Report 1999
Sessional Paper 1281/2000

Alberta Propane Vehicle Administration Organization, Annual Report 1999
Sessional Paper 1282/2000

Document, undated, entitled “Authorized Accredited Agency, Annual Report
Summary Statistics, April 1, 1998 to March 31, 1999”
Sessional Paper 1283/2000

Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Gaming, pursuant to the Racing Corporation Act, cR-1.5,
s10(2):

Alberta Racing Corporation 1999 Annual Review
Sessional Paper 1284/2000

Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Gaming:

Alberta Gaming Industry Association 1999 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 1285/2000

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands:

Report, undated, entitled “Alberta Federation of REAs (Rural Electrification
Associations) Ltd.” summarizing concerns discussed on November 23, 2000, with
the Rural Caucus Committee, with an attached letter dated November 23, 2000,
from Dan Astner, President, Alberta Federation of REAs (Rural Electrification
Associations) Ltd., to the Members of the Legislative Assembly, regarding
re-regulation of Alberta’s electricity industry
Sessional Paper 1286/2000

Letter dated November 6, 2000, from Lance R. Lamond, Board Member, Poverty
in Action, to Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, expressing
concerns regarding rising utility costs
Sessional Paper 1287/2000

Letter dated November 16, 2000, from J. Faminoff, Calgary, to Hon. Mr. Klein,
Premier, expressing concerns regarding rising utility costs, MRIs (magnetic
resonance imaging), and health care
Sessional Paper 1288/2000

E-mail message dated November 27, 2000, from Hazel Corcoran, Calgary, to the
Alberta Liberal office, expressing opposition to Bill 211, Alberta Taxpayer Bill
of Rights
Sessional Paper 1289/2000

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Edmonton Public Schools newsletter dated April 7, 2000, entitled “The Compass”
noting an article entitled “Building character: schools Microsociety prepared
students for the future” a program hosted by Oliver school in Edmonton
Sessional Paper 1290/2000

Letter dated November 21, 2000, from Christopher P. Rivét, Edmonton, to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing concern regarding energy deregulation and the privatization of electrical companies

Sessional Paper 1291/2000

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

Press release dated November 27, 2000, entitled "Alberta students ask Province for a mere 1/280th of the \$5.6 Billion surplus" prepared by the Graduate Students' Association of the University of Alberta

Sessional Paper 1292/2000

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

E-mail message dated February 10, 1999, from Chris Tye 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, to Dennis Gartner, Assistant Deputy Minister, Municipal Affairs, regarding treated pine shake testing

Sessional Paper 1293/2000

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

Document, undated and unsigned, to Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, expressing concerns regarding escalating costs of food, power, heat, and shelter

Sessional Paper 1294/2000

Letter dated November 8, 2000, from Elona Pettigrew, Edmonton, to Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, expressing concerns regarding major dental expenses for seniors

Sessional Paper 1295/2000

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly:

Memorandum from Mrs. Forsyth, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fish Creek, to Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, requesting that Bill 210, Traffic Safety Amendment Act, 2000 be brought to Committee of the Whole for consideration on Wednesday, November 29, 2000

Sessional Paper 1296/2000

Oral Question Period

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

Document, undated, entitled "EESAI 2001-2005 RRO Tariff Application, Monthly Bill Comparisons (Existing: UNC versus Proposed: EESAI), Residential Service Rate 1100" with 5 attached documents, undated, entitled "EESAI 2001-2005 RRO Tariff Application, Monthly Bill Comparisons (Existing: UNC versus Proposed: EESAI)" comparing sample bill calculations for residential, small general service, general service, farm service, and irrigation service customers

Sessional Paper 1297/2000

Recognitions

Mr. Doerksen, Hon. Member for Red Deer-South: Jan Fischer, Executive Director, Red Deer Chamber of Commerce, for her excellent work and on being named Canadian Chamber of Commerce Manager of the Year

Mrs. Soetaert, Hon. Member for Spruce Grove-Sturgeon-St. Albert: St. Albert Stop Abuse in Families Society (SAIF) and those people who are involved in operating this society

Mr. Yankowsky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview: Partners for Youth east end, represented by 41 organizations which regularly meet to discuss youth problems in northeast Edmonton

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark: Fire services exemplary service medal awarded to 199 Albertans who are members of Canada's fire service on November 27, 2000

Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert: Caring for our communities student youth justice conference, hosted by St. Thomas More Catholic Junior High School, and attended by over 400 students from 18 Edmonton catholic and public junior high schools

Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo: Esther Honens Calgary International Piano Competition, held November 25, 2000 in Calgary, involving 27 young concert pianists from 14 nations

Mr. Marz, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills: Royal Canadian Legion, Olds Branch, No. 105 on their 70th anniversary, and the members who were recognized with various merit awards

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

Bill 27 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2000 (No. 2) — Hon. Mr. Hancock

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

The following Bill was taken under consideration:

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

During Committee of the Whole consideration, Mr. Dickson, Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo, introduced the following amendment to Bill 29, Protection of Children Involved in Prostitution Amendment Act, 2000:

C. Section 6 is amended by adding the following before the proposed section 3.1:

3.01 When any decision or order is made under sections 2 or 3, a judge of the Court, a justice of the peace or a director, as the case may be, must be satisfied that the decision or order is in the best interests of the child after considering the following factors:

- (a) the child's safety,
- (b) the child's present and future well-being,
- (c) the child's physical and emotional needs,
- (d) the child's level of development,
- (e) the child's cultural, racial, linguistic and religious heritage,
- (f) the child's views,
- (g) the effect on the child if there is a delay in making a decision, and
- (h) the importance of continuity in providing the child with services.

With Mr. Shariff in the Chair, the amendment was defeated. The names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 9

Bonner	MacDonald	Sapers
Dickson	Mason	Soetaert
Gibbons	Nicol	White

Against the motion: 33

Boutilier	Hancock	O'Neill
Calahasen	Havelock	Paszkowski
Cardinal	Herard	Pham
Coutts	Klapstein	Smith
Doerksen	Kryczka	Stelmach
Evans	Laing	Stevens
Fischer	Lund	Strang
Forsyth	Magnus	Thurber
Fritz	Mar	Trynchy
Graham	McClellan	Yankowsky
Haley	Melchin	Zwozdesky

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(3), at 5:30 p.m., the Committee recessed until 8:00 p.m.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 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 Bills were reported:

Bill 27 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2000 (No. 2) — Hon. Mr. Hancock

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

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

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

Mr. Shariff, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, tabled copies of all amendments considered by the Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill 29 (Section A) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) —
Defeated

Sessional Paper 1298/2000

Amendment to Bill 29 (Section B) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) —
Defeated

Sessional Paper 1299/2000

Amendment to Bill 29 (Section C) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) —
Defeated on division

Sessional Paper 1300/2000

Amendment to Bill 29 (Section D) (Hon. Member for Calgary-Buffalo) —
Defeated

Sessional Paper 1301/2000

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

Sessional Paper 1302/2000

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Havelock, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:10 p.m. until Tuesday, November 28, 2000, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Monday, November 27, 2000