



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 56

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Fourth Session

Twenty-Fourth Legislature

Tuesday, November 28, 2000

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

The Speaker offered a prayer and a moment of silence was observed in recognition of former Member Michael Maccagno, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche from 1955 to 1968, who passed away on November 25, 2000

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Yankowsky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, presented a petition from 1,283 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.

Mrs. Tarchuk, Hon. Member for Banff-Cochrane, presented a petition from 32 Banff 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. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, presented a petition from 110 Edmonton residents requesting that Bill 211, Alberta Taxpayer Bill of Rights, not be passed.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 754 Albertans requesting that the Government reduce post-secondary tuition fees by 30%.

Reading and Receiving Petitions

On request by Mr. Broda, Hon. Member for Redwater, 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 Mrs. Laing, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow, 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. Marz, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills, 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. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, hereby petition the Legislative Assembly not to pass Bill 211, which would create social division and threaten long-term, stable funding for schools, hospitals and other important services.

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 29, 2000:

Written Questions: WQ26, WQ27, WQ28, WQ29, WQ30, WQ31, WQ32, WQ33, WQ34, WQ35, WQ36, WQ37.

Motions for Returns: MR51, MR52, MR53, MR54, MR55, MR56, MR57, MR58.

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, gave oral notice of her intention to request the unanimous consent of the Assembly to move Bill 221, Public Health Care Protection Statutes Amendment Act, 2000, forward on the Order Paper.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Minister of Infrastructure:

Report dated November 2000, entitled "School Facility Evaluation Project Final Results" prepared by Alberta Infrastructure, with attached Interim Provincial Summary sorted by raw score

Sessional Paper 1303/2000

Hon. Mr. Paszkowski, Minister of Municipal Affairs:

Letter dated November 28, 2000, from Hon. Mr. Paszkowski, Minister of Municipal Affairs, to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, responding to questions raised by Mr. MacDonald during Oral Question Period on November 23, 2000, regarding the Safety Codes Council

Sessional Paper 1304/2000

Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Environment:

Return to Order of the Assembly MR18 asked for by Ms Carlson on April 12, 2000:

A copy of any studies or reports that the Government has authorized, conducted or examined since January 1, 1995, concerning the historic or current population and distribution of woodland caribou in Alberta and copies of any documents indicating what measures the Government has taken to ensure healthy populations of these endangered animals.

Sessional Paper 1305/2000

Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, pursuant to the Alberta Opportunity Fund Act, cA-34, s15(6):

Alberta Opportunity Company 1999-2000 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 1306/2000

Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, pursuant to the Agriculture Financial Services Act, cA-12.5, s14(2) :

Agriculture Financial Services Corporation Annual Report 1999-2000
Sessional Paper 1307/2000

Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, pursuant to the Brand Act, cB-11, s20.6(3), Livestock and Livestock Products Act, cL-24, s22.6(3), Livestock Identification and Brand Inspection Act, cL-22, s32.6(3), and Stray Animals Act, cS-23, s22.6(3):

Livestock Identification Services Ltd. Manager's Report, April 1, 1999 to March 31, 2000, and associated financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2000

Sessional Paper 1308/2000

Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development:

Alberta Grain Commission 1999-2000 Annual Report to the Minister
Sessional Paper 1309/2000

Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment, pursuant to the Engineering, Geological and Geophysical Professions Act, cE-11.1, s12(4):

Association of Professional Engineers, Geologists and Geophysicists of Alberta (APEGGA), Annual Report 1999-2000

Sessional Paper 1310/2000

Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment, on behalf of Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, pursuant to the Apprenticeship and Industry Training Act, cA-42.3, s6(2):

Alberta Apprenticeship and Industry Training Board 1999-2000 Annual Report
Sessional Paper 1311/2000

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

Investigation Report dated June 28, 2000, arising from the death of Wayne Oles at the Herb Jamieson Centre on August 7, 1998, obtained through a request by Mrs. Sloan, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act

Sessional Paper 1312/2000

Notice of Motion filed on October 31, 2000, in the Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta between Ms R. and Ms J., and Wayne Aaserud, Barbara Aaserud, Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Alberta and Golden Hills School Division No. 15

Sessional Paper 1313/2000

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

Questionnaire addressed to Mr. Wickman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford, regarding concerns relating to victims of brain injuries
Sessional Paper 1314/2000

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

4 letters dated July 15, 1999, from Cheryl Cooney, Red Deer, to Mr. Doerksen, Hon. Member for Red Deer-South, from Laurie Leier, Calgary, to Mrs. Burgener, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, from John Pauls, Calgary, to Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Gaming, and from Robert Bardston, Medicine Hat, to Hon. Dr. Taylor, Minister of Innovation and Science, all expressing concern regarding the state of arts funding in Alberta and urging the Government of Alberta to increase funding to the Alberta Foundation for the Arts
Sessional Paper 1315/2000

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

Letter dated November 16, 2000, from Doug Clavette, Calahoo, to Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness, requesting a response regarding an earlier request to be reimbursed for the cost of an MRI (magnetic resonance imaging)
Sessional Paper 1316/2000

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

Letter dated August 24, 2000, from 14 tourism operators in the Solomon Valley area northwest of Hinton, to Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of Environment, proposing that a land base for tourism activities in the Solomon Valley be provided
Sessional Paper 1317/2000

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

Teachers' Resource Kit, undated, entitled "All Colours are Beautiful" prepared by the Northern Alberta Alliance on Race Relations, intended to be used as a resource for instructing students about racial discrimination
Sessional Paper 1318/2000

Letter dated November 12, 2000, from Paul E. Boisvert, St. Paul, to John Pilipchuk, Member, Board of Lakeland Regional Health Authority, expressing concerns regarding the disposal of computer equipment from the St. Thérèse Health Centre in St. Paul at the sanitary dump
Sessional Paper 1319/2000

Media release dated November 27, 2000, prepared by the Flagstaff County Family Farm Promotional Society, regarding the approval of a hog factory by the Flagstaff County Development Appeal Board
Sessional Paper 1320/2000

Letter dated November 14, 2000, from Janet Brygger and Anthony Neilson, both of Exshaw, to Mrs. Tarchuk, Hon. Member for Banff-Cochrane, expressing concern regarding pollution levels in Exshaw and the Bow Valley, and Lafarge Canada's proposed coal conversion

Sessional Paper 1321/2000

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

Memorandum dated November 28, 2000, from Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort, to Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, requesting that Bill 209, Employment Standards (Parental Leave) Amendment Act, 2000 be brought to Third Reading for consideration on Wednesday, November 29, 2000

Sessional Paper 1322/2000

Members' Statements

Ms Kryczka, Hon. Member for Calgary-West, made a statement regarding the Friends of Seniors Foundation in Calgary led by Brenda Wood, which develops intergenerational programs to help create caring partnerships between youth and seniors.

Dr. Nicol, Hon. Member for Lethbridge-East, made a statement regarding the approval process for the planning and development of large-scale livestock operations and the appointment of a committee to address the issues of the development of an appropriate process for the approval of intensive livestock operations.

Ms Graham, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed, made a statement regarding Reidun Tatham, a synchronized swimmer from Calgary who represented Canada at the 2000 Sydney Olympics and brought home a bronze medal.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Ms Leibovici, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly to move Bill 221, Public Health Care Protection Statutes Amendment Act, 2000 forward on the Order Paper.

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

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)

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

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 209 Employment Standards (Parental Leave) Amendment Act, 2000 — Mr Cao

Motions Other Than Government Motions

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(4), the question being put, the motion was agreed to.

515. Moved by Mr. Coutts:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to establish a pilot project, in partnership with the recreational snowmobile industry that would include such initiatives as a cost recovery fee system (i.e., registration and user fees) to support the development, maintenance and promotion of safe, multi-use trail systems for snowmobiling in the Province's *Green Zone*.

A debate followed.

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

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 3 Statute Revision Act — Hon. Mr. Hancock

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

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

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

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Dr. Massey speaking.

Adjournment

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2000 — 8:00 P.M.

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

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

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

Adjournment

Pursuant to Motion 25 agreed to by the Assembly on November 14, 2000, and on Motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:25 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Tuesday, November 28, 2000