

## Legislative Assembly Province of Alberta

No. 8

## **VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

First Session

Twenty-Fifth Legislature

Monday, April 30, 2001

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

#### **Presenting Petitions**

Ms Graham, Chair, Select Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented the following petitions for Private Bills:

of the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer, for the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer Amendment Act, 2001;

of the Royal Trust Corporation of Canada, for the Burns Memorial Trust Act;

of the Bank of Nova Scotia Trust Company and National Trust Company, for the Bank of Nova Scotia Trust Company and National Trust Company Act;

of ING Western Union Insurance Company, for the Western Union Insurance Company Amendment Act, 2001.

Ms Kryczka, Hon. Member for Calgary-West, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Infrastructure, presented a petition from 3,847 Albertans regarding the number of continuing care facility beds in the Rocky Mountain House area.

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, presented a petition from 92 Albertans regarding penalties for crimes committed with weapons, and court appearances for youth involved in these crimes.

#### **Reading and Receiving Petitions**

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

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to ensure that Mr. Stockwell Day is made personally liable for any funds required to settle his defamation litigation and that no public funds are used for this purpose.

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 Government of Alberta to ensure that Mr. Stockwell Day is made personally liable for any funds required to settle his defamation litigation and that no public funds are used for this purpose.

#### **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier:

Letter dated April 30, 2001, from Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, to Mr. Steve Penikett, Kenn Borek Air Ltd., offering congratulations for its successful mission to rescue Dr. Ronald Shemenski from Antarctica

Sessional Paper 101/2001

Hon. Mr. Boutilier, Minister of Municipal Affairs:

Alberta Boilers Safety Association, Annual Report 1999, with attached document entitled "Alberta Boilers Safety Association (ABSA) Annual Report Checklist 2000"

Sessional Paper 102/2001

Alberta Elevating Devices and Amusement Rides Safety Association, Annual Report for the period April 1, 1999 to March 31, 2000, with attached document entitled "Alberta Elevating Devices and Amusement Rides Safety Association (AEDARSA) Annual Report Checklist 2000"

Sessional Paper 103/2001

Petroleum Tank Management Association of Alberta, Annual Report 1999, with attached document entitled "Petroleum Tank Management Association of Alberta (PTMAA) Annual Report Checklist 2000"

Sessional Paper 104/2001

Alberta Propane Vehicle Administration Organization, Annual Report 1999, with attached document entitled "Alberta Propane Vehicle Administration Organization (APVAO) Annual Report Checklist 2000"

Sessional Paper 105/2001

Document, undated, entitled "Authorized Accredited Agency Annual Report Summary Statistics, April 1, 1998 to March 31, 1999"

Sessional Paper 106/2001

Hon. Mr. Cardinal, Minister of Sustainable Resource Development:

Response to questions raised by Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, during Second Reading debate of Bill 3, Fisheries (Alberta) Amendment Act, 2001 on April 24, 2001

Sessional Paper 107/2001

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

Report dated September 2000, entitled "Working Alone Safely" prepared by the Minister's Committee to Promote Health and Safety - Working Alone Best Practices, and Human Resources and Employment, with attached copy of an advertisement placed in all daily and weekly newspapers in Alberta during the weeks of April 9 to 13, 2001, and April 28 to May 4, 2001, entitled "Working Alone Deadline for Employers was April 30, 2001"

Sessional Paper 108/2001

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

Program from the St. Matthew School Open House and Family Wellness Symposium held on April 26, 2001

Sessional Paper 109/2001

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Letter dated April 21, 2001, from Robert Christensen, Manager, Avenwood Corner apartments, to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing a concern regarding electricity rates

Sessional Paper 110/2001

Letter dated March 29, 2001, from Gordon McIntosh, President, Condominium Advocate Association, to Mr. Rick Thrall, Deputy Program Coordinator, Alberta Infrastructure, commending the Government for revising the natural gas rebate, and expressing concerns regarding unfairness and inequities of power rate classifications and power rebates

Sessional Paper 111/2001

Letter dated April 5, 2001, from Gordon McIntosh, President, Condominium Advocate Association, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concerns regarding unfairness and inequities of power rate classifications and power rebates

Sessional Paper 112/2001

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Letter dated March 1, 2001, from Judy Bethel, President, Hostelling International - Northern Alberta, to Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, expressing concerns regarding the impact of increasing energy costs on the programs and services provided by Hostelling International

Sessional Paper 113/2001

Letter dated January 12, 2001, from Dr. Tracey Henderson, Bow Valley Citizens for Clean Air, to Jillian Flett, Director of Environmental Assessment and Compliance Division, Alberta Environment, expressing concerns regarding the Exshaw Fuel Flexibility project proposed by Lafarge Canada Inc., and requesting that an environmental impact assessment be conducted by Alberta Environment Sessional Paper 114/2001

Letter dated January 18, 2001, from Dr. Tracey Henderson, Bow Valley Citizens for Clean Air, to Jillian Flett, Director of Environmental Assessment and Compliance Division, Alberta Environment, clarifying the issues raised in Dr. Henderson's letter to Ms Flett dated January 12, 2001

Sessional Paper 115/2001

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

Program from the King's University College Graduation Convocation 2001 Sessional Paper 116/2001

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

Letter dated March 16, 2001, from Joanne Cuthbertson, from the SPEAK (Support Public Education - Act for Kids) Steering Committee, unaddressed, providing information regarding an attached report dated March 2001 entitled "SPEAK (Support Public Education - Act for Kids), Report to Calgary School Councils and the Calgary Community"

Sessional Paper 117/2001

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to Standing Order 109:

Legislative Assembly Office, Annual Report 2000 and 2000 Annual Report of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association - Alberta Branch

Sessional Paper 118/2001

Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness, pursuant to the Health Facilities Review Committee Act, cH-4, s16(2):

Alberta Health Facilities Review Committee, 1999-2000 Annual Report for the period April 1, 1999 to March 31, 2000

Sessional Paper 119/2001

#### **Recognitions**

Ms Haley, Hon. Member for Airdrie-Rocky View: 13th annual Alberta Motion Picture Industry Awards held in Calgary on April 28, 2001

Mr. Rathgeber, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder: Mr. Justice Michael O'Byrne who passed away on April 23, 2001

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods: Education Week, April 29-May 5, 2001, and the accomplishments of J. Percy Page High School

Mr. Masyk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood: Edmonton North District Area Council Volunteer Appreciation and Awards Night held at the Balwin Community Centre on April 21, 2001

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry: St. Matthew Elementary School Open House and Family Wellness Symposium held on April 26, 2001

Mr. Hutton, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora: Josephine Nena Timperley who passed away on April 21, 2001

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose: Leaders of Tomorrow awards recently given to 27 young people from Wetaskiwin and the surrounding area

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

# **Consideration of Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech** (Day 6)

Moved by Mr. Tarchuk and seconded by Mr. Maskell:

That an humble address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor as follows:

To Her Honour Mrs. Lois E. Hole, C.M., the Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Alberta:

We, Her Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly, now assembled, beg leave to thank Your Honour for the gracious speech Your Honour has been pleased to address to us at the opening of the present session.

A debate followed.

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

#### **Government Bills and Orders**

#### Second Reading

The following Bills were read a Second time and referred to Committee of the Whole:

- Bill 3 Fisheries (Alberta) Amendment Act, 2001 Hon. Mr. Cardinal
- Bill 4 Surface Rights Amendment Act, 2001 Hon. Mr. Cardinal
- Bill 7 Regional Health Authorities Amendment Act, 2001 Hon. Mr. Mar

#### 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 resumed the Chair.

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 1 Natural Gas Price Protection Act — Hon. Mr. Klein

## Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 5:26 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

MONDAY, APRIL 30, 2001 - 8:00 P.M.

#### **Committee of Supply** (Day 1 — Main Estimates)

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Acting Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Klapstein reported as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee of Supply has had under consideration certain resolutions, 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, 2002, for the Departments and purposes indicated:

#### Legislative Assembly

\$29,838,000	Support to the Legislative Assembly Operating		
	Expense		
\$16,986,000	Office of the Auditor General Operating Expense		
	and Capital Investment		
\$1,754,000	Office of the Ombudsman Operating Expense		
\$7,035,000	Office of the Chief Electoral Officer Operating		
	Expense		
\$212,000	Office of the Ethics Commissioner Operating		
	Expense		
\$3,287,000	Office of the Information and Privacy		
	Commissioner Operating Expense		

#### Sustainable Resource Development

	\$197,134,000	Operating Expense and Capital Investment
Municipal Affairs		

\$204,014,000 Operating Expense and Capital Investment

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

## **Government Bills and Orders**

## Committee of the Whole

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The following Bills were reported:

Bill 3 Fisheries (Alberta) Amendment Act, 2001 — Hon. Mr. Cardinal

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Bill 4 Surface Rights Amendment Act, 2001 — Hon. Mr. Cardinal

## Adjournment

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On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:54 p.m. until Tuesday, May 1, 2001, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski, Speaker

Title: Monday, April 30, 2001