



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 9

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

First Session

Twenty-Fifth Legislature

Tuesday, May 1, 2001

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

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Yankowsky, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, presented a petition from 1,087 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 Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly of Alberta to urge the Government to ensure that maximum penalties are enforced for all crimes committed with weapons and that all youth involved in weapons related crimes be tried in adult courts.

Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees

Mr. Hutton, Chair, Select Standing Committee on Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, presented the following report, pursuant to Standing Order 52:

Report of the Standing Committee on the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund,
April 2001, Legislative Assembly of Alberta

Sessional Paper 120/2001

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, May 2, 2001:

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 8 Alberta Corporate Tax Amendment Act, 2001 — Mr. McClelland

Bill 205 Municipal Government (Farming Practices Protection) Amendment Act,
2001 — Mrs. Gordon

Bill 206 Regional Health Authorities Conflicts of Interest Act — Dr. Nicol

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

Bill 8 Alberta Corporate Tax Amendment Act, 2001 — Mr. McClelland

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Minister of Transportation:

Report entitled "Provincial Highway Construction and Rehabilitation, 2001/02-
2003/04, North/South Trade Corridor, Construction of Public Roads and Bridges"
prepared by Alberta Transportation

Sessional Paper 121/2001

Hon. Ms Calahasen, Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development:

MSAT (Metis Settlements Appeal Tribunal) 2000 Annual Report, with attached
brochure entitled "MSAT (Metis Settlements Appeal Tribunal)" setting out the
appeals process

Sessional Paper 122/2001

Hon. Mr. Coutts, Minister of Government Services:

Report entitled "Vital Statistics Annual Review 1999" prepared by Alberta Government Services

Sessional Paper 123/2001

Mrs. Tarchuk, Hon. Member for Banff-Cochrane, pursuant to the Election Act, cE-2, s4(3):

The Report of the Chief Electoral Officer on the Edmonton-Highlands By-election held June 12, 2000 and the Red Deer-North By-election held September 25, 2000

Sessional Paper 124/2001

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Community Development:

List of Alberta Motion Picture Industries Association (AMPIA) 2001 award winners announced at the 27th Annual Alberta Film and Television Awards on April 28, 2001, in Calgary

Sessional Paper 125/2001

Letter dated May 1, 2001, from Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Community Development and Deputy Government House Leader, to Dr. Horst Schmid, Flying Eagle Resources, congratulating Dr. Schmid on receiving the Alberta Motion Picture Industries Association Friend of the Industry Award during the 27th Annual Alberta Film and Television Awards on April 28, 2001, in Calgary

Sessional Paper 126/2001

Letter dated May 1, 2001, from Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Community Development and Deputy Government House Leader, to Leon Lubin of Edmonton congratulating him on his recent retirement from the position of Executive Director of the Alberta Motion Picture Industries Association

Sessional Paper 127/2001

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

Letter dated April 19, 2001, from Merla Gibson, Issues Chair, CFUW (Canadian Federation of University Women), Alberta Council, to Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, forwarding an attached letter dated April 12, 2001, from Ms Gibson to Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Community Development, expressing concerns regarding the use of user fees in public libraries and urging the Government to increase funding to public libraries

Sessional Paper 128/2001

Web page report, undated, entitled "Canada in Motion" regarding orthopaedic care in Canada, prepared by the Canadian Orthopaedic Association and the Arthritis Society

Sessional Paper 129/2001

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

Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta Agreed Statement of Facts between Her Majesty The Queen and Ziad Jaber dated April 30, 2001

Sessional Paper 130/2001

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

Letter dated April 30, 2001, from Hon. Mr. Coutts, Minister of Government Services, to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, responding to Mr. MacDonald's letter dated January 5, 2001, to Hon. Mrs. Nelson, former Minister of Government Services, regarding propane tax rates in Alberta

Sessional Paper 131/2001

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Concerned Citizens for Edmonton's River Valley web page article, undated, entitled "An Alternate Vision for Rosedale-Adaptive Re-use of Historic Powerhouses"

Sessional Paper 132/2001

Oral Question Period

During Oral Question Period, Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Children's Services, tabled the following:

Implementation and Impact of the Protection Against Family Violence Act, Final Report, September 2000, prepared by Howard Research and Instructional Systems Inc.

Sessional Paper 133/2001

Members' Statements

Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement regarding Education Week, April 29-May 5, 2001.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding the inclusion of the President of Columbia at the recent Summit of the Americas held in Quebec City, Quebec.

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort, made a statement regarding the Immigrants of Distinction Awards 2001, organized by the Calgary Immigrant Aid Society held on April 27, 2001 in Calgary.

Mr. Marz, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills, made a statement regarding Shawna Wallace, a high school student from Hanna and member of the Byemore Beef 4-H program, on winning the 38th Premier's Award.

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 204 Medicare Protection Act — Mr. Mason

A debate followed.

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

Motions Other Than Government Motions

501. Moved by Mr. Johnson:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to make the learning of a second language a compulsory component of a high school diploma by the year 2006, and to increase the opportunities for Alberta students to participate in national and international student exchange programs with a second language component.

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(4), the question being put, the motion was agreed to.

502. Moved by Mr. Fischer:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to explore the possibility of increasing investment dollars in agriculture and the agricultural industry through the use of a tax vehicle in the form of flow through shares.

A debate followed.

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

Consideration of Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech (Day 7)

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.

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

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

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

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Stevens, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., it was agreed at 5:00 p.m. that when the Assembly reconvened at 8:00 p.m. it would be in Committee of Supply and the Speaker left the Chair.

TUESDAY, MAY 1, 2001 — 8:00 P.M.

Committee of Supply (Day 2 — Main Estimates)

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker assumed 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:

Infrastructure

\$2,832,240,000 Operating Expense and Capital Investment

Transportation

\$1,542,628,000 Operating Expense and Capital Investment

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Stevens, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:39 p.m. until Wednesday, May 2, 2001, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Tuesday, April 1, 2001