

Legislative Assembly Province of Alberta

No. 12

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

First Session

Twenty-Fifth Legislature

Monday, May 7, 2001

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

Reading and Receiving Petitions

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.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

- Bill 12 Farm Implement Amendment Act, 2001 Mr. Horner
- Bill 13 Farm Implement Dealerships Act Mr. Goudreau
- Bill 16 School Amendment Act, 2001 Hon. Dr. Oberg
- Bill 207 Alberta Personal Income Tax (Tools Deduction) Amendment Act, 2001 Mr. Lougheed

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

- Bill 12 Farm Implement Amendment Act, 2001 Mr. Horner
- Bill 13 Farm Implement Dealerships Act Mr. Goudreau

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Boutilier, Minister of Municipal Affairs, pursuant to the Special Areas Act, cS-20, s17(2):

Special Areas Board, Special Areas Trust Account, Financial Statements dated December 31, 2000

Sessional Paper 165/2001

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

Letter dated April 20, 2001, from Kathy Howery, Co-Chair, Edmonton Advocates for Public Education, to Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, providing input from citizens regarding public education with attached document dated November 2000 to January 2001, entitled "Is class size jeopardizing your child's education?" listing responses to the question from parents within the Edmonton Public School district

Sessional Paper 166/2001

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

E-mail message dated April 22, 2001, from Margaret J. Brown of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, Cabinet Members, and all Members of the Legislative Assembly expressing support for the demand by the Alberta College of Social Workers that there be a public debate on the issue of welfare allowance

Sessional Paper 167/2001

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

Document dated November 2000, entitled "Environmental Policy" prepared by AT Plastics Inc.

Sessional Paper 168/2001

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

11 letters, undated, from Calgary residents to Dr. Nicol, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, expressing concerns regarding staff shortages of professional caregivers for children and requesting that the Government set fair wage standards for children's caregivers

Sessional Paper 169/2001

Letter dated March 21, 2001, from Kathie Nathe, Director, Claresholm Child Care Society, to Hon. Mr. Coutts, Minister of Government Services, expressing concern regarding the lack of day care funding and its impact on child care in the Claresholm area, and requesting information on a plan for day care funding discussed at a public forum held in Claresholm on March 7, 2001, attended by Hon. Mr. Coutts with attached 2000 annual financial statements and financial statements from January and February 2001

Sessional Paper 170/2001

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Copy of pages from Brisbane Powerhouse web site detailing the history of the building which has been converted to the site of the Powerhouse Museum and the Sydney Observatory

Sessional Paper 171/2001

Recognitions

Mr. Marz, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills: 5th anniversary of Rehoboth Christian Ministries in Three Hills and 25th anniversary of Rehoboth Christian Ministries in Alberta on May 5, 2001

Mr. Danyluk, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul: 25th annual 4-H highway cleanup on May 5, 2001

Rev. Abbott, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Calmar: 56th anniversary of Victory in Europe Day (VE Day) on May 8, 2001

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview: Salvation Army, and the currently ongoing Red Shield Appeal fundraising campaign

Mr. Magnus, Hon. Member for Calgary-North Hill: Garnet Page, Q.C. (Queen's Counsel), who recently passed away

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie: National Forest Week, May 6-12, 2001, and the Alberta Environmental Network

Mr. Rathgeber, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder: Teachers Leona Gordey, Sunita Sahasrabuddhe, and Linda Steinke, all of Edmonton, recognized in the Excellence in Teaching awards program

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

- Bill 9 Victims of Crime Amendment Act, 2001 Hon. Mrs. Forsyth
- Bill 10 Traffic Safety Amendment Act, 2001 Mr. Cenaiko

Committee of the Whole

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

(Assembly in Committee)

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

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

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

Mr. Lougheed, Acting Chair of Committees, 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 1 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre) — Defeated Sessional Paper 172/2001

Amendment to Bill 1 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie on behalf of Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar) — Adjourned debate

Sessional Paper 173/2001

Consideration of Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech (Day 10)

Pursuant to Standing Order 19(1)(c), at 5:15 p.m. the Deputy Speaker immediately put the question on the following motion which was agreed to:

Moved by Mrs. 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, 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.

Government Motions

17. Moved by Hon. Mr. Hancock on behalf of Hon. Mr. Klein:

Be it resolved that the Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne be engrossed and presented to Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor by such Members of the Assembly as are Members of Executive Council.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., it was agreed at 5:17 p.m. that when the Assembly reconvened at 8:00 p.m. it would be in Committee of Supply and the Deputy Speaker left the Chair.

MONDAY, MAY 7, 2001 — 8:00 P.M.

Committee of Supply (Day 5 — Main Estimates)

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Acting Speaker assumed the Chair and Mr. Marz 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:

Gaming

\$217,363,000 Operating Expense

Justice and Attorney General

\$193,659,000 Operating Expense and Capital Investment

Mr. Speaker, I would like to table copies of an amendment proposed by Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, during Committee of Supply consideration of the Estimates of the Department of Justice and Attorney General:

Amendment to the Estimates of the Department of Justice and Attorney General (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 174/2000

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:35 p.m. until Tuesday, May 8, 2001, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski, Speaker

Title: Monday, May 7, 2001