



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 14

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

First Session

Twenty-Fifth Legislature

Wednesday, May 9, 2001

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

Reading and Receiving Petitions

On request by Mrs. Ady, Hon. Member for Calgary-Shaw, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly of Alberta to support legislation to protect the right of health care professionals and health care workers to refrain from participating directly or indirectly in treatment or procedures that offend against their convictions that human life is inviolable, and to protect equally their right to so refrain without fear of discrimination, penalty, harassment, or dismissal.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Upon recommendation of Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, and notice having been given:

Bill 14 Alberta Income Tax Amendment Act, 2001 (\$) — Hon. Mrs. Nelson

Notice having been given:

Bill 209 Highway Traffic (Bicycle Safety Helmet) Amendment Act, 2001 — Mrs. Fritz

Bill 210 Alberta Personal Income Tax (In-Home Care and Dependant Tax Credit) Amendment Act, 2001 — Mr. Cenaiko

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier:

News release dated May 9, 2001, entitled “Alberta Public Service employees win gold” prepared by the Government of Alberta, stating that the Alberta Government was awarded the gold medal by the IPAC (Institute of Public Administration of Canada) Award for Innovative Management with attached memorandum from Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, to all public service staff dated May 9, 2001, offering congratulations on receiving the award

Sessional Paper 184/2001

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, pursuant to the Insurance Act, cI-5, s344(2):

Alberta Automobile Insurance Board, Annual Report for the Year Ending December 31, 2000

Sessional Paper 185/2001

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, pursuant to the Alberta Municipal Financing Corporation Act, cA-33, s32:

Alberta Municipal Financing Corporation, Annual Report 2000

Sessional Paper 186/2001

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview:

Letter dated May 9, 2001, from Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, to Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, providing information regarding a potential conflict of interest at the Calgary Regional Health Authority

Sessional Paper 187/2001

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

Letter dated September 14, 1993, from Bruce Allen, Research and Approvals Officer, Client Services Division, Alberta Labour, unaddressed, listing 6 Alberta pine shakes manufacturers whose pine shakes are acceptable for use in Alberta

Sessional Paper 188/2001

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

Reasons for Judgment of the Honourable Mr. Justice E.S. Lefsrud, Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta, dated May 4, 2001, between Her Majesty The Queen and Ziad Jaber

Sessional Paper 189/2001

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

Letter, undated, from Gail Dulkir of Edmonton to Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, expressing concerns regarding the need for an increase to the basic social services living allowance

Sessional Paper 190/2001

Alberta Corporate Registry Corporation/Non-Profit Search dated May 8, 2001, stating that Nawal Jaber has been the director and 100% shareholder of 530376 Alberta Ltd. since June 1, 1992

Sessional Paper 191/2001

Recognitions

Ms DeLong, Hon. Member for Calgary-Bow: Leighann Doan, student at the University of Calgary, recognized as Canadian female athlete of the year at the 9th Annual Howard Mackie awards held in Calgary on May 7, 2001

Mr. Rathgeber, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Calder: Nursing Awareness Week, May 7-13, 2001

Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert: St. Albert Public Library

Mr. Renner, Hon. Member for Medicine Hat: Foremost Municipal Library on recently receiving the creative public library service award

Ms Kryczka, Hon. Member for Calgary-West: grand opening of Battalion Park Elementary School in Calgary on May 3, 2001

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre: Downtown Development Corporation awards recognizing several projects contributing to the vitality of downtown Edmonton held on May 8, 2001

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands: Jack McMoran, recipient of the Jim Shewchuk award recently presented at the United Way annual labour appreciation night

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Question was accepted as amended:

WQ1. Moved by Ms Blakeman on behalf of Ms Carlson:

What is the average cost per tonne for treating solid wastes at the Swan Hills waste treatment centre?

Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Infrastructure, moved the motion be amended to read:

What is the *projected* average cost per tonne for treating wastes at the Swan Hills waste treatment centre?

The following Written Question was rejected:

WQ2. Moved by Ms Blakeman on behalf of Ms Carlson:

What is the average cost per tonne for treating liquid wastes at the Swan Hills waste treatment centre?

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

WQ3, WQ4.

Motions for Returns

The following Motion for Returns was accepted:

MR2. Moved by Ms Blakeman on behalf of Mr. MacDonald:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of studies and reports prepared by, or for, the Ministries of Energy/Sustainable Resource Development and Alberta Treasury/Finance/Revenue, for the period January 1, 2000 to April 9, 2001, reviewing the operation of the Alberta Royalty Tax Credit (ARTC).

The following Motions for Returns were rejected:

MR1. Moved by Ms Blakeman on behalf of Mr. MacDonald:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of studies and reports prepared by, or for, the Ministries of Energy/
Sustainable Resource Development or sent to the Ministries of
Energy/Sustainable Resource Development, for the period April 1, 2000 to
April 9, 2001, regarding options under the Market Achievement Plan (MAP)
for dealing with unsold Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs) held by the
Balancing Pool.

MR3. Moved by Ms Blakeman on behalf of Mr. MacDonald:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of studies and reports prepared by, or for, the Ministries of Energy/
Sustainable Resource Development or sent to the Ministries of
Energy/Sustainable Resource Development, for the period April 1, 2000 to
April 9, 2001, evaluating the impact of electricity deregulation on the utility
bills of various classes of Alberta consumers.

MR4. Moved by Ms Blakeman on behalf of Dr. Nicol:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of annual and interim financial statement analyses prepared by, or
for, the Ministries of Treasury/Finance/Revenue for the period January 1,
2000 to April 9, 2001, as set out under sections 5.2 and 5.3 of the Loans and
Guarantees Procedures Manual pertaining to financial assistance provided
by the Government to the Centre for Frontier Engineering Research.

MR5. Moved by Ms Blakeman on behalf of Dr. Nicol:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of studies, reports, background documents and memoranda, other
than the CIBC Wood Gundy report, prepared by, or for, the Ministries of
Treasury/Finance/Revenue and sent to the Ministries of
Treasury/Finance/Revenue for the period January 1, 1999 to April 9, 2001,
assessing the feasibility of a change of status and/or privatization of the
Alberta Treasury Branches.

MR6. Moved by Ms Blakeman on behalf of Dr. Nicol:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of studies and reports prepared by, or for, the Ministries of
Treasury/Finance/Revenue or sent to the Ministries of
Treasury/Finance/Revenue for the period April 1, 2000 to April 9, 2001,
assessing the feasibility of expanding the Government's reporting entity to
include universities, colleges and technical institutes, regional health
authorities, and school boards.

MR7. Moved by Mr. Bonner on behalf of Dr. Nicol:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of studies and reports prepared by, or for, the Ministries of Treasury/Finance/Revenue for the period April 1, 2000 to April 9, 2001, outlining proposals and recommendations developed by the Government for reform of the Canada Pension Plan, or options to replace the Canada Pension Plan.

MR8. Moved by Mr. Bonner on behalf of Dr. Nicol:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copy of the full report and appendices prepared by CIBC Wood Gundy for Alberta Treasury for the period July 1, 1998 to July 31, 1999, relating to a change of status and/or privatization of the Alberta Treasury Branches.

MR9. Moved by Ms Blakeman on behalf of Dr. Nicol:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of the annual and interim financial statement analyses prepared by Alberta Treasury, as set out under sections 5.2 and 5.3 of the Loans and Guarantees Procedures Manual, for the period March 31, 1999 to March 31, 2001, pertaining to the loan between the Government and Ridley Grain Ltd.

MR10. Moved by Ms Blakeman on behalf of Dr. Nicol:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of the annual and interim financial statement analyses prepared by Alberta Treasury, as set out under sections 5.2 and 5.3 of the Loans and Guarantees Procedures Manual, for the period March 31, 1999 to March 31, 2001, pertaining to the financial arrangements between the Government and Vencap Acquisition Corporation.

The following Motions for Returns were ordered to stand:

MR11, MR12, MR13.

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

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 203 Residential Care Housing Committee Act — Ms Kryczka

A debate followed.

The question being put on the remaining clauses of Bill 203, Residential Care Housing Committee Act, the motion was defeated. With Mr. Shariff in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 19

Abbott	Gordon	Nicol
Blakeman	Hancock	O'Neill
Bonner	Jablonski	Taft
Broda	Johnson	Tarchuk
Cenaiko	Kryczka	VanderBurg
Dunford	Mason	Zwozdesky
Forsyth		

Against the motion: 26

Ady	Jonson	Ouellette
DeLong	Knight	Rathgeber
Evans	Lougheed	Renner
Friedel	Lukaszuk	Snelgrove
Haley	Lund	Stelmach
Herard	McClellan	Stevens
Hlady	McClelland	Taylor
Horner	McFarland	Vandermeer
Jacobs	Melchin	

During Committee of the Whole consideration of Bill 203, Residential Care Housing Committee Act, Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky moved that the Chairperson do now leave the Chair.

The motion was agreed to and the Chairperson left the Chair.

The Acting Speaker assumed the Chair.

Second Reading

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

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

A debate followed.

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., it was agreed at 5:25 p.m. that when the Assembly reconvened at 8:00 p.m. it would be in Committee of Supply and the Acting Speaker left the Chair.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 9, 2001 — 8:00 P.M.

Committee of Supply (Day 7 — Main Estimates)

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Acting Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Tannas 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 Department and purposes indicated:

Human Resources and Employment

\$1,092,777,000 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. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:16 p.m. until Thursday, May 10, 2001, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Wednesday, May 9, 2001