



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 25

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

First Session

Twenty-Fifth Legislature

Thursday, May 31, 2001

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

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Lukaszuk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs, presented a petition from 1,800 Edmonton residents requesting that a public and a separate high school be built in the Castle Downs area.

Reading and Receiving Petitions

On request by Mrs. Jablonski, Hon. Member for Red Deer-North, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to include the following question in the forthcoming provincial election: Are you in favour of the Alberta Government using your tax dollars to pay for abortions?

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 212 Matrimonial Property Amendment Act, 2001 — Ms Graham

Tabling Returns and Reports

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

Letter dated February 20, 2001, from Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment, to Ralph Canham of Calgary in response to Mr. Canham's previous e-mails to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding concerns with the Workers' Compensation Board

Sessional Paper 335/2001

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Community Development:

Response to questions raised by Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, on May 16, 2001, Department of Community Development 2001-2002 Committee of Supply debate

Sessional Paper 336/2001

Response to questions raised by Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, on May 16, 2001, Department of Community Development 2001-2002 Committee of Supply debate

Sessional Paper 337/2001

Response to questions raised by Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry, on May 16, 2001, Department of Community Development 2001-2002 Committee of Supply debate

Sessional Paper 338/2001

Hon. Mr. Norris, Minister of Economic Development:

Document, undated, entitled "Estimated Provincial Averages, Residential Electricity Monthly Bills - January 2001"

Sessional Paper 339/2001

Mr. Magnus, Hon. Member for Calgary-North Hill:

Regulatory Review Secretariat, 1999 Status Report as of January 31, 2000

Sessional Paper 340/2001

Regulatory Review Secretariat, 2000-01 Status Report as of March 15, 2001

Sessional Paper 341/2001

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

5 proposed amendments to Bill 16, School Amendment Act, 2001, prepared by the Public School Boards' Association of Alberta

Sessional Paper 342/2001

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

Letter, undated, from Carson Wade Trueman of Drayton Valley to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, requesting that the Government prevent further oil and gas development in the Bighorn wilderness area

Sessional Paper 343/2001

Petition signed by 1,002 Albertans requesting that the Government stop the transfer of the Kananaskis, Ghaost/Waiparous, and Burnt Timber forests to a forest management agreement

Sessional Paper 344/2001

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

Letter dated May 22, 2001, from Joleen Timko, Southern Conservation Project, Alberta Wilderness Association, to Hon. Dr. Taylor, Minister of Environment, regarding a petition requesting that the Government stop the transfer of the Kananaskis, Ghaost/Waiparous, and Burnt Timber forests to a forest management agreement

Sessional Paper 345/2001

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

Report dated June 1997, entitled "Proposal for a Pre-Feasibility Study of the Meridian Water Management Project, South-east Alberta and South-west Saskatchewan" prepared by UMA Engineering Ltd.

Sessional Paper 346/2001

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Community Development:

Program from the 14th Annual Mayor's Luncheon for Business and the Arts, held at the Shaw Conference Centre, May 31, 2001

Sessional Paper 347/2001

Speaker's Statement - Pages of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta

The Speaker made a statement noting that 10 of the current Pages would not be returning for the next Session of the Legislature. He then read the letter dated May 31, 2001, he received from these Pages, which he felt applied to all Members of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta:

It is said that no one is taller than when he or she stoops to help a child. There may be many people who do not believe this to be true. But there are at least ten men and women who know it to be so. It is we ten, the Pages who are leaving the Assembly this Session, who write to you now.

Even as we write this, we know there are no words we can choose to convey the gratitude we feel to you and to all the Members of the Assembly. In giving us the opportunity to be Pages, you have given us much more than you know, far more than a simple, part-time job. Look around yourself the next time you are in the Assembly. Try to see things through our eyes. We see people on all sides of the House trying the best they know how to make the world a better place, one province at a time. These men and women are people of integrity. They have strong values and ideas by which they stand. They are not afraid to voice their beliefs, or to fight for what they know to be true. In a world of constant change, where the backyard is getting bigger and it feels like we are getting smaller, our time as Pages at the Legislature has reminded us that we too can make a difference. Day by day, we have learned new skills, faced new challenges, and confronted new opportunities to grow. We have become a little more confident in ourselves, and a little more secure in what we believe. We have seen cooperation between people of different ideologies as we watched the democratic process in action. For a time, we became part of something greater than ourselves, and in so doing, we realized our value as individuals.

This all may be difficult to believe. We know it too often goes unsaid. Most of you are probably unaware of the way that you have inspired us. Whether we later go into politics or not, the lessons we have learned here have shaped who we are, and will always be a part of us. We came to you as young, unsure people, and we will not be leaving with any more assurance of the specific challenges that the future holds for us. But now, we will leave with the certainty that no matter what lies in store for us, we are more than capable of handling it. We are more ready than ever to tackle our lives, maybe even the world, and all this is because of our time with you. We are better people for having been here, and for that we thank you. From the bottom of our hearts, we thank you. The opportunity you have given us to be Pages is one for which we will always be grateful, and one any young person would be lucky to share. Thank you, again. Wherever we go, and whatever we do, we will remember you, and this place where we learned so very much.

We remain forever in your debt.

Myles Chykerda, Grace Do, Tim Jolly, Jeremy Glick, Laura Gill, Cheryl Pereira, Sarah Hobbs, Ryan Zupan, James Hamilton, and Baldip Sihota

On behalf of the Speaker and Members, Mr. Tannas, Deputy Speaker, made a presentation to the Pages in appreciation for their hard work and dedication.

Members' Statements

Ms Graham, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed, made a statement regarding the Alberta Research Council, which celebrated its 80th anniversary on January 6, 2001.

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, made a statement regarding parliamentary privilege.

Mrs. Gordon, Hon. Member for Lacombe-Stettler, made a statement regarding Wayne Hampton, Principal of the Lacombe Upper Elementary School on winning the Council of School Administrator's regional and provincial 2001 Principal of the Year Award.

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry, made a statement regarding Ralph Canham, on receiving reimbursement from the Workers' Compensation Board for a replacement electric wheel chair.

Projected Government Business

Pursuant to Standing Order 7(5), Dr. Massey, Acting Opposition House Leader, asked a question pertaining to the order of Government Business to be brought before the Assembly for the following week.

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, gave notice that when the Assembly adjourned today it would do so pursuant to Government Motion No. 16 agreed to on April 24, 2001.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Private Bills

Second Reading

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

Bill Pr1 Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer Amendment Act, 2001 — Mrs. O'Neill

Bill Pr2 Burns Memorial Trust Act — Mr. Lord

Bill Pr3 The Bank of Nova Scotia Trust Company and National Trust Company Act — Mr. McClelland

Bill Pr4 Western Union Insurance Company Amendment Act, 2001 — Mr. Hlady

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.

The following Bills were reported:

Bill Pr1 Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer Amendment Act, 2001 — Mrs. O'Neill

Bill Pr2 Burns Memorial Trust Act — Mr. Lord

Bill Pr4 Western Union Insurance Company Amendment Act, 2001 — Mr. Hlady

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill Pr3 The Bank of Nova Scotia Trust Company and National Trust Company Act — Mr. McClelland

Mr. Shariff, Deputy Chair of Committees, tabled copies of an amendment considered by the Committee of the Whole on this date for the official records of the Assembly.

Amendment to Bill Pr3 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Rutherford) — Agreed to

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Third Reading

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, requested and received unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 73(1) allowing for Third Reading consideration of Bill Pr1, Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer Amendment Act, 2001.

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill Pr1 Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer Amendment Act, 2001 — Mrs. O'Neill

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, requested and received unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 73(1) allowing for Third Reading consideration of Bill Pr2, Burns Memorial Trust Act.

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill Pr2 Burns Memorial Trust Act — Mr. Lord

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, requested and received unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 73(1) allowing for Third Reading consideration of Bill Pr3, The Bank of Nova Scotia Trust Company and National Trust Company Act.

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill Pr3 The Bank of Nova Scotia Trust Company and National Trust Company Act
— Mr. McClelland

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, requested and received unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 73(1) allowing for Third Reading consideration of Bill Pr4, Western Union Insurance Company Amendment Act, 2001.

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill Pr4 Western Union Insurance Company Amendment Act, 2001 — Mr. Hlady

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 20 Appropriation Act, 2001 (\$) — Hon. Mrs. Nelson

During Third Reading consideration of Bill 20, Appropriation Act, 2001, Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, tabled the following:

Copy of an EPCOR utility bill dated May 4, 2001, for Panache Ceramic Industries Ltd.

Sessional Paper 349/2001

Temporary Recess

The Deputy Speaker recessed the Assembly at 3:20 p.m. until 3:30 p.m.

Royal Assent

Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, having entered the Assembly and being seated on the Throne,

The Speaker addressed Her Honour in the following words:

May it please Your Honour:

The Legislative Assembly has, at its present sitting, passed certain Bills to which, and in the name of the Legislative Assembly, I respectfully request Your Honour's assent.

The Clerk Assistant of the Assembly then read the title of the Bills that had been passed as follows:

- Bill 1 Natural Gas Price Protection Act — Hon. Mr. Klein
- Bill 2 Cooperatives Act — Mr. Magnus
- Bill 3 Fisheries (Alberta) Amendment Act, 2001 — Hon. Mr. Cardinal
- Bill 4 Surface Rights Amendment Act, 2001 — Hon. Mr. Cardinal
- Bill 5 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2001 (\$) — Hon. Mrs. Nelson
- Bill 6 Appropriation (Interim Supply) Act, 2001 (\$) — Hon. Mrs. Nelson
- Bill 7 Regional Health Authorities Amendment Act, 2001 — Hon. Mr. Mar
- Bill 8 Alberta Corporate Tax Amendment Act, 2001 — Mr. McClelland
- Bill 9 Victims of Crime Amendment Act, 2001 — Hon. Mrs. Forsyth
- Bill 10 Traffic Safety Amendment Act, 2001 — Mr. Cenaiko
- Bill 11 Employment Standards Amendment Act, 2001 — Hon. Mr. Dunford
- Bill 12 Farm Implement Amendment Act, 2001 — Mr. Horner
- Bill 13 Farm Implement Dealerships Act — Mr. Goudreau
- Bill 14 Alberta Income Tax Amendment Act, 2001 (\$) — Hon. Mrs. Nelson
- Bill 15 Tax Statutes Amendment Act, 2001 — Mr. Graydon
- Bill 17 Insurance Amendment Act, 2001 — Ms Graham
- Bill 19 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2001 — Hon. Mr. Hancock
- Bill 20 Appropriation Act, 2001 (\$) — Hon. Mrs. Nelson
- Bill Pr1 Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer Amendment Act, 2001 — Mrs. O'Neill
- Bill Pr2 Burns Memorial Trust Act — Mr. Lord
- Bill Pr3 The Bank of Nova Scotia Trust Company and National Trust Company Act — Mr. McClelland
- Bill Pr4 Western Union Insurance Company Amendment Act, 2001 — Mr. Hlady

To these Bills, Royal Assent was announced by the Clerk Assistant of the Legislative Assembly in the following words:

In Her Majesty's name, Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor doth assent to these Bills.

Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor then retired from the Assembly.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Government Motion No. 16 agreed to by the Assembly on April 24, 2001, and on motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 3:46 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Thursday, May 31, 2001