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Province of Alberta**

No. 34

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

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Tuesday, November 27, 2001

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

**Presenting Petitions**

Dr. Taft, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Riverview, presented a petition from 3 Edmonton residents requesting that the War Amputations of Canada have access to the Alberta Motor Vehicle Operators List for the purposes of the Key Tag Identification Program.

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry, presented a petition from 2 Edmonton residents requesting that the War Amputations of Canada have access to the Alberta Motor Vehicle Operators List for the purposes of the Key Tag Identification Program.

Dr. Nicol, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, presented a petition from 3 Lethbridge residents requesting that the War Amputations of Canada have access to the Alberta Motor Vehicle Operators List for the purposes of the Key Tag Identification Program.

Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods, presented a petition from 1 Edmonton resident requesting that the War Amputations of Canada have access to the Alberta Motor Vehicle Operators List for the purposes of the Key Tag Identification Program.

## **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 to urge the Government of Alberta to support the establishment of the Chinchaga wilderness as a legislated protected area.

On request by Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, the following petition was read and received:

We, the undersigned residents of Alberta, petition the Legislative Assembly to urge the Government of Alberta to support the establishment of the Chinchaga wilderness as a legislated protected area.

## **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, November 28, 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 31 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2001 (No. 2) — Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky on behalf of Hon. Mr. Hancock

## **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Hon. Mr. Coutts, Minister of Government Services:

Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy, Annual Report 2000-2001  
Sessional Paper 525/2001

Hon. Mr. Boutilier, Minister of Municipal Affairs:

Authorized Accredited Agency Annual Report Summary Statistics, April 1, 1999  
to March 31, 2000  
Sessional Paper 526/2001

Hon. Mr. Doerksen, Minister of Innovation and Science:

Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research (AHFMR), 2002 Calendar  
Sessional Paper 527/2001

Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research (AHFMR), Programs and  
Financial Highlights 2000/2001

Sessional Paper 528/2001

Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Children's Services:

Child Welfare Act Review, Discussion Guide 2001, prepared by Alberta  
Children's Services

Sessional Paper 529/2001

Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Children's Services, pursuant to the Child Welfare Act,  
cC-8.1, s2.1(3.1)

Children's Advocate, 2000-2001 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 530/2001

Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Children's Services:

Document, undated, entitled "Substantiated Investigation Summaries" setting out  
summaries of investigations conducted regarding children receiving child welfare  
services in 2000-2001

Sessional Paper 531/2001

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Community Development:

Letter dated November 27, 2001, from Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of  
Community Development, to Hon. Hedy Fry, Secretary of State - Status of  
Women, stating that Mr. Zwozdesky had provided information and white ribbons  
to all Members of the Legislative Assembly regarding the National Day of  
Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women, December 6, 2001

Sessional Paper 532/2001

Letter dated November 26, 2001, from Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of  
Community Development, to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre,  
supplementing Mr. Zwozdesky's answer to Ms Blakeman's question raised on  
November 14, 2001, during Oral Question Period regarding the Alberta Public  
Library Electronic Network (APLEN)

Sessional Paper 533/2001

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance:

Response to questions raised on May 14, 2001, Department of Finance,  
2001-2002 Committee of Supply debate

Sessional Paper 534/2001

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, pursuant to the Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s10:

Government of Alberta, 2000-2001 Annual Report: Report to Albertans on Budget 2000 - New Century, Bold Plans, Includes: Consolidated Financial Statements, Measuring Up - Performance Results

Sessional Paper 535/2001

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, on behalf of Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, pursuant to the Agriculture Financial Service Act, cA-12.5, s14(2):

Agriculture Financial Services Corporation, Annual Report 2000-2001

Sessional Paper 536/2001

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, on behalf of Hon. Mrs. McClellan, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52 and the Government Accountability Act, sG-5.5, s14:

Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, Annual Report 2000-2001

Sessional Paper 537/2001

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, on behalf of Hon. Ms Evans, Minister of Children's Services, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s14:

Alberta Children's Services, Annual Report 2000-01, Section One

Sessional Paper 538/2001

Alberta Children's Services, Annual Report 2000-01, Section Two

Sessional Paper 539/2001

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Community Development, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s14:

Community Development, Annual Report for the Fiscal Year Ended March 31, 2001

Sessional Paper 540/2001

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Norris, Minister of Economic Development, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s14:

Ministry of Alberta Economic Development, Annual Report 2000-2001

Sessional Paper 541/2001

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, on behalf of Hon. Dr. Taylor, Minister of Environment, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s14:

Ministry of Environment, 2000-2001 Annual Report  
Sessional Paper 542/2001

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s14:

Executive Council, Annual Report 2000-2001  
Sessional Paper 543/2001

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Stevens, Minister of Gaming, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s14:

Alberta Gaming, Annual Report 2000-2001  
Sessional Paper 544/2001

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Stevens, Minister of Gaming, pursuant to the Gaming and Liquor Act, cG0.5, s30(2):

Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission, Annual Report 2000-2001  
Sessional Paper 545/2001

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Coutts, Minister of Government Services, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s14:

Alberta Government Services, Annual Report 2000-2001  
Sessional Paper 546/2001

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s14:

Alberta Ministry of Health and Wellness, Annual Report 2000/2001, Section I  
Sessional Paper 547/2001

Alberta Ministry of Health and Wellness, Annual Report 2000/2001, Section II  
Sessional Paper 548/2001

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Dunford, Minister of Human Resources and Employment, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s14:

Alberta Human Resources and Employment, Annual Report 2000/2001  
Sessional Paper 549/2001

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Lund, Minister of Infrastructure, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s14:

Alberta Infrastructure, Annual Report 2000-2001

Sessional Paper 550/2001

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Doerksen, Minister of Innovation and Science, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52; the Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s14; the Oil Sands Technology and Research Authority Act, cO-6, s18(2); the Alberta Agricultural Research Institute Act, cA-13.7, s16(2); and the Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research Act, cA-26, s22:

Ministry of Innovation and Science, Annual Report 2000-2001, including the Alberta Science and Research Authority, Alberta Informatics Circle of Research Excellence Inc., Alberta Research Council Inc., Alberta Agricultural Research Institute, Alberta Energy Research Institute, Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research, Alberta Foundation for Health Research, and the Alberta Heritage Foundation for Science and Engineering Research

Sessional Paper 551/2001

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Jonson, Minister of International and Intergovernmental Relations, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s14:

International and Intergovernmental Relations (Also responsible for Aboriginal Affairs), 28th Annual Report 2000-2001 to March 31, 2001

Sessional Paper 552/2001

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s14:

Alberta Justice, Annual Report 2000/2001

Sessional Paper 553/2001

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, on behalf of Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s14:

Alberta Learning, Annual Report 2000-2001

Sessional Paper 554/2001

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Boutilier, Minister of Municipal Affairs, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52; the Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s14; and the Alberta Housing Act, cA-30.1, s31:

Alberta Municipal Affairs, Annual Report 2000-2001

Sessional Paper 555/2001

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, on behalf of Hon. Mr. Cardinal, Minister of Sustainable Resource Development, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s14:

Alberta Ministry of Resource Development, Annual Report 2000-2001  
Sessional Paper 556/2001

Hon. Mrs. Nelson, Minister of Finance, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-10.1, s52 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-5.5, s14:

Treasury, Annual Report 00/01, for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2001  
Sessional Paper 557/2001

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

Alberta Registered Professional Foresters Association (ARPF), Annual Report 2000-01  
Sessional Paper 558/2001

Dr. Nicol, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition:

21 documents, undated, signed by Albertans entitled "Get Education on Track" expressing support for Bill 218, School (Class Size Targets) Amendment Act, 2001, and increased funding in the education system  
Sessional Paper 559/2001

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

E-mail message dated September 20, 2001, from Rod Olstad of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concerns that the Alberta foothills ecosystem is not being protected by the Government of Alberta  
Sessional Paper 560/2001

Letter dated May 28, 2001, from David Montgomery of Spruce Grove to Dr. Nicol, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, requesting the Government of Alberta be lobbied to legislate the use of recycling bins in fast food restaurants  
Sessional Paper 561/2001

E-mail message dated August 14, 2001, from Pamela Dittrich of Canmore to Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, expressing concerns regarding the proposed closure of hiking trails in the Canmore area  
Sessional Paper 562/2001

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

101 documents, undated, signed by Albertans entitled "Get Education on Track" expressing support for Bill 218, School (Class Size Targets) Amendment Act, 2001, and increased funding in the education system  
Sessional Paper 563/2001

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

19 documents, undated, signed by Albertans entitled "Get Education on Track" expressing support for Bill 218, School (Class Size Targets) Amendment Act, 2001, and increased funding in the education system

Sessional Paper 564/2001

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Letter dated November 13, 2001, from Elizabeth Esaiw of Edmonton to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing concerns regarding the costs associated with managing diabetes

Sessional Paper 565/2001

Letter dated November 23, 2001, from June Mowers, Edmonton-Centre constituent, to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing concerns regarding proposed health care user fees

Sessional Paper 566/2001

Letter dated November 17, 2001, from John Shepherd of Edmonton to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing concerns regarding the termination of funding for the Welcome Home Community, a long-term community approach to working with families at risk, and requesting that funding be reinstated

Sessional Paper 567/2001

Petition signed by 2 Edmonton residents requesting that the War Amputations of Canada have access to the Alberta Motor Vehicle Operators List for the purposes of the Key Tag Identification Program

Sessional Paper 568/2001

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

20 documents, undated, signed by Albertans entitled "Get Education on Track" expressing support for Bill 218, School (Class Size Targets) Amendment Act, 2001, and increased funding in the education system

Sessional Paper 569/2001

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

Letter dated November 21, 2001, from Theresa Driediger, M.A., R.M.F.T., Chartered Psychologist, to Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, expressing concerns regarding the termination of funding for the Welcome Home Community, a long-term community approach to working with families at risk, and requesting that funding be reinstated

Sessional Paper 570/2001



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

Document dated November 21, 2001, entitled "Open Letter to Federal/Provincial/Territorial Ministers Responsible for Housing" expressing concerns regarding the lack of affordable rental housing in Canada, prepared by Canada's Association for the Fifty-Plus

Sessional Paper 571/2001

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly:

School at the Legislature, Report Card 2000/2001, a Legislative Assembly educational program for grade 6 students, co-sponsored with three community partners, Shaw Communications, Capital City Savings, and the Quality Group

Sessional Paper 572/2001

## **Members' Statements**

Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement regarding the 10th National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women on December 6, 2001.

Mr. Shariff, Hon. Member for Calgary-McCall, made a statement regarding Urvashi Sabharwal, a teacher in the art of Kathak, a unique form of Indian dance using story-telling techniques.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, made a statement regarding provincial fiscal policies.

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort, made a statement regarding the history and accomplishments of the Calgary Public Library.

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

### **Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders**

#### **Speaker's Statement - Order of Private Members' Public Bills**

Honourable Members, the Chair would like to clarify what the order of business will be for considering Private Members' Public Bills this afternoon. As Members might recall, last Thursday, November 22, 2001, the Chair tabled letters from the sponsors of Bills 207, 208 and 209, all asking for early consideration of their respective Bills. To be clear, Bill 207 has been reported out of Committee of the Whole and must come up for Third Reading consideration by tomorrow, Bill 208 is still being considered by Committee of the Whole, and Bill 209 is awaiting consideration by Committee of the Whole.

Although not part of the Standing Orders, Speaker Schumacher ruled on the process for Members to have their Private Members' Public Bills considered earlier than the deadlines imposed under Standing Order 8(5). This process was laid out in the February 11, 1997 ruling by Speaker Schumacher and has been followed by this Speaker. Essentially Members who want their Bills to be considered early must write the Speaker to that effect no later than the day before they want the Bill to be considered. The practice followed is that the Bill which is the subject of the request will be considered after debate has concluded on the Bill then before the Assembly or the Committee assuming that no other Bills have reached their due dates under Standing Order 8(5).

Given that Bill 208 is currently before the Committee and that Bill 209 is passed its due date for consideration by the Committee and that Bill 207 must be considered at Third Reading tomorrow under Standing Order 8(5)(d), the order of business today will be: consideration of Bill 208 in Committee, then Bill 209 in Committee and, if the Assembly gets through that, Bill 207 at Third Reading.

The Chair also notes that the requests for early consideration of Bills 208 and 209 at Third Reading came before those Bills actually reached that stage. Taken to the extreme, this practice could jeopardize the legitimacy of the draw by considering one Member's Bill early by virtue of one request thereby prejudicing other Members. Interestingly enough, the only other time the Chair recalls a request for early consideration for a Bill not at that stage was by the Member for Calgary-Cross by a letter tabled in the House on April 28, 1998, for her Bill 212.

The order of business tomorrow on these Bills will depend on the progress today but the Chair will endeavour to give effect to the requests of Members for early consideration of their Bills while preserving the integrity of the system.

### **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 Acting Speaker assumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 208 Alberta Official Song Act — Mr. Cao

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

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

## Motions Other Than Government Motions

509. Moved by Dr. Taft:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to require Regional Health Authorities to collect and publicly release information on private health care providers whom they contract with, including details regarding services provided, public funding received and charges to individuals.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was defeated. With Hon. Mr. Kowalski in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 5

Blakeman	MacDonald	Pannu
Carlson	Mason	

Against the motion: 40

Abbott	Haley	McClellan
Ady	Horner	McClelland
Boutilier	Jablonski	Nelson
Broda	Johnson	O'Neill
Calahasen	Klapstein	Shariff
Cenaiko	Knight	Snelgrove
Danyluk	Lord	Stelmach
DeLong	Lougheed	Strang
Doerksen	Lukaszuk	Tannas
Dunford	Lund	VanderBurg
Friedel	Mar	Vandermeer
Goudreau	Marz	Yankowsky
Graham	Maskell	Zwozdesky
Graydon		

## 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)

### Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(3), at 5:30 p.m., the Committee recessed until 8:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2001 — 8:00 P.M.

(Assembly in Committee)

The question was put that Bill 28, Agricultural Operation Practices Amendment Act, 2001, be reported, which was agreed to. With Mr. Tannas in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 39

Abbott	Dunford	Lukaszuk
Ady	Fischer	Magnus
Amery	Friedel	Marz
Boutilier	Goudreau	Maskell
Broda	Graham	McClellan
Calahasen	Graydon	McClelland
Cao	Horner	Oberg
Carlson	Hutton	Rathgeber
Cenaiko	Jablonski	Strang
Coutts	Johnson	VanderBurg
DeLong	Jonson	Vandermeer
Doerksen	Knight	Yankowsky
Ducharme	Lord	Zwozdesky

Against the motion: 4

MacDonald	Pannu	Taft
Mason		

The Deputy Speaker assumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 28 Agricultural Operation Practices Amendment Act, 2001 — Mr. Klapstein

Mr. Johnson, 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 28 (introduced by the Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition on November 26, 2001) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 573/2001

Amendment to Bill 28 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 574/2001

Amendment to Bill 28 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 575/2001

Amendment to Bill 28 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands) —  
Defeated

Sessional Paper 576/2001

Amendment to Bill 28 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands) —  
Defeated

Sessional Paper 577/2001

## **Government Bills and Orders**

### **Third Reading**

The following Bills were read a Third time and passed:

Bill 22 Builders' Lien Amendment Act, 2001 — Mr. Ducharme

Bill 23 Regulated Accounting Profession Amendment Act, 2001 — Mr. Lord

### **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.

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 30 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2001 (No. 2) (\$) — Hon.  
Mrs. Nelson

### **Third Reading**

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill 28 Agricultural Operation Practices Amendment Act, 2001 — Mr. Klapstein

## **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:00 p.m. until Wednesday, November 28, 2001, at 1:30 p.m.

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Hon. Ken Kowalski,  
Speaker

Title: Tuesday, November 27, 2001