



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

No. 28

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Second Session

Twenty-Fifth Legislature

Monday, April 29, 2002

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

Introduction of New Member

The Speaker announced that he had received from the Chief Electoral Officer of Alberta the report of the Returning Officer for the constituency of Wainwright containing the results of the by-election conducted on April 8, 2002 in the constituency and the said report further showed that Doug Griffiths was duly elected as the Member for Wainwright.

Mr. Griffiths joined Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, at the Bar and was then escorted to the Mace. Hon. Mr. Klein presented Mr. Griffiths to the Speaker and the Hon. Member for Wainwright took his seat in the Assembly.

Recognitions

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie: Robinson Koilpillai on being recognized for 42 years of community service at a national tribute on April 27, 2002

Mr. Renner, Hon. Member for Medicine Hat: Alberta Parks and Protected Areas volunteers honoured at a recent celebration held in Cypress Hills

Mr. Masyk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood: Balwin Play School Teacher Kathy Holland on being recognized as Teacher of the Year by the parents of Balwin Play School students

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose: Brock Berger, Ian Draper and Dylan Weir of Millet for their efforts in recognizing the memory of the four Canadian soldiers killed in Afghanistan

Mr. Hutton, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glenora: Centre for IBM E-business Innovation located in Edmonton

Mr. Broda, Hon. Member for Redwater: Volunteers, organizations, Northlands Park, the City of Edmonton and surrounding municipalities for the support extended to the Canadian Armed forces at the ceremony held at Skyreach Centre on April 28, 2002

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona: Christine Burdett, Alberta Chair of the Friends of Medicare, for her efforts in defending the public health care system

Presenting Petitions

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 100 Albertans requesting the Government not delist services, raise health care premiums, introduce user fees or further privatize health care.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Clerk of the Assembly, pursuant to Standing Order 37.1(2):

Letter dated April 16, 2002, from His Worship Mayor Bill Smith, to Hon. Mr. Stevens, Minister of Gaming, regarding an Alberta Gaming decision not to provide funding for an approved Community Lottery Board Grant to the City of Edmonton, Hon. Mr. Stevens, Minister of Gaming

Sessional Paper 323/2002

Letter dated April 24, 2002, from Hon. Mr. Stevens, Minister of Gaming, to His Worship Mayor Bill Smith, responding to Mr. Smith's letter to Mr. Stevens dated April 16, 2002, Hon. Mr. Stevens, Minister of Gaming

Sessional Paper 324/2002

Mr. Marz, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills:

Resolution of Non-support for the Kyoto Protocol dated April 8, 2002, signed by Elvin Blosser, Deputy Mayor, Village of Linden

Sessional Paper 325/2002

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

E-mail message dated July 25, 2001, from Kath Rutland of Millarville to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concerns regarding the public consultation process used in awarding a forest management agreement to the Spray Lakes Sawmills and requesting the decision be rescinded

Sessional Paper 326/2002

E-mail message dated February 5, 2002, from Jason Holowka to Members of the Legislative Assembly, expressing concerns regarding teachers' salaries and the unfunded liability on teachers' pensions

Sessional Paper 327/2002

Document, undated, untitled, expressing concerns regarding the lack of funding for the education system in Alberta, prepared by Greg Balanko-Dickson

Sessional Paper 328/202

Letter dated February 5, 2002, from Deanna L. Simmons, B.Ed., B.H.E., to Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, expressing concerns regarding class sizes, teachers' salaries, and issues relating to the health care system

Sessional Paper 329/2002

E-mail message dated February 5, 2002, from Dr. Robert W. Walker to Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, attaching two letters dated February 2, 2002, from Dr. Walker to the Editor of the Edmonton Journal, expressing concerns regarding negotiations between the Alberta Teachers' Association and school boards

Sessional Paper 330/2002

E-mail message dated February 5, 2002, from Leif Andersen of Grande Prairie to Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, attaching a letter from Mr. Anderson to Hon. Dr. Oberg, Minister of Learning, expressing concerns regarding the teachers' labour dispute

Sessional Paper 331/2002

E-mail message dated February 5, 2002, from Jane Iaccino to Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, expressing opposition to the teachers' labour dispute

Sessional Paper 332/2002

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

Judgment in the Court of Appeal of Alberta dated March 4, 2002, between "T.S." and the Director of Child Welfare

Sessional Paper 333/2002

Memorandum of Judgment in the Court of Appeal of Alberta dated April 23, 2002, between "T.S." and the Director of Child Welfare

Sessional Paper 334/2002

Rev. Abbott, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Calmar:

Letter dated April 17, 2002, from Rob Reimer, Chairman of the Board, Wetaskiwin Regional Public Schools, to Rev. Abbott, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Calmar, expressing support for Bill 205, School Trustee Statutes Amendment Act, 2002

Sessional Paper 335/2002

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry:

Copy of a Business and Human Rights web page reprinting a press release dated February 25, 2002, regarding the filing of an amended complaint in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York against Talisman Energy Inc., prepared by Attorneys Carey R. D'Avino and Stephen A. Whinston
Sessional Paper 336/2002

Mr. Renner, Hon. Member for Medicine Hat:

Resolution of Non-support for the Kyoto Protocol dated April 8, 2002, signed by Alan Hyland, Mayor, Town of Bow Island
Sessional Paper 337/2002

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose:

Letter dated April 12, 2002, from Laurence Linaker, Mayor, Town of Millet, to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, stating the Town of Millet has unanimously passed a resolution of non-support for the Kyoto Protocol
Sessional Paper 338/2002

Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Energy:

Resolution of Non-support for the Kyoto Protocol dated April 5, 2002, signed by Herb Rock, Mayor, Town of Coronation
Sessional Paper 339/2002

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Minister of Community Development:

News release dated April 29, 2002, entitled "Parks volunteers receive awards" prepared by Alberta Community Development
Sessional Paper 340/2002

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

Report dated March 31, 2002, listing the results of a public opinion survey regarding medicare in Alberta conducted by Viewpoints Research for the Friends of Medicare

Sessional Paper 341/2002

E-mail message dated April 27, 2002, from Claude E. Dube of St. Albert to Members of the Legislative Assembly, expressing opposition to Bill 205, School Trustee Statutes Amendment Act, 2002

Sessional Paper 342/2002

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

Copy of a petition signed by 71 Albertans requesting the Government reinstate the Community Lottery Funding Grant Program

Sessional Paper 343/2002

Letter dated March 20, 2002, from Cathy Cox on behalf of the Calgary Coalition for the Income Support Review, to Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, and attached copy of a presentation made to the Calgary Caucus regarding a review of service providers concerning people living in poverty
Sessional Paper 344/2002

Mr. Broda, Hon. Member for Redwater:

Resolution of Non-support for the Kyoto Protocol dated April 1, 2002, signed by William H. Nimmo, Mayor, Town of Gibbons
Sessional Paper 345/2002

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Written Questions

The following Written Questions were rejected:

WQ1. Moved by Ms Carlson on behalf of Mr. MacDonald:
How many hours did the Department of Justice and Attorney General dedicate to the Stockwell Day - Lorne Goddard case?

WQ2. Moved by Ms Carlson on behalf of Mr. MacDonald:
How many different programs, shows, advertisements or other initiatives have been provided or sponsored, in part or in full, by the Department of Human Resources and Employment for use on Access Television and what was the cost of each for each of the fiscal years 1992-1993 to 2000-2001 and April 1, 2001 to March 13, 2002?

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: 4

Carlson
Mason

Massey

Taft

Against the motion: 39

Abbott	Hlady	O'Neill
Broda	Jablonski	Rathgeber
Cao	Jacobs	Renner
Cenaiko	Johnson	Shariff
Coutts	Jonson	Smith
DeLong	Knight	Snelgrove
Evans	Lord	Stelmach
Forsyth	Lukaszuk	Stevens
Friedel	Lund	Strang
Fritz	Maskell	Taylor
Graham	Masyk	VanderBurg
Haley	McClellan	Vandermeer
Herard	McClelland	Zwozdesky

The following Written Questions were ordered to stand:

WQ5, WQ6, WQ7, WQ8, WQ9.

Motions for Returns

The following Motions for Returns were accepted:

MR5. Moved by Dr. Taft:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A detailed breakdown of costs for the administration and collection of health care premiums for the fiscal years 1992/93 - 2001/02, including, but not limited to, manpower costs; materials, supplies, equipment and postage; computing services; money paid to external collection agencies, including the number of cases referred to external collection agencies; banking services and income verification.

MR6. Moved by Dr. Taft:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A breakdown of consultant and research fees charged by the Premier's Advisory Council on Health, including organizations and/or individuals employed.

MR8. Moved by Dr. Taft:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A copy of any directives or guidelines given by the Department of Health and Wellness, or any other Alberta Government department, to external collection agencies who have undertaken the task of collecting overdue health care premiums for the fiscal years 1992-93 to 2000-01 and April 1, 2001 to March 18, 2002.

The following Motion for Returns was accepted as amended:

MR7. Moved by Dr. Taft:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Total expenditures for entertainment/hosting by the Premier's Office broken down on a yearly basis for the fiscal years 1990/91 - 2000/01.

Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader on behalf of Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, moved the motion be amended to read:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Total expenditures for entertainment/hosting by the Premier's Office broken down on a yearly basis for the fiscal years 1993/94 - 2000/01.

The following Motions for Returns were rejected:

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

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of correspondence (including, but not limited to, letters, e-mail or phone messages) between the Office of the Premier and the Peace Country Bison Association.

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

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of correspondence (including, but not limited to, letters, e-mail or phone messages) between the Office of the Premier and the Bison Centre of Excellence.

MR4. Moved by Ms Carlson on behalf of Mr. MacDonald:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of correspondence (including, but not limited to, letters, e-mail or phone messages) between the Office of the Premier and the Alberta Bison Association.

The following Motion for Returns was ordered to stand:

MR9.

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)

And after some time spent therein, the Acting Speaker assumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported with some amendments:

Bill 205 School Trustee Statutes Amendment Act, 2002 — Mrs. O'Neill

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

Amendment to Bill 205 (Hon. Member for St. Albert) — Agreed to
Sessional Paper 346/2002

Second Reading

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

Bill 207 Alberta Wheat and Barley Test Market Act — Mr. Hlady

A debate followed.

Debate adjourned, Mr. Horner speaking.

Adjournment

Pursuant to Standing Order 4(1), the Acting Speaker adjourned the Assembly at 5:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

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Motions Other Than Government Motions

506. Moved by Ms Kryczka:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to seriously address the impact of a growing and aging population on the Alberta labour market, taking into consideration the present culture that largely accepts disengagement or early retirement of older workers.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to.

507. Moved by Mr. Yankowsky (amended):

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce binding and enforceable legislation to make it a provincial offence to operate a motor vehicle with an exhaust system that has been modified *such that it* no longer meets the standards *for noise suppression* set out in the Motor Vehicle Safety Act of Canada for that class of vehicle.

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(3), debate adjourned, Dr. Taft speaking.

Government Bills and Orders

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 18 Social Care Facilities Review Committee Amendment Act, 2002 — Hon. Ms Evans

Progress was reported on the following Bill:

Bill 24 Child Welfare Amendment Act, 2002 (No. 2) — Hon. Ms Evans

Second Reading

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

Bill 26 Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 2002 — Hon. Mr. Dunford

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:04 p.m. until Tuesday, April 30, 2002, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Monday, April 29, 2002