

Legislative Assembly Province of Alberta

No. 30

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Second Session

Twenty-Fifth Legislature

Wednesday, May 1, 2002

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

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Norris, Minister of Economic Development, made a statement regarding the International Business Roundtable, co-chaired with Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort, held in Calgary on April 26, 2002.

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, commented on the statement.

Recognitions

Mr. Masyk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Norwood: Mabel Julia Wade who will celebrate her 100th birthday on May 16,2002

Mrs. Tarchuk, Hon. Member for Banff-Cochrane: Banff Public Library and the Marigold, Northern Lights, and Yellowhead Library Systems, recipients of Annual Public Library Awards presented at the Annual Library Conference held in Jasper on April 25-28, 2002

Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar: George Chatschaturian who passed away on April 18, $2002\,$

Ms Kryczka, Hon. Member for Calgary-West, on behalf of Hon. Ms Calahasen, Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development: 12 Alberta boxers on winning five gold and six bronze medals at the 2002 Canadian National Championships in St. John's Newfoundland, and Lee Tanghe on being selected coach for the 2002 North American Indigenous Games and the 2003 Canada Games

Mr. Danyluk, Hon. Member for Lac La Biche-St. Paul: Portage College sports and education dinners held in St. Paul and Lac La Biche on April 26 and 27, 2002 to raise funds and awareness of educational opportunities

Mr. Maskell, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Meadowlark: 26 teachers on receiving 2002 Excellence in Teaching Awards

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry: Canadian Safety Council National Summer Safety Week, May 1-7, 2002

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Marz, Hon. Member for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills, presented a petition from 75 Albertans urging the Government to introduce legislation to make the Children's Advocate an officer of the Legislative Assembly.

Mr. Mason, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands, presented a petition from 71 Albertans requesting the Government not delist services, raise health care premiums, introduce user fees or further privatize health care.

Dr. Nicol, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, presented a petition from 200 Albertans requesting increased funding in public and separate schools to reduce classroom sizes and cover increases in costs for supplies and staffing.

Tabling Returns and Reports

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, pursuant to the Legal Profession Act, cL-8, s5(4):

The Law Society of Alberta, Annual Report 2001

Sessional Paper 364/2002

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

Petition signed by 5 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

Sessional Paper 365/2002

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

Petition signed by 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

Sessional Paper 366/2002

Program from the Day of Mourning Candlelight Ceremony held on April 28, 2002, sponsored by the Alberta Federation of Labour, the Alberta and Northwest Territories Building Trades Council, and the Edmonton and District Labour Council

Sessional Paper 367/2002

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

Letter dated April 29, 2002, from Linda Huebscher, President, Alberta Rowing Association, to Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, expressing concerns regarding, and opposition to, the elimination of funding of the Community Lottery Boards and requesting the funding be reinstated

Sessional Paper 368/2002

Letter dated April 24, 2002, from Cori J. Milne, Mental Health Educator/Co-chair, to Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, requesting support in making mental health a priority in Canada and Alberta

Sessional Paper 369/2002

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

Letter dated April 29, 2002, from Alex Grimaldi, President, Edmonton and District Labour Council, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to the elimination of the Community Lottery Boards and requesting the Government restore the program

Sessional Paper 370/2002

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

Letter dated January 8, 2002, from L. Frank Cass, Technical Advisor, Building, Safety Services, Municipal Affairs, to Tod Belke, P.Eng, TEC Engineered Support Services, Brendon Woolnough, Wesure Weld Support Systems, Vernon H. Penner, P.Eng., STEMCO Inc., and Robert Johnson, Ironman and Company, outlining concerns regarding the design and installation of engineered teleposts Sessional Paper 371/2002

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Letter dated March 27, 2002, from Bruce Matthews, Treasurer, Hillhurst Sunnyside Community Centre, to Mr. Hlady, Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View, expressing opposition to the cancellation of the Community Lottery Boards and requesting the Government reinstate the program

Sessional Paper 372/2002

Letter dated April 17, 2002, from Janice McTighe, Executive Director, Renfrew Educational Services, to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing opposition to the Government's decision to cancel funding for the Calgary Community Lottery Board and requesting funding for the program be reinstated

Sessional Paper 373/2002

Letter dated April 11, 2002, from the Board, Alberta Craft Council, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing opposition to the elimination of Community Lottery Board funding and requesting the funding be reinstated

Sessional Paper 374/2002

Letter dated April 10, 2002, from Candice Noakes of Calgary to Mr. Lord, Hon. Member for Calgary-Currie, expressing opposition to the elimination of the Community Lottery Boards and requesting the program be reinstated

Sessional Paper 375/2002

Letter dated April 25, 2002, from Richard Reid, Bingo Chairperson, Victoria Co-ed Cheerleaders, to Whom it May Concern, expressing their approval for paid floor staff at the Fort Road Bingo

Sessional Paper 376/2002

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Bills and Orders

Unanimous Consent - Standing Order 58(4)

Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to waive Standing Order 58(4) to allow the afternoon's consideration of the estimates for the Department of Finance to go beyond two hours, with the vote on those estimates to take place no later than 5:15 p.m., or sooner if no one wished to speak.

Committee of Supply (Day 21 — Main Estimates)

According to Order, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, and pursuant to the unanimous consent of the Assembly agreed to prior to calling Committee of Supply, at 5:15 p.m., the Committee of Supply adjourned to rise and report, the Acting Speaker assumed the Chair and Mr. Griffiths 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, 2003, for the Department and purposes indicated:

Finance

\$90,140,000 Operating Expense and Capital Investment \$167,754,000 Non-budgetary Disbursements

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, it was agreed at 5:19 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 1, 2002 — 8:00 P.M.

Committee of Supply (Day 22 — Main Estimates)

(Assembly in Committee)

And after some time spent therein, the Deputy Speaker assumed the Chair and Mr. Lougheed 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, 2003, for the Department and purposes indicated:

Innovation and Science

\$280,449,000 Operating Expense and Capital Investment

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

Private Bills

Third Reading

The following Bill was read a Third time and passed:

Bill Pr1 Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton Amendment Act, 2002 — Mr. Maskell

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 9 Child Welfare Amendment Act, 2002 — Hon. Ms Evans

Mr. Lougheed, 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 9 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Highlands) — Defeated Sessional Paper 377/2002

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

During Second Reading consideration of Bill 26, Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 2002, Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, tabled the following:

Letter, undated, with writer's name blanked out, to Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, expressing concerns surrounding the operation of the Workers' Compensation Board

Sessional Paper 378/2002

Letter dated April 8, 1998, from Mary J. Cameron, President and Chief Executive Officer, Workers' Compensation Board, to Mr. Herard, Hon. Member for Calgary-Egmont, regarding Bill 204, Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 1998

Sessional Paper 379/2002

A debate followed.

Hon. Mrs. McClellan moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 11:09 p.m. until Thursday, May 2, 2002, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski, Speaker

Title: Wednesday, May 1, 2002