

Legislative Assembly Province of Alberta

No. 41

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Second Session

Twenty-Fifth Legislature

Monday, November 25, 2002

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

Ministerial Statements

Hon. Mr. Norris, Minister of Economic Development, made a statement regarding the 90th Grey Cup celebrations held in Edmonton, November 22-24, 2002.

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

Recognitions

Ms Kryczka, Hon. Member for Calgary-West: Calgary Public Library

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre: National AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome) Awareness Week, November 24 to December 1, 2002

Mr. Jacobs, Hon. Member for Cardston-Taber-Warner: Alberta Remington Carriage Museum on winning a 2002 Attractions Canada award in the small indoor facilities category

Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Glengarry: National Day of Housing Action, November 22, 2002

Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort: 75th anniversary of CKUA radio station

Mr. Lukaszuk, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Castle Downs: Organizers of the Canadian Finals Rodeo, Farmfair International and Grey Cup celebrations

Presenting Petitions

Mr. Goudreau, Hon. Member for Dunvegan, presented a petition from 21 Albertans requesting the Government remove abortion from the list of insured health services.

Mr. McFarland, Hon. Member for Little Bow, presented a petition from 136 Albertans requesting the Government remove abortion from the list of insured health services.

Rev. Abbott, Hon. Member for Drayton Valley-Calmar, on behalf of Mr. Kowalski, Hon. Member for Barrhead-Westlock, presented a petition from 151 Albertans requesting the Government remove abortion from the list of insured health services.

Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, presented a petition from 105 Albertans requesting the Government not delist services, raise health care premiums, introduce user fees or further privatize health care.

Introduction of Bills (First Reading)

Notice having been given:

Bill 37 Occupational Health and Safety Amendment Act, 2002 — Rev. Abbott

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, the following Bill was placed on the Order Paper under Government Bills and Orders:

Bill 37 Occupational Health and Safety Amendment Act, 2002 — Rev. Abbott

Tabling Returns and Reports

Clerk of the Assembly, pursuant to Standing Order 37.1(2), and pursuant to the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Act, cA-38, s12:

Alberta Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission, Statement of Operations for the year ended March 31, 2002, Hon. Mr. Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness Sessional Paper 578/2002

Hon. Mr. Smith, Minister of Energy, pursuant to the Legislative Assembly Act, cL-9, s45 and the Government Accountability Act, cG-7, s14:

Alberta Ministry of Energy, 2001-2002 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 579/2002

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

Responses to questions raised by Dr. Massey, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Mill Woods and Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, on April 10, 2002, Department of Children's Services, 2002-2003 Committee of Supply debate Sessional Paper 580/2002

Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Minister of Transportation:

Letter dated September 19, 2002, from Hon. Mr. Stelmach, Minister of Transportation, to Hon. Allan Rock, Minister of Industry, expressing interest in pursuing a federal-provincial partnership under the Canada Strategic Infrastructure Fund to proceed with completion of the ring roads around Edmonton and Calgary

Sessional Paper 581/2002

Mrs. Tarchuk, Chair, Select Standing Committee on Legislative Offices, pursuant to the Auditor General Act, cA-46, s19(5):

Annual Report of the Auditor General of Alberta, 2001-2002

Sessional Paper 582/2002

Hon. Dr. Taylor, Minister of Environment:

Environmental Protection Security Fund, Annual Report, April 1, 2001-March 31, 2002

Sessional Paper 583/2002

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie:

3 letters, undated, from Kim Brown and Wanda Lord, both of Stony Plain, and Dave Parsons of Morinville, to Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, all expressing opposition to the prohibition of off-highway vehicles in certain Alberta recreation areas

Sessional Paper 584/2002

Letter dated February 15, 2002, from Mervyn Pidherney, Pidherney's Trucking, to Whom it May Concern, enclosing a list of 87 people whose employment was terminated in 2001 and who will not be re-hired due to a reduction in Government funding for highway work

Sessional Paper 585/2002

E-mail message dated February 18, 2002, from Steven Brodie to Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, expressing concern regarding education funding and the organizational structure of the Department of Learning

Sessional Paper 586/2002

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

Letter dated November 19, 2002, from Gerald M. Ross, Vice-President, Cochrane Environmental Action Committee, to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing support for the Kyoto Protocol and urging the Government to support its ratification

Sessional Paper 587/2002

E-mail message dated November 19, 2002, from Rhonda Moffat, Winnifred Stewart Association, to Dr. Pannu, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona, expressing concern regarding funding cutbacks to the Persons with Developmental Disabilities Edmonton Region Community Board

Sessional Paper 588/2002

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

Letter dated November 20, 2002, from Constance Kenney, President, CFUW (Canadian Federation of University Women) Edmonton, to Mr. MacDonald, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, urging the Government of Alberta to support ratification of the Kyoto Protocol

Sessional Paper 589/2002

Letter dated July 15, 2002, from Frederick C. Stapenhurst, Senior Public Sector Specialist, Governance, Regulation and Finance, The World Bank, to Mr. MacDonald, Chair, Standing Committee on Public Accounts, requesting Mr. MacDonald complete a questionnaire examining the practices of public accounts committees in the Commonwealth, and Mr. MacDonald's response to the questionnaire dated August 9, 2002

Sessional Paper 590/2002

Letter, undated, from Shauna-Lee Williamson to a Member of the Legislative Assembly expressing concern regarding funding cutbacks to the Persons with Developmental Disabilities program

Sessional Paper 591/2002

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

Copy of an electricity bill of an unidentified individual in the amount of \$206.29 for the period October 1-31, 2002

Sessional Paper 592/2002

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Letter dated July 23, 2002, from Harvey Hook of Edmonton to Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, expressing concern regarding rental increases and requesting a law be passed providing for a maximum amount rents may be increased in a given period of time

Sessional Paper 593/2002

Postcard outlining concern regarding a lack of affordable rental housing prepared by "Our Voice, The Spare Change Magazine" and the Edmonton Coalition on Housing and Homelessness

Sessional Paper 594/2002

Report dated October 2002, entitled "A Count of Homeless Persons in Edmonton" prepared by the Edmonton Homelessness Count Committee

Sessional Paper 595/2002

ORDERS OF THE DAY

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 Acting Speaker left the Chair.

(Assembly in Committee)

The question was put that Bill 207, Alberta Wheat and Barley Test Market Act, be reported, which was agreed to. With Mr. Shariff in the Chair, the names being called for were taken as follows:

For the motion: 39

Abbott Melchin Horner Ady Jablonski **Norris** Broda Johnson Ouellette Renner Jonson Cao Cenaiko Lord Snelgrove Coutts Stelmach Lougheed Evans Lukaszuk Stevens Forsyth Lund Strang Friedel Marz Tarchuk Goudreau Masyk **Taylor** McClellan VanderBurg Haley McClelland Vandermeer Herard Hlady McFarland Zwozdesky

Against the motion: 5

Bonner Mason Taft

Carlson Pannu

The Acting Speaker resumed the Chair.

The following Bill was reported:

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

Mr. Johnson, 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 207 (Hon. Member for Edmonton-Strathcona) — Defeated

Sessional Paper 596/2002

Second Reading

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

Bill 208 Fiscal Stability Fund Calculation Act — Dr. Nicol

A debate followed.

Ms Carlson, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Ellerslie, moved that the motion be amended by deleting all the words after the word "that" and substituting the following:

Bill 208, Fiscal Stability Fund Calculation Act, be not now read a Second time but that it be read a Second time this day six months hence.

A debate followed on the amendment.

Mr. Snelgrove moved adjournment of the debate on amendment, which was agreed to.

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Stevens, Deputy Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., the Assembly adjourned at 5:25 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2002 — 8:00 P.M.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

508. Moved by Mr. Amery:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation to establish a travel assurance fund to compensate airline consumers who do not receive travel services purchased from a registered travel agency due to the agency's bankruptcy or insolvency.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was defeated.

509. Moved by Mrs. Gordon:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to work through the Alberta Agricultural Research Institute in researching the use of cost-effective technology to assist farming operations in alleviating nuisance causing odours from barns used in conjunction with confined feeding operations or other related farming practices.

A debate followed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(3), debate adjourned, Mr. Lougheed speaking.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

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

- Bill 34 Seniors Advisory Council for Alberta Amendment Act, 2002 Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky on behalf of Hon. Mr. Woloshyn
- Bill 35 Teachers' Pension Plans Amendment Act, 2002 Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky on behalf of Hon. Dr. Oberg
- Bill 36 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2002 (No. 2) (\$) Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky on behalf of Hon. Mrs. Nelson

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

Bill 33 North Red Deer Water Authorization Act — Mrs. Jablonski on behalf of Hon. Dr. Taylor

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

Adjournment

On motion by Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky, Deputy Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 10:19 p.m. until Tuesday, November 26, 2002, at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Ken Kowalski, Speaker

Title: Monday, November 25, 2002