



**Legislative Assembly  
Province of Alberta**

No. 26

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

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Tuesday, November 13, 2001

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

The Speaker offered a prayer and a moment of silence was observed in recognition of the death of former Members Mr. Galen Norris, Member for Stettler, 1956 to 1971, who passed away on August 10, 2001, Mr. Donald Fleming, Member for Calgary-West, 1959 to 1967, who passed away on September 12, 2001, and Mrs. Elizabeth Jane “Bettie” Hewes, Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, 1986 to 1997, who passed away on November 6, 2001.

**Unanimous Consent - Statement by Party Leaders**

Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, requested and received the unanimous consent of the Assembly to allow for statements by the Party Leaders regarding the events of September 11, 2001.

**Presenting Petitions**

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre, presented a petition from 410 Edmonton and area residents recommending the Government condemn the Chinese government’s crackdown on Falun Gong and the Heilongjiang government’s mass killing of Falun Gong practitioners.

## **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 14, 2001:

Written Questions: Stand and retain their places.

Motions for Returns: Stand and retain their places.

Dr. Nicol, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, gave oral notice of his intention to move a motion under Standing Order 40.

## **Introduction of Bills (First Reading)**

Notice having been given:

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

Bill 27 Provincial Court Amendment Act, 2001 — Hon. Mr. Hancock

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

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

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

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

## **Tabling Returns and Reports**

Hon. Mr. Boutilier, Minister of Municipal Affairs:

Report, undated, entitled "Underground Petroleum Storage Tank Site Remediation Program" prepared by the Department of Municipal Affairs in response to questions raised by Mr. Bonner in Oral Question Period on May 9, 2001

Sessional Paper 350/2001

Ms Graham, Hon. Member for Calgary-Lougheed:

Alberta Research Council, 2001 Annual Report

Sessional Paper 351/2001

Ms Blakeman, Hon. Member for Edmonton-Centre:

Booklet dated September 2001, entitled "Women Working" prepared by  
Edmonton Working Women

Sessional Paper 352/2001

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

Program from the Province of Saskatchewan's unveiling of the Millennium Busts  
of the Honourable T. Walter Scott, the Honourable T.C. Douglas, and The Right  
Honourable John G. Diefenbaker, held on June 18, 2001 at the Legislative  
Building in Regina, Saskatchewan

Sessional Paper 353/2001

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

E-mail message dated November 11, 2001, from Barry and Lana Love on behalf  
of the Flagstaff Family Farm Promotional Society, to Hon. Mrs. McClellan,  
Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, and all Members of the  
Legislative Assembly, expressing concerns regarding, and opposition to, intensive  
livestock operations

Sessional Paper 354/2001

Letter dated November 12, 2001, from Gail Horner, Chairman, Board of Trustees,  
Sturgeon School Division, to Mr. Bonner, Hon. Member for Edmonton-  
Glengarry, requesting the Government keep the proposed amendments to Bill 16,  
School Amendment Act, 2001, in the Committee of the Whole stage for at least  
10 days

Sessional Paper 355/2001

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

Letter dated October 13, 2001, from Carolyn Benedik of Edmonton to Hon.  
Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concerns regarding education underfunding

Sessional Paper 356/2001

Document, undated, listing excerpts from Bill 11, Health Care Protection Act, and  
several quotes by Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, regarding the Canada Health Act

Sessional Paper 357/2001

Edmonton Journal article dated March 7, 2001, entitled "Private health care,  
premiums, staffing"

Sessional Paper 358/2001

News release dated November 13, 2001, entitled "Premier Breaking His Word On  
His Health Care" prepared by the New Democrat Opposition

Sessional Paper 359/2001

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

Letter dated September 25, 2001, from Mark Samuel of Edmonton to Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, expressing concerns regarding the teaching profession, teachers' salaries, and education funding in Alberta

Sessional Paper 360/2001

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

Memorandum dated November 9, 2001, from Mr. Cao, Hon. Member for Calgary-Fort, to Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, requesting that Bill 208, Alberta Official Song Act, be given early consideration in Committee of the Whole

Sessional Paper 361/2001

Memorandum dated November 13, 2001, from Ms Fritz, Hon. Member for Calgary-Cross, to Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, requesting that Bill 209, Highway Traffic (Bicycle Safety Helmet) Amendment Act, 2001, be given early consideration in Committee of the Whole

Sessional Paper 362/2001

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act, cE-3, s3(2):

List of registered candidates together with their chief financial officers who filed a late financial statement with the Chief Electoral Officer regarding the 2001 Alberta Provincial General Election held on March 12, 2001

Sessional Paper 363/2001

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

Revised Members' Services Committee Orders No. MSC 1/01, Constituency Services Amendment Order (No. 8); No. MSC 2/01, Transportation Amendment Order (No. 4); No. MSC 3/01, Members' Allowances Amendment Order (No. 6); MSC No. 4/01, Members' Committee Allowances Amendment Order (No. 3); No. MSC 5/01, Members' Allowances Amendment Order (No. 7); and No. MSC 6/01, Members' Allowances Amendment Order (No. 8), all dated August 7, 2001

Sessional Paper 364/2001

Hon. Mr. Kowalski, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Conflicts of Interest Act, cC-22-1, s44(2):

Office of the Ethics Commissioner, Annual Report 2000-2001

Sessional Paper 365/2001

## **Oral Question Period**

During Oral Question Period, Hon. Mr. Klein, Premier, tabled the following:

Canadian Institute for Health Information (CIHI) web site article dated October 13, 2001, entitled "Provincial and Territorial Government Health Care Spending Shows Continued Growth, Reports CIHI"

Sessional Paper 366/2001

## **Members' Statements**

Ms Kryczka, Hon. Member for Calgary-West, made a statement regarding Helen Hart who recently passed away.

Dr. Nicol, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, made a statement regarding Bettie Hewes, Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, 1986 to 1997, who passed away on November 6, 2001.

Mr. Johnson, Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin-Camrose, made a statement regarding the Communities in Bloom organization, and the Town of Millet on being awarded first place in the area of heritage conservation and first place overall in its population category in a national competition held by Communities in Bloom.

Mrs. O'Neill, Hon. Member for St. Albert, made a statement regarding Bettie Hewes, Member for Edmonton-Gold Bar, 1986 to 1997, who passed away on November 6, 2001.

## **Motions Under Standing Order 40**

Dr. Nicol, Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly for consideration of the following motion:

Be it resolved that this Assembly adjourn the ordinary business of the Assembly to discuss a matter of urgent importance, namely the need for public debate and consultation to counteract the speculation that surrounds reform of the health care system in Alberta.

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

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

#### **Second Reading**

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

Bill 210 Alberta Personal Income Tax (In-Home Care and Dependant Tax Credit)  
Amendment Act, 2001 — Mr. Cenaiko

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(2)(b), debate adjourned, Mr. Cenaiko speaking.

#### **Motions Other Than Government Motions**

**507.** Moved by Mr. Cao:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to ensure that Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped recipients transferring to a non-exempt income, such as the Canadian Pension Plan Disability program, retain medical benefits until similar income limits are reached that disqualify medical benefits to Partially Exempt Income Earners under the Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped program.

A debate followed.

The question being put, the motion was agreed to unanimously.

Mr. Herard, Hon. Member for Calgary-Egmont, requested the unanimous consent of the Assembly to move Motion Other Than Government Motion 505 at this time.

Unanimous consent to proceed was not granted.

**508.** Moved by Mrs. Gordon:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to prioritize restructuring of the parameters for delivering province-wide services such as Renal Dialysis and Multiple Sclerosis Special Therapy programs to focus more on patient need and outcome with emphasis given to service delivery closer to the patient's principal residence.

Pursuant to Standing Order 8(2)(c), debate adjourned, Mrs. Gordon speaking.

## **Government Bills and Orders**

### **Second Reading**

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

Bill 18 Health Professions Amendment Act, 2001 — Hon. Mr. Mar

Bill 21 Electronic Transactions Act — Mr. Horner

### **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, that it be called 5:30 p.m., it was agreed at 4:54 p.m. that when the Assembly reconvened at 8:00 p.m. it would be in Committee of the Whole and the Speaker left the Chair.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2001 — 8:00 P.M.

## **Government Bills and Orders**

### **Committee of the Whole**

(Assembly in Committee)

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

The following Bill was reported:

Bill 21 Electronic Transactions Act — Mr. Horner

Progress was reported on the following Bills:

Bill 16 School Amendment Act, 2001 — Hon. Dr. Oberg

Bill 18 Health Professions Amendment Act, 2001 — Hon. Mr. Mar

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 16 (introduced by the Hon. Member for Calgary-Mountain View on May 28, 2001) — Agreed to

Sessional Paper 367/2001

Amendment to Bill 16 (Hon. Minister of Learning) — Debate adjourned

Sessional Paper 368/2001

Amendment to Bill 18 (Hon. Government House Leader on behalf of the Hon. Minister of Health and Wellness) — Debate adjourned

Sessional Paper 369/2001

## **Adjournment**

On motion by Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned at 9:06 p.m. until Wednesday, November 14, 2001, at 1:30 p.m.

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Hon. Ken Kowalski,  
Speaker

Title: Tuesday, November 13, 2001