

MOTIONS OTHER THAN GOVERNMENT MOTIONS (Private Members' Motions) (2004)

Motion No.	Text	Sponsor	Dates debated	Disposition
501.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government <i>to phase-out</i> the education portion of property taxes <i>over a 10 year period, gradually supplementing the loss from alternative sources</i> , thereby freeing up financial resources for municipalities to adequately provide required services.	Mr. Griffiths	February 23, 2004 March 1, 2004	Amended and adjourned Agreed to
502.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to eliminate seniors' health care premiums immediately and phase out premiums for all Albertans within three years.	Mr. Mason	March 1, 2004 March 8, 2004	Adjourned Defeated on division
503.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation which would provide <i>the option of making special constables accountable</i> to the Law Enforcement Review Board, and require special constables to take enhanced training.	Rev. Abbott	March 8, 2004 March 15, 2004	Adjourned on amendment Agreed to as amended
504.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to: a) continue to develop and implement strategies to reduce, and ultimately eliminate, alcohol consumption prior to and during pregnancy; b) develop and implement initiatives to support Albertans affected by Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD), and c) continue to work with all levels of Government, partners and stakeholders, and members of the public to create an environment that would address the systemic problem of women consuming alcohol while pregnant.	Mr. Hutton	March 15, 2004 March 22, 2004	Adjourned Agreed to
505.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to eliminate healthcare premiums.	Dr. Massey on behalf of Dr. Taft	March 22, 2004 March 29, 2004	Adjourned Defeated
506.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to take measures to establish a tourism levy to be dedicated to the Province's tourism marketing framework to promote the tourism industry in Alberta.	Mr. Strang	March 29, 2004 April 19, 2004	Adjourned Agreed to
507.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to add a fish and wildlife surcharge onto existing fines and penalties related to illegal hunting and fishing practices, with the proceeds allocated directly to a conservation fund to support programs that restore and protect game species and species at risk in Alberta.	Mr. VanderBurg	April 19, 2004 April 26, 2004	Adjourned Agreed to on division
508.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to raise the legal drinking age in Alberta to 19 as is the current requirement in the neighbouring Provinces of British Columbia and Saskatchewan.	Mr. McFarland	May 3, 2004 May 10, 2004	Adjourned Agreed to on division

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509.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to take measures to establish a dedicated fund for the purpose of conducting research to develop scientifically credible information about the safety and effectiveness of complementary and alternative medicine (CAM), that will assist health care professionals, health policy-makers, and the public in making informed decisions.	Ms Graham	May 10, 2004	Agreed to
510.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to consider doubling the fines for motorists who exceed the legal speed limit when passing workers on highways in posted construction zones.	Mr. Tannas		
511.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to consider <i>the benefits of</i> requiring five credits in fine arts as a condition for high school graduation in the Province.	Mr. Herard		
512.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to implement an adequacy funding model for Alberta's primary and secondary education system.	Dr. Massey		
513.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to increase the qualifying income thresholds to allow a greater number of seniors in need to qualify for benefits under the Alberta Seniors Benefit Program.	Mrs. Jablonski		
514.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to install a metering device at each wellhead in the Province to measure the production of oil or gas to ensure that Albertans are getting full value for their resources.	Mr. MacDonald		
515.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to encourage and increase access for parent volunteers wanting to engage in their children's school activities such as coaching, lunch activities, library services, field trips, and other classroom exercises.	Mr. Hlady		
516.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to review the feasibility and practicality of reinstating roadside provincial campsites in an effort to promote Alberta's natural landscapes as well as raise the Province's profile to attract Canadian and international motoring travellers.	Mr. Knight		
517.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to strike a committee of representatives from the beef industry and Government to review processes in the feedlot and packing industry, including price discovery mechanisms and supply arrangements, that encourage ongoing investment required for a sustainable Alberta beef industry.	Mr. Jacobs		
518.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to study the Earned Income Tax Credit concept as an alternative to raising the minimum wage.	Mr. Lord		

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519.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to establish a mandatory driver's education program as part of Alberta's high school curriculum.	Mrs. Ady		
520.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly express disapproval of the Government's shortsightedness in laying off over 1,000 teachers this past September contrary to the recommendation of the Commission on Learning to reduce class sizes.	Dr. Pannu		
521.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to begin the process of developing a high speed train system between Edmonton and Calgary.	Mr. Bonner		
522.	Withdrawn.			
523.	Withdrawn.			
524.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to begin developing a plan to deal with the increasing problem of Internet gambling.	Ms Blakeman		
525.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly declare the Legislature Building, Legislature Annex, constituency offices, and all precincts of the Legislative Assembly to be smoke free.	Dr. Taft		
526.	Withdrawn.			
527.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to assume an advocacy role for small businesses by establishing a mechanism to track those who repeatedly file for bankruptcy using different corporate names.	Mrs. O'Neill		
528.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to provide school boards with resources that would allow average class sizes for students from kindergarten to grade 3 of 17, students from grades 4 to 9 of 25, and for students from grades 10 to 12 of 30 students.	Dr. Massey		
529.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to amend the Election Act by establishing fixed term election dates for provincial elections.	Mr. Griffiths		
530.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to provide all Albertans with an annual health benefit statement detailing what services and benefits have been paid by Alberta Health and Wellness on their behalf.	Mr. Lougheed		
531.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to expand the range of service fees covered in subsidized seniors' accommodations so that the standard of 30% of income to pay for basic rent costs includes basic telephone service.	Ms Blakeman		

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532.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to expand and promote teleworking opportunities as: a rural economic development initiative; a recruitment and retention strategy within the provincial Government workforce; a strategic component of the Alberta Advantage to private-sector employers; and a traffic reduction initiative with environmental, social, and economic benefits to municipalities.	Mr. Lord		
533.	Withdrawn.			
534.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to mandate the labelling of alcoholic beverages warning Albertans of the dangers of drinking, similar to the health warnings on cigarette packages and other containers of tobacco products.	Mr. Amery		
535.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to increase funding for research and resources to improve awareness and screening for prostate cancer.	Mr. Yankowsky		
536.	Withdrawn.			
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538.	Withdrawn.			
539.	Withdrawn.			
540.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to implement a consistent income qualification threshold for all seniors' benefits and subsidy programs that would be indexed to the annual inflation rate or the Market Basket Measure and include a graduated scale of benefits and subsidy programs for seniors with incomes above the qualifying threshold.	Mr. Cao		
541.	Withdrawn.			
542.	Withdrawn.			
543.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to increase the number of environmental enforcement officers.	Ms Carlson		
544.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to encourage and provide assistance for youth cultural sports exchange programs to increase the awareness of, and interaction with, other cultures around the world.	Mr. Johnson		
545.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to continue leading Canada and the United States in the development of agricultural policies that benefit the North American beef market in the wake of the (BSE) bovine spongiform encephalopathy crisis.	Mr. Johnson		

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546.	Withdrawn.			
547.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to implement a process whereby all Albertans on Supports for Independence and Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped receive an automatic cost of living increase upon notice of any increase in the annual consumer price index.	Mr. MacDonald		
548.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to establish a Commission on the Status of Men to address issues associated with family breakup, cultural bias, and health and education problems prevalent among males.	Mr. Yankowsky		
549.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation banning Strategic Lawsuits Against Public Participation (SLAPP) to protect Albertans who speak publicly about issues of importance to them from expensive and frivolous lawsuits.	Mrs. Jablonski		
550.	Withdrawn.			
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552.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to eliminate the education tax on privately-owned farmland in order to put these on the same tax level as other industrial properties.	Mr. McFarland		
553.	Withdrawn.			
554.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to phase out surface water and potable groundwater use for deep well injection by the energy industry and instead implement alternatives such as injecting carbon dioxide for enhanced recovery.	Dr. Pannu		
555.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to monitor the quality of drinking water for all Albertans.	Ms Carlson		
556.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to take measures to implement a \$500 tax credit for teachers who spend personal funds to purchase classroom supplies.	Mr. Maskell		
557.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation which would make it difficult for individuals to pursue frivolous lawsuits and thereby encourage all Albertans to take greater responsibility for their own actions.	Mr. Ouellette		

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558.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to employ measures that would increase the responsibility that engineers must take for their project costs which would include details and any inconsistencies with respect to cost over-runs.	Mr. Masyk		
559.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to review the Alberta Teachers' Pension Plan existing debt load with the intention to aggressively reduce the terms of repayment.	Mr. VanderBurg		
560.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to recognize the increasing number of older seniors and those with disabilities in the long term care system who have complex and chronic health care needs and to work to develop a more appropriate funding formula to enable Regional Health Authorities to adequately fund an enhanced level of long term care.	Ms Kryczka		
561.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to create an independent court of appeal body in the justice system to make legal binding judgments on disputed cases between injured workers and the Workers' Compensation Board.	Mr. Cao		
562.	Withdrawn.			
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569.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce a Personal Responsibility Act that would place more responsibility on Albertans for their own conduct and also work towards minimizing civil actions.	Mr. Vandermeer		
570.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to implement a public auto insurance plan to lower premiums, reduce the number of uninsured drivers, and improve traffic safety.	Mr. Mason		

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571.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to work with the private sector to improve the number and quality of technology commercialization opportunities by fostering an entrepreneurial culture in the knowledge sector, improving linkages between innovators and managers, improving management skills, and encouraging market awareness amongst researchers and scientists.	Ms Graham		
572.	Withdrawn.			
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575.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to study the possibility of introducing legislation mandating community treatment orders for the purposes of ensuring that Albertans with psychiatric disorders remain on their prescribed medications.	Rev. Abbott		
576.	Withdrawn.			
577.	Withdrawn.			
578.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to work with provincial school boards and the Department of Government Services to ensure that all students receive and pass a driver training course prior to their being allowed to obtain a learner's licence.	Mr. Masyk		
579.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to move more quickly on regulatory reform in order to rid Alberta of frivolous, outdated, or cumbersome laws and regulations.	Mr. Ouellette		
580.	Withdrawn.			
581.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to implement a school voucher program to assist parents in paying for independent school tuition and to increase choice in education.	Mr. Vandermeer		
582.	Withdrawn.			
583.	Withdrawn.			
584.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation to permit the policing community to utilize restraining orders based on probable cause for those individuals engaging with or manipulating minors to take part in criminal acts including, but not limited to, prostitution, drug trafficking, and gang involvement.	Mr. Cenaiko		

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585.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to reduce Workers' Compensation Board premiums for Alberta businesses.	Mr. Bonner		
586.	Withdrawn.			
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588.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to support a review of the present remuneration system for teachers with the objective of compensating individual teachers based on surpassing standard performance expectations, education and training, and years of experience.	Ms Kryczka		
589.	Withdrawn.			
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591.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to examine the feasibility of creating a trust fund for Alberta's post-secondary institutions to ensure that more post-secondary seats are made available for Alberta's students.	Mrs. Ady		