

**MOTIONS OTHER THAN GOVERNMENT MOTIONS (Private Members' Motions) (2005)**

<b>Motion No.</b>	<b>Text</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>Dates debated</b>	<b>Disposition</b>
<b>501.</b>	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to consider using taxes from tobacco sales to create a wellness fund to support wellness programs, public health initiatives, and research.	Ms Blakeman	March 7, 2005	Defeated on division
<b>502.</b>	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to eliminate fees for library cards in all public libraries in tribute to the Late, The Honourable Dr. Lois E. Hole to honour her belief in the importance of literacy and the principle that access to libraries should be free for all Albertans.	Mr. Agnihotri	March 14, 2005 March 21, 2005	Adjourned Defeated on division
<b>503.</b>	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to consider the advisability of increasing the value of the Alberta Ingenuity Fund to \$1 billion over the 2006-07 and 2007-08 fiscal years.	Mr. Knight	March 21, 2005 April 4, 2005	Adjourned Agreed to
<b>504.</b>	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to implement a royalty reduction program to provide incentives for industry to develop new technologies for cleaner energy.	Dr. Swann	April 11, 2005	Defeated
<b>505.</b>	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to consider the benefits of requiring five credits in Fine Arts as a condition for high school graduation in the province.	Mr. Herard	April 18, 2005	Agreed to unanimously
<b>506.</b>	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce amendments to the Traffic Safety Act to prohibit the use of hand-held cellular phones while operating a motor vehicle.	Mr. Chase	April 25, 2005	Defeated
<b>507.</b>	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to take <i>further</i> steps to improve the quality of care provided to Albertans living in long-term care facilities by <i>reviewing</i> staffing <i>levels and</i> standards for long-term care facilities, and <i>ensuring that</i> frequent and rigorous facility inspections <i>continually occur</i> . (Revised as per the Speaker's Ruling of April 26, 2005)	Mr. Mason	May 2, 2005	Agreed to as amended
<b>508.</b>	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to institute an aggressive program aimed at hiring and retaining health care professionals throughout the province targeting areas of need such as rural Alberta.	Mr. Danyluk	May 9, 2005	Agreed to
<b>509.</b>	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to establish a commission on advanced education to thoroughly review Alberta's public post-secondary education system and recommend changes to enhance accessibility and affordability while ensuring excellence in areas of research and instruction.	Mr. Mason on behalf of Dr. Pannu	May 16, 2005	Defeated

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510.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to adopt net metering of electricity for producers of all sizes, thereby allowing them the opportunity to sell any excess electricity they produce back to the grid.	Mr. Marz	November 21, 2005	Agreed to as amended
511.	Withdrawn			
512.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to index the salaries of all Government employees to the average weekly earnings index and provide salary adjustments based on supply and demand pressures within one year following a provincial election.	Mr. Snelgrove on behalf of Mr. Griffiths	November 28, 2005	Defeated
513.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to require gas station owners to initiate land remediation within a reasonable time following closure of their businesses to ensure that the property can be used by subsequent property owners.	Mr. Goudreau		
514.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to use all legal and political means possible to preserve the traditional definition of marriage as the lawful union of one man and one woman to the exclusion of all others.	Dr. Morton		
515.	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		
516.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to expedite the implementation of the recommendations of the Northern Alberta Development Council contained in their 2002 Northern Highways Strategy.	Mr. Oberle		
517.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to establish an independent commission to conduct a full review of all pension plans in which the Government has a continuing or outstanding financial obligation.	Mr. Miller		
518.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce amendments to the Police Act to require that all critical internal police investigations be automatically assigned to an independent external special investigations body.	Dr. Miller		
519.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to consider increasing funding for low income programs such as Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped and Alberta Works in proportion with increases in inflation rates.	Mr. Pham		
520.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to increase the mandatory school attendance age from 16 to 17 years of age and ensure that all able students in the Province abide by the attendance requirements.	Mr. McFarland		

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521.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to require all software suppliers whose products are available in Alberta to fully inform purchasers or users of the presence and effect of spyware included with their software and to provide them with an opportunity to explicitly consent before the spyware code is activated.	Mr. Elsalhy		
522.	Withdrawn			
523.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to establish an independent commission to examine the effects of the deregulation of Alberta's electricity industry including the export of power as well as potential and actual market manipulation.	Mr. Eggen		
524.	Withdrawn			
525.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to create additional short-term internship positions within the Government for qualified immigrants who seek work experience for the first time in Canada, thereby encouraging private corporations and the Federal Government to do the same.	Mr. Cao		
526.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce amendments to the Protection for Persons in Care Act to include all continuing care residents.	Ms Pastoor		
527.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to require Albertans applying for any class of Alberta motor vehicle operator's licence to have a valid first aid certificate.	Mr. Strang		
528.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to require school boards to eliminate primary and secondary school fees for basic educational services, including general school fees and other instructional fees for basic programs (such as physical education, music, and art) and to compensate school boards for all foregone revenue from these fees.	Mr. Flaherty		
529.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to establish a fully independent commission to conduct a comprehensive review of Alberta's post-secondary education system in accordance with recommendation #12 from the October 2003 report by the Alberta Commission on Learning.	Mr. Taylor		
530.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation to make the Children's Advocate an Officer of the Legislature.	Mrs. Mather		
531.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation to establish a Seniors' Advocate who would be an Officer of the Legislature and whose office would be responsible for ensuring seniors receive the best possible services from the Government by investigating complaints of elder abuse and advocating legislative and policy changes to improve the quality of seniors' lives in Alberta.	Mr. Martin		

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532.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to recognize the ongoing reality of domestic violence in Alberta, increase resources available to women leaving shelters so they are not forced back into abusive relationships, develop and implement counselling programs that specifically address intimate-partner violence, and create early-intervention programs targeted at children experiencing domestic violence.	Dr. Pannu		
533.	Withdrawn			
534.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to extend the natural gas rebate program, in its exact form, to span the entire year.	Mr. VanderBurg		
535.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to encourage and provide assistance for youth cultural sports exchange programs to increase awareness of, and interaction with, other cultures around the world.	Mr. Johnson		
536.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to create two new provincial parks in memory of the Late, The Honourable Dr. Lois E. Hole and the Late, Honourable Ernest C. Manning to honour their service to Albertans.	Mr. Chase		
537.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to examine the relative percentage of casino revenue allocated to charitable organizations by urban and rural casinos and report back to the Legislative Assembly with the results.	Mr. Tougas		
538.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to remove the Public Affairs Bureau from the direct control of the Premier's Office and take steps to ensure the Public Affairs Bureau only provides non-partisan, objective communications services.	Mr. Mason		
539.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Alberta College of Physicians and Surgeons to establish a public registry of physicians who have committed malpractice.	Mr. Ducharme		
540.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to consider doubling the annual funding for the Alberta Foundation for the Arts.	Mr. Agnihotri		
541.	Withdrawn			
542.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to establish regulations requiring strict reforestation timelines for forestry management agreements and timber licences, regular monitoring by provincial forest officers, and setting non-compliance penalties including reductions to, or suspensions of, harvesting privileges and substantial fines.	Mr. Bonko		
543.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to fund pollution cleanup in residential areas where the polluter has delayed doing so, with the costs fully recoverable from the polluter in addition to any fines that may be levied against the offence.	Mr. Cao		

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544.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to consider strategies to increase the number of students who successfully complete the requirements for high school graduation.	Dr. Brown		
545.	Withdrawn			
546.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to investigate the possibility of extending the electric utility sector's Regulated Rate Option, currently set to expire in June 2006, for another two years to allow the retail market further time to develop.	Mr. VanderBurg		
547.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to begin the process of amending the Alberta Act to ensure the autonomy of municipalities in areas of exclusive municipal jurisdiction.	Dr. Taft		
548.	Withdrawn			
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552.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to raise the legal drinking age in Alberta from 18 to 19 years of age.	Mr. McFarland		
553.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to investigate and introduce legislation to regulate the payday loans industry.	Mr. Johnson		
554.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to strike a committee to review and make recommendations regarding procedures used to train provincial protection officers in tactical communications, non-violent crisis management techniques, and conflict resolution in order to enhance their ability to cope with potentially violent situations without resorting to the use of force.	Dr. Miller		
555.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to index benefits under the Alberta Seniors Benefit Program to the Alberta Consumer Price Index.	Ms Pastoor		
556.	Withdrawn			
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559.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to increase the number of trade-related opportunities available to low income Albertans in career training institutions.	Mr. Pham		
560.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to consider the advisability of implementing a \$6,000 annual tax exemption per child in a family as a means of lowering the tax burden for parents.	Mrs. Jablonski		
561.	Withdrawn			
562.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to review the status of all individuals living in long-term care facilities in the Province to determine if community living would be more cost-effective to the health region and more beneficial to the individual.	Mr. Lougheed		
563.	Withdrawn			
564.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to work with provincial governments and the Federal Government to standardize health and slaughter protocols for cattle across the country, thereby increasing interprovincial beef trade.	Mr. Groeneveld		
565.	Withdrawn			
566.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to consider restoring its financial commitment to post-secondary education by providing proportional increases to the base operating grants of Alberta's public post-secondary institutions of \$100 million per year over the next three fiscal years.	Mr. Taylor		
567.	Withdrawn			
568.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to replace the Office of the Utilities Consumer Advocate with an independent, government-funded Utilities Consumer Ombudsman.	Mr. Elsalhy		
569.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to consider increasing the per capita grant given to Alberta libraries by 50% in recognition of the Late, The Honourable Dr. Lois E. Hole to encourage library enhancement and increased participation in our public libraries.	Rev. Abbott		
570.	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 attract Canadian and international motoring travellers.	Mr. Knight		
571.	Withdrawn			

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572.	Withdrawn			
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574.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to support safe and productive educational environments for teachers and students by reviewing its processes for assessing infrastructure renewal and maintenance needs of school divisions to avoid the accumulation of deferred infrastructure projects.	Mr. Flaherty		
575.	Withdrawn			
576.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to use all legal and political means possible to limit the impact of the Supreme Court of Canada's ruling in R. v. Powley from undermining the effective conservation of Alberta's fisheries and wild game animals, thereby protecting all Albertans' equal rights to hunt and fish regardless of race, religion, or colour of skin.	Dr. Morton		
577.	Withdrawn			
578.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to implement a program to aggressively promote and develop value-added processing of Alberta beef using similar incentive programs such as those used to attract capital investment for the petroleum and mining industries.	Mr. Hinman		
579.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to take immediate steps to create a tribunal to review long-standing contentious claims with the Workers' Compensation Board as authorized by the Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 2002, but never implemented.	Mr. Martin		
580.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to set standard licensing requirements for estheticians to protect the public from potentially dangerous and unhealthy practices.	Mr. MacDonald		
581.	Withdrawn			
582.	Withdrawn			
583.	Withdrawn			
584.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to improve the quality of life for Albertans earning less than \$29,000 annually by reducing personal income tax rates from ten per cent to nine per cent.	Mr. Miller		

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585.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to declare a moratorium on the development of coalbed methane until the surface and water impacts of its development are known and a plan is in place to protect agriculture, rangeland, and associated natural resources.	Dr. Swann		
586.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce amendments to the Election Act to require Elections Alberta to mail a non-partisan “vote at” card indicating the physical address of the polling station where each eligible voter may vote, at least two weeks prior to polling day in a provincial general election or by-election.	Rev. Abbott		
587.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to establish rules or guidelines for restraining orders, in particular ex parte orders, so that they do not unwarrantedly separate children from either of their contending parents.	Ms DeLong		
588.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to provide a tax credit to parents or guardians for out-of-pocket costs related to their children’s organized, extra-curricular, physical, or cultural activities.	Mr. Backs		
589.	Withdrawn			
590.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to develop, implement, and oversee regulations and standards for private not-for-profit and private for-profit long-term care facilities similar to those enacted for public long-term care facilities.	Mrs. Jablonski		
591.	Withdrawn			
592.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to consider new initiatives to increase student participation rates within the Province’s post-secondary and training institutions.	Dr. Brown		
593.	Withdrawn			
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596.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to consider dedicating a portion of the funds annually spent on road construction and maintenance to the development of public transportation including the Edmonton LRT (light rail transit) expansion and the development of bicycle trails and pedestrian pathways.	Mr. Eggen		
597.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce whistleblower protection legislation to protect employees who speak out against wrongdoing in the workplace.	Mr. Backs		



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<b>598.</b>	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to create a policy to enhance the development of an economy based on environmental issues.	Mr. Griffiths		
<b>599.</b>	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to adopt a gambling awareness week based on the principles adopted in Nova Scotia.	Mr. Tougas		
<b>600.</b>	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to ensure that there is adequate and stable funding for programs to assist troubled teens.	Mrs. Mather		
<b>601.</b>	Withdrawn			
<b>602.</b>	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to examine the feasibility of providing enhanced home living assistance for seniors to allow them to remain in their homes, maintain their property, and sustain an above average standard of living.	Mr. Goudreau		
<b>603.</b>	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to consider providing additional funding to rural school boards so that they can offer both enhanced academic and vocational educational curriculums similar to those offered in larger urban centres.	Mr. Hinman		
<b>604.</b>	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to consider committing \$75 million, to be matched by industry and universities, to an Alberta technology venture fund to generate a venture capital industry in Alberta.	Mr. Bonko		
<b>605.</b>	Withdrawn			
<b>606.</b>	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to include midwifery services as insured services under the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan.	Ms Blakeman		
<b>607.</b>	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to include municipalities in budgetary consultation processes to ensure that their needs are addressed and provide them with stable and adequate funding.	Dr. Taft		
<b>608.</b>	Withdrawn			
<b>609.</b>	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to continue developing an open grain marketing system for Alberta farmers to provide marketing options other than the Canada Wheat Board.	Mr. Groeneveld		
<b>610.</b>	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		

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611.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce tax incentives for stay-at-home parents.	Mr. MacDonald		
612.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to establish regulations in cases where parents are living apart to encourage the active involvement of both parents in the lives of their children, as equally effective as those currently used by the Government to encourage financial support.	Ms DeLong		
613.	Withdrawn			
614.	Withdrawn			