

**MOTIONS OTHER THAN GOVERNMENT MOTIONS (Private Members' Motions) (2006)**

Motion No.	Text	Sponsor	Dates debated	Disposition
501.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to develop an electric high-speed rail system by 2012 with a route that would include Edmonton city centre, Edmonton International Airport, Calgary International Airport, and Calgary city centre.	Mr. Backs	February 27, 2006	Defeated on division
502.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to eliminate patronage appointments and increase openness and accountability of Government institutions and agencies by establishing new principles and procedures for recruiting, training, and evaluating boards of directors as outlined by Recommendations No. 1 and No. 2 of the Annual Report of the Auditor General of Alberta, 2004-2005.	Mr. MacDonald	March 6, 2006	Defeated on division
503.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government, municipal governments, and community organizations to develop mechanisms to formally consult the youth of Alberta on issues that affect their future.	Mr. Danyluk	March 13, 2006	Agreed to
504.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to <i>encourage</i> municipalities to provide minimum standards of fire, rescue, <i>and recovery</i> services.	Rev. Abbott	March 20, 2006	Agreed to
505.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to <i>recognize the positive and critical role that grandparents play in the lives of their grandchildren and to encourage access when it is in the best interest of the child.</i>	Mr. Webber	April 3, 2006	Agreed to
506.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to promote the use of Highway 41, up to and including Highway 63, from Wildhorse to Fort McMurray, as an alternate north-south transportation corridor from the United States.	Mr. Mitzel	April 10, 2006	Agreed to
507.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to support improved health, educational, and social outcomes for children by providing increased, dedicated funding for school nutrition programs for at-risk children in Alberta.	Dr. Taft	April 24, 2006	Defeated on division
508.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government <i>to initiate a process to study the benefits and disadvantages of implementing fixed election dates with the intention of introducing legislation based on the recommendations arising from that study.</i>	Dr. Morton	May 1, 2006	Agreed to as amended
509.	Withdrawn			
510.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to <i>improve the delivery of stable and reliable electricity to meet the demands of advanced manufacturing throughout the province, by increasing investment in transmission and associated infrastructure.</i>	Mr. Rogers	May 8, 2006	Agreed to

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<b>511.</b>	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to immediately commission and regularly update an inventory of all ground and surface (including glacial) water supplies in order to responsibly manage and sustain this resource in the public interest.	Dr. Swann	May 15, 2006	Defeated
<b>512.</b>	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	August 28, 2006	Agreed to
<b>513.</b>	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation to create an industrial site reclamation fund, supported by industry, to ensure that all industrial sites, downstream oil and gas operations, and oil sands operations are reclaimed and remediated at industry expense and never default to public liability.	Mr. Bonko		
<b>514.</b>	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation to ensure that all budget surpluses or unbudgeted revenue from a given fiscal year be held in a holding account until its allocation is debated by the Legislative Assembly the following fiscal year.	Mr. Griffiths		
<b>515.</b>	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation to amend the Labour Relations Act to provide for binding first contract arbitration and to prohibit the use of replacement workers during legal strikes and lockouts.	Mr. Martin		
<b>516.</b>	Withdrawn			
<b>517.</b>	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to ensure that any resources allocated for developing carbon dioxide sequestration match those allocated for an absolute reduction in the production of carbon dioxide.	Mr. Eggen		
<b>518.</b>	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation to restrict the use of cellular phones by motor vehicle operators to hands-free units.	Mr. Lindsay		
<b>519.</b>	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to consider the advisability of increasing funding of the International Development Program in an effort to enhance Alberta's role in the global economy and more accurately reflect the generosity of our citizens and the prosperity of our province.	Mr. Shariff		
<b>520.</b>	Withdrawn			
<b>521.</b>	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation to support skilled labour training in Alberta by partnering with industry and small business to develop, implement, and fund an alternative high school diploma in vocational arts.	Mr. Flaherty		

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522.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to adopt a comprehensive watershed-based management strategy in order to protect the sources of domestic water from contamination and to ensure future water quality.	Dr. Brown		
523.	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		
524.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to establish rules or guidelines for restraining orders in family law matters, particularly when granted on an ex parte basis, so that they do not unwarrantedly separate children from either of their contending parents.	Ms DeLong		
525.	Withdrawn			
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528.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to designate the 1,040 square kilometre Castle Wilderness as the Andy Russell I'tai sah kop Wildland Provincial Park/Provincial Park.	Mr. Chase		
529.	Withdrawn			
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531.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation to increase the speed limit on every provincial highway by an increment of 10 kilometres per hour.	Rev. Abbott		
532.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to work with community coalitions, public health educators, medical professionals, police services, and the Alberta Motor Association to implement a strategy aimed at preventing injuries, disability, and premature death caused by motor vehicle accidents.	Ms Blakeman		
533.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to send Alberta Health Care statements to all Albertans in order to ensure that every individual within the province is aware of his or her use of the health care system.	Mr. Lougheed		
534.	Withdrawn			
535.	Withdrawn			

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536.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to amend the Family and Community Support Services Act to include youth shelters as a preventative service in order to ensure they receive predictable, stable, long-term funding.	Mrs. Mather		
537.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to proclaim in force and implement the provisions of the School (Compulsory Attendance) Amendment Act, 2003.	Dr. Brown		
538.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation that would allocate rural students more space in universities as recommended by the Alberta College of Physicians and Surgeons and Alberta Faculties of Medicine.	Mr. Strang		
539.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to consider immediately implementing and funding a sport plan for Alberta, as recommended by Alberta's Sport Plan Task Force, with the goal of promoting a healthier population.	Mr. Agnihotri		
540.	Withdrawn			
541.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to continue pursuing initiatives to establish an open grain marketing system for Alberta farmers in order to provide marketing options other than the Canada Wheat Board.	Mr. Groeneveld		
542.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to expedite immigrants' transition into the workforce by establishing a comprehensive provincial Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition Program.	Mr. Agnihotri		
543.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to commence twinning Highway 63 immediately.	Mr. Chase		
544.	Withdrawn			
545.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to investigate and introduce legislation to regulate the payday loans industry.	Mr. Johnson		
546.	Withdrawn			
547.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to request the Federal Government to not cancel existing commitments to child care in Alberta and to consider enhancing funding for high quality, licensed, not-for-profit child care centres.	Dr. Pannu		
548.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to require Albertans applying for any class of Alberta Driver's Licence to have a valid first aid certificate.	Mr. Strang		
549.	Withdrawn			

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550.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to establish an independent, publicly accountable commission with a mandate to determine fair, market-value compensation for land owners whose property is being expropriated for public purposes.	Mr. Elsalhy		
551.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce right of recall legislation to ensure that elected representatives are accountable to the electorate.	Mr. Hinman		
552.	Withdrawn			
553.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to maintain the current prohibition against physicians who have opted into the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan from billing patients for services covered by that plan.	Mr. Mason		
554.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to enter immediately into negotiations with the Alberta Teachers' Association regarding the unfunded liability in the Alberta Teachers' Retirement Fund to ensure Alberta teachers' pension contributions are reduced to the national average.	Mr. Miller		
555.	Withdrawn			
556.	Withdrawn			
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558.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to develop province-wide standards for the provision of essential student support services including minimum numbers of guidance counsellors, vocational counsellors, and psychologists.	Mr. Flaherty		
559.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation to establish a children's recreation tax credit to encourage families, especially those who are disadvantaged, to enroll their children in physical and cultural extracurricular activities.	Mr. Backs		
560.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to consider limiting ex parte orders granted on an ex parte basis in family law cases to 14 days.	Ms DeLong		
561.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to dedicate the necessary resources to the development of supportive, long-term, and low-cost transitional housing for youth across Alberta.	Mr. Danyluk		
562.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to develop, implement, and oversee regulations and standards for long-term care facilities that do not receive public funding, similar to those in place for long-term care facilities that do receive public funding.	Mrs. Jablonski		

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563.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to examine the funding formula for kindergarten to grade 12 accredited independent schools and independent post-secondary institutions with the intent of moving towards a more equitable funding formula, similar to the one used in Alberta's public education system.	Mr. Prins		
564.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to extend the provincial continuum of youth treatment services to ensure young Albertans experiencing problems with crystal-methamphetamine, other drugs, tobacco, and gambling have easy access to appropriate programs and resources.	Mr. Rodney		
565.	Withdrawn			
566.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to institute an aggressive awareness and action campaign targeting youth and young adults who engage in binge drinking and are at high risk for negative physical, mental, emotional, and societal consequences.	Mr. Rodney		
567.	Withdrawn			
568.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to establish diversion programs within the criminal justice system in order to accommodate the specific social, legal, and health needs of mentally ill prisoners.	Dr. Miller		
569.	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		
570.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to cap future budget expenditures at the 2005/2006 spending level with an index for inflation and population growth.	Mr. Hinman		
571.	Withdrawn			
572.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to establish an independent, publicly accountable board, consisting of environmental experts and other qualified scientists, to advise the Government on all policy decisions with possible environmental implications.	Mr. Elsalhy		
573.	Withdrawn			
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576.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to place a moratorium on grizzly bear hunting in Alberta until an independent, scientific survey of the bear population is completed and demonstrates that a viable population can be maintained.	Mr. Bonko		

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577.	Withdrawn			
578.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation to extend the minimum length of vacation time for full-time employees who have worked 12 consecutive months for the same employer from two weeks to three weeks per year.	Mr. MacDonald		
579.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to support quality, accessibility, and affordability within the public post-secondary education system by introducing legislation that would eliminate the current \$3 billion limit on the value of the Access to the Future Fund.	Mr. Taylor		
580.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce amendments to the Occupational Health and Safety Act to place the punitive fines awarded in cases of death or severe disability into a trust fund which would benefit the dependent partner and/or children of the victim, rather than placing the funds into the General Revenue Fund or a non-government organization.	Mr. Cao		
581.	Withdrawn			
582.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to encourage the formation of a Canadian association of provincial legislators.	Mr. Snelgrove		
583.	Withdrawn			
584.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to institute a five-year moratorium on new casino development.	Mr. Tougas		
585.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation to require that all contracts between Regional Health Authorities and all continuing care service providers be made public.	Ms Pastoor		
586.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation to strengthen the prohibition against private payment for services covered under the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan and to prohibit de-listing services from the plan without broad consultation from health care stakeholders.	Mr. Mason		
587.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to recognize that income contingent loan repayment policies have demonstrably led to higher tuition and higher rates of student debt and prohibit the introduction of such forms of tuition financing in Alberta.	Dr. Pannu		
588.	Withdrawn			

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<b>589.</b>	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		
<b>590.</b>	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		
<b>591.</b>	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to improve the affordability of public post-secondary educational opportunities by converting the Alberta Student Loan Program into a needs-based bursary program so that students graduate with no provincial student loan debt.	Mr. Taylor		
<b>592.</b>	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to request Alberta's current unelected Senators to resign their positions immediately to allow Alberta's four elected Senators to be appointed.	Dr. Morton		
<b>593.</b>	Withdrawn			
<b>594.</b>	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to conduct an audit of all Government regulations in order to eliminate those that unnecessarily impede business development and growth.	Mr. Griffiths		
<b>595.</b>	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		
<b>596.</b>	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation to make the Children's Advocate an independent Officer of the Legislature.	Mrs. Mather		
<b>597.</b>	Withdrawn			
<b>598.</b>	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to improve the availability of palliative care to families throughout Alberta by declaring palliative care a core health service to be provided by all Health Regions without additional patient charges.	Ms Pastoor		
<b>599.</b>	Withdrawn			
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601.	Withdrawn			
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603.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to establish enforceable regulations, including strict timelines, for the reclamation of abandoned oil and gas wells to reduce the public's environmental risk and liability.	Dr. Swann		
604.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to establish clear, written policies to prohibit any inappropriate interference by MLAs (Member of the Legislative Assembly), including by Ministers of the Crown, with enforcement cases at the Alberta Securities Commission.	Dr. Taft		
605.	Withdrawn			
606.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to prevent exposing Alberta consumers to California electricity markets by prohibiting the bulk export of electricity out of the country.	Mr. Eggen		
607.	Withdrawn			
608.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation to prohibit the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund from holding any investments in the tobacco industry.	Mr. Miller		
609.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to hire more specialized Crown Prosecutors to work directly with police services throughout the process of investigating and prosecuting gang-related crimes.	Dr. Miller		
610.	Withdrawn			
611.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to establish an independent committee comprised of health experts, Aboriginal leaders, and other stakeholders, to develop a specialized health plan for Aboriginal peoples with a particular focus on diabetes, substance abuse, HIV (human immunodeficiency virus), and low-weight births.	Mr. Tougas		
612.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to limit the availability of taxpayer funded abortions to one per Albertan except in situations where the pregnancy is the result of an unlawful act or the abortion is medically necessary.	Mr. Lindsay		