

MOTIONS OTHER THAN GOVERNMENT MOTIONS (Private Members' Motions) (1989)

Motion No.	Text	Sponsor	Dates debated	Disposition
201.	Be it resolved that there be established an all-party committee of the Legislature, to be known as the Select Standing Committee on Special Warrant Reviews, to review, before the release of funding, the Special Warrants which are passed by Cabinet when the Legislative Assembly is not sitting; the members to be recommended to the Assembly by the Special Committee established under Standing Order 49(1).	Ms Barrett	June 6, 1989	
202.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to support a change in grain marketing policy which would enable and encourage Alberta grain growers to maximize opportunities under the Free Trade Agreement.	Mr. Ady	June 14, 1989	Agreed to
203.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly appoint a special select committee to consider, hold public hearings, and make recommendations regarding regulations designating routes for hazardous cargo in rural areas, safety standards relating to the construction of containers for hazardous cargo, training and safety procedures for operators who handle such cargo, and emergency safety procedures for dangerous occurrences involving the transport of hazardous cargo.	Mr. McInnis	June 15, 1989	
204.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to take immediate action to vigorously oppose plans by the Federal Government to impose a regressive goods and services tax on Albertans.	Mr. Hawkesworth	June 22, 1989 June 27, 1989	
205.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to take immediate action to keep Alberta farm families on the land by: (1) implementing a 3/6/9 percent interest program which (a) reduces the interest rate on the first \$100,000 of Alberta Agricultural Development Corporation beginning farmer loans to 3% and extends the period in which incentive rates are received from five years to 10 years, and (b) makes the Farm Credit Stability Program a permanent entitlement of Alberta farmers and reduces the interest rate on the first \$100,000 of a loan to 6%; (2) establishing a debt mediation process for the negotiation of fair settlements that takes into account the talents and aspirations of farm families, the fiscal responsibilities of lending institutions, the long-term viability of Alberta's rural communities; and that provides for compulsory compliance under certain circumstances; and (3) establishing a voluntary farmland trust that would (a) accommodate the return of ADC-held land to family-owned and operated farms, and (b) assist those farmers wishing to re-establish their equity situations through lease-to-purchase arrangements.	Mr. Fox	June 29, 1989	
206.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly rescind its resolution supporting the Meech lake Constitutional Accord.	Mr. Decore	July 13, 1989	
207.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly call on the Government to impose a five-year freeze on any new planning of construction of new active treatment hospital beds, and that during that period the government conduct an inventory of existing health care facilities, analyze the health and economic impacts of capital spending on hospital construction, and develop proposals aimed at improving the coordination of services between existing hospitals.	Rev. Mr. Roberts	July 20, 1989	

Motion No.	Text	Sponsor	Dates debated	Disposition
208.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to investigate an assessment of the disposal of garbage other than by the use of landfill operations; such methods to include, but not be limited to, recycling, composting, gasification, incineration, processing, and compaction.	Mr. Gesell	July 25, 1989	Agreed to
209.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to place a moratorium on construction of pulp and paper projects in northern Alberta until: (1) an environmental impact assessment process is implemented which is objective, comprehensive, and subject to full public input, and (2) technology is available and put in place to assure that emissions to water and air from these projects will have a negligible impact.	Mr. Mitchell	August 1, 1989	
210.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to take immediate action to support Alberta families by making the tax system fairer through the implementation of a refundable child tax credit of up to \$525 per child for low and middle income families.	Ms Mjolsness	August 3, 1989	
211.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to establish an Agricultural Resources Conservation Board, along the lines of the Energy Resources Conservation Board, to be charged with responsibility for the conservation, maintenance, and enhancement of the Province's agricultural land base.	Mr. Taylor	August 15, 1989	
212.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly regrets the appointment of the immediate past Chairman to the Land Compensation Board and urges the Government to take steps to improve the process of making appointments to public positions so that person are appointed on the basis of their ability to serve the public interest and not on the basis of political patronage.	Mr. Chumir		
213.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to continue to support research and development and other initiatives to enhance the competitiveness of Alberta coal in domestic and international markets.	Mr. Bradley		
214.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to redirect its priorities for economic diversification from support of foreign-owned and big business corporations to support of small business and locally-based economic development.	Mr. McEachern		
215.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government of Alberta to forthwith meet with the Federal Government with the view to lessen or eliminate the tax and management burden that will be imposed upon small business as a result of the proposed federal goods and services tax.	Mr. Bruseker		
216.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to encourage the free movement of goods and services between provinces by removing existing trade barriers to inter-provincial trade.	Mr. Schumacher		
217.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation which would prevent the granting of a liquor licence and allow for the cancellation of an existing licence in a case where the licensed premises offer entertainment in the form of dancing nude or clothed in a manner that offends against public decency or order.	Mr. Brassard		

Motion No.	Text	Sponsor	Dates debated	Disposition
218.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to: (1) ensure that producers of ethanol are governed by policy and taxation requirements comparable to those for other energy producers; (2) ensure that ethanol producers are eligible for programs of assistance applicable to producers of energy and energy by-products; and (3) assess the merit of special incentive programs to encourage ethanol production within Alberta.	Mr. Jonson		
219.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to consider the special needs of the province's senior citizens with respect to alcohol and drugs, including medication, and to investigate methods and programs that will further strengthen their capacities to avoid harmful involvement with these substances.	Mrs. Mirosh		
220.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to review the guidelines used by the Students finance Board in determining lending policies, to ensure that such policies reflect a realistic relationship between student costs and loans granted, and students' costs which may increase due to tuition fees and new taxes.	Mrs. Gagnon		
221.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to take immediate action to make the tax system fairer for average Albertans by imposing a minimum 20 percent tax on the profits of large corporations, thereby closing legal loopholes through which many large profitable corporations avoid paying their fair share of the tax burden. To ensure that small- and medium-sized businesses continue to benefit from existing tax incentives and are not burdened by compliance, the minimum tax rate should only apply to profits above a certain exemption level.	Mr. Hawkesworth		
222.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to require, when the Minister of the Environment orders and environmental impact assessment, that the municipality in which the development is located establish a citizen's advisory committee.	Mr. Lund		
223.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to address the special child care needs of rural Alberta.	Mr. Severtson		
224.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to establish a committee to investigate the attitudes of Albertans towards the justice system and address any dissatisfactions which may be felt on account of the system being too complicated, too costly, too slow, or the current level of sanctions being inadequate.	Mr. Day		
225.	Be it resolved that an all-party committee be struck to hold public hearing throughout the Province of Alberta comprehensively examining the Family and Community Support Services program, and Be it further resolved that the committee report to the Legislature by September 1, 1989.	Mrs. Hewes		
226.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly Chamber be designated a non-smoking area.	Mr. Payne		

Motion No.	Text	Sponsor	Dates debated	Disposition
227.	<p>Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to implement a voluntary teacher internship program to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) establish definitive program guidelines to ensure participants receive a broad base of experience; (2) credit participants with on-half year towards their teaching certificates; (3) recognize the special needs of multigrade classrooms in rural divisions when determining guidelines such as intern-student ratios; and (4) expand the program to allow more graduates to enhance their teaching abilities by working with experience teachers. 	Mrs. B. Laing		
228.	<p>Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce amendments to the Liquor Control Act to raise the age for drinking and other activities subject to the Act to 19 years.</p>	Mr. Fischer		
229.	<p>Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to take immediate action to ensure the continued existence and significant improvement of passenger rail service in Alberta and western Canada by recommending to the Federal Government means by which Via Rail may be modernized, made more efficient and reliable, and made more competitive in its marketing and related business practices.</p>	Mr. Doyle		
230.	<p>Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to reform pharmaceutical programs in Alberta by:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) enriching non-group Blue Cross coverage for Albertans over 65 years of age and recipients of the widows' pension, such that those Albertans will pay 10 percent on the retail cost or \$5, whichever is lower, for a prescribed drug; (2) introducing changes to the Pharmaceutical Association Act allowing pharmacists to dispense the drugs with the least cost, including the substitution of generic equivalents, at the true cost thereof with reasonable mark-up; (3) studying the feasibility of establishing a generic drug manufacturing facility or generic drug warehousing and wholesaling facility within Alberta; (4) studying the feasibility of implementing a pharmacare program for Alberta; and (5) reporting the findings of the studies to the Assembly. 	Mr. Wright		
231.	<p>Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce amendments to the Irrigation Act to facilitate the development of multi-use projects which will enhance irrigation, wildlife habitat, and recreational benefits for Albertans.</p>	Mr. Musgrove		
232.	<p>Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to establish a procurement policy having the following elements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) an increase in the number of contracts let through competitive tendering as opposed to single-source contracts; (2) an increase in the number of contracts let to Alberta-owned and operated companies; (3) an increase in the number of contracts let to Alberta-owned and operated companies; (4) targeting of contracts to increase employment opportunities for Albertans; (5) a guarantee to all contracting companies or individuals that they will have the right to find out who bid successfully for a contract on which they submitted a bid; and (6) institution of an appeal procedure available to unsuccessful bidders. 	Mr. McEachern		

Motion No.	Text	Sponsor	Dates debated	Disposition
233.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to undertake a pilot project in the constituency of Athabasca-Lac La Biche to establish Human Resources Development Offices which will further combine and coordinate the delivery of services provided by the Departments of Social Services and Career Development and Employment.	Mr. Cardinal		
234.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to recognize the value of wetlands to all Albertans and consider establishing a policy that will protect and enhance Alberta's wetlands.	Mr. Clegg		
235.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to review and find solutions for the problems faced by refugee physicians who wish to practice medicine in Alberta.	Mr. Shrake		
236.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to take immediate action to change the Alberta Royalty Tax Credit program to avoid a loss of Government revenues by: (1) introducing amendments to the Alberta Corporate Income tax Act to prevent companies closely associated through ownership from receiving more than the maximum credit payment; and (2) effectively targeting the benefits of the Royalty Tax Credit Program to small- and medium-sized companies by (a) reimbursing up to 95% of the Crown royalty paid, and (b) reducing the annual tax credit payment limit to \$500,000 per company.	Mr. Pashak		
237.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to consider introducing amendments to the liquor Control Act to allow the following: (1) privatization of the retail and warehousing operations of the Alberta Liquor Control Board; (2) reduction of the regulatory powers of the Alberta Liquor Control Board; (3) expansion of permitted off-sales by hotels to include liquor and wine; (4) equalization of the permitted number of seats in beverage rooms, dining rooms, and night clubs; (5) expansion of the hours of sale of alcohol products as determined by consumer demand; (6) creation of a community club licence; and (7) a hearing to be held prior to the cancellation or suspension of a licence or permit.	Mr. Zarusky		
238.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to undertake a comprehensive review in consultation with interested parties of Alberta highway system in order to determine the most appropriate use of funds earmarked for the paving of secondary roads in Alberta.	Mr. Wickman		
239.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to better the marketplace by creating an atmosphere which would encourage Government, consumers, and the automotive industry to work together towards developing an appropriate legislative framework to govern the automotive industry.	Mr. Hyland		

Motion No.	Text	Sponsor	Dates debated	Disposition
240.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to provide leadership in environmental protection by: (1) creating and encouraging markets for products composed of recycled materials; (2) encouraging the development of firms producing and marketing recycled products; (3) directing industry to discontinue the sale and production of products and processes which are harmful to or whose manufacture is harmful to the environment.	Mr. Mitchell		
241.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to reinstate the Initiation to Teaching program.	Mrs. Gagnon		
242.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to establish a citizen's advisory committee, made up of representatives from service groups, to review the Government's social policies and programs to ensure communities and community agencies are involved, to the greatest extent possible, in the development, delivery, funding, and evaluation of social programs for Albertans.	Mrs. Black		
243.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to undertake a computerized annual municipal assessment pilot project in the County of Newell including all towns and villages within those boundaries.	Mr. Musgrove		
244.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to implement the third recommendation of the Minister's Task Force on School Finance, presented in 1982, that "The provincial share of total schooling costs should not be targeted towards providing an average of approximately 85% of the total expenditures of all school boards in the province, leaving an average of 15% to be raised by local supplementary requisitions."	Mr. Woloshyn		
245.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to: (1) conduct a workforce analysis of the Alberta public service to give a breakdown of women and men employed in that service who are disabled, aboriginal, or belonging to a visible minority; and (2) enter into discussions with concerned citizens, organizations, and employee groups aimed at developing employment equity policies and programs to correct any imbalances.	Mr. Gibeault		
246.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to consider introducing legislation that would prevent workers from being forced to work on Sundays when this was not an original term of the employment agreement.	Mr. Shrake		
247.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to reaffirm its commitment to the economic diversification of northern Alberta.	Mr. Cardinal		
248.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to establish the Alberta Centennial Board with representatives from all Alberta regions, to plan, recommend, and develop appropriate facilities, functions, and festivities for the year 2005 Alberta Centennial celebration.	Mr. Gesell		

Motion No.	Text	Sponsor	Dates debated	Disposition
249.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to take immediate action to prevent the proliferation of nuclear armaments in Alberta by: (1) declaring the Province of Alberta to be a nuclear-free zone; and (2) recommending to the Government of Canada the prohibition of the deployment, construction, testing, or transportation of nuclear weapons in Alberta, as well as the export of materials used in the construction such weapons. Be it further resolved that the Speaker send this resolution to the Prime Minister of Canada, the leaders of the opposition parties in Parliament, and the President of the United States.	Ms M. Laing		
250.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government: (1) to declare publicly the presence of poverty in Alberta to be unacceptable, and the elimination of the need for food banks in Alberta to be among its most pressing concerns; (2) to undertake immediately a thorough assessment of the costs of those services and commodities necessary to the maintenance of a healthy and dignified standard of living; and (3) to adjust the levels of the various allowances composing the social allowance such that those allowances reflect the actual costs identified in clause (2).	Ms Mjolsness		
251.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to consider a policy that a minimum of 10 percent of the capacity of major provincial water reservoirs be allocated for use in the local area of the reservoir for irrigation and other uses.	Mr. Bradley		
252.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government: (1) to immediately conduct a thorough evaluation of educational services offered to deaf students throughout Alberta; (2) to take immediate steps to involve representatives of the deaf community, advocates for the hearing-impaired and parents of deaf children in the decision-making process on education for deaf people in Alberta; (3) to immediately review the grant system for funding deaf education in Alberta; and (4) to report to the Legislative Assembly in the Spring Sitting of 1990.	Mr. Sigurdson		
253.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly is of the opinion that it is opposed to the Federal Government's proposed changes to the Unemployment Insurance Program, and urge the Government of Alberta to communicate to the Federal Government the need to continue the Federal Government's financial participation in the Unemployment Insurance Program and the need to restore both the program's benefits to its previous levels and the Federal Government's commitment to retraining programs.	Mr. Sigurdson		
254.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to take steps to reduce waste, inefficiency, and extravagance by improving management of the affairs of the province.	Mr. Decore		
255.	Be it resolved that the Government provide assurances that any Senate election would be held separate from municipal and school board elections, to avoid interfering with or distracting from the issues in those elections.	Mr. Wickman		
256.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to take a pro-active stance on native land claims by establishing a Native Lands Claims board to review and resolve outstanding native land claims.	Mr. Taylor		
257.				

Motion No.	Text	Sponsor	Dates debated	Disposition
258.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to investigate the feasibility of establishing a deinking plant in Alberta whose function would be to remove ink from newspaper so that the paper can be recycled and remanufactured into newsprint quality paper.	Mr. Bruseker		
259.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to reassess the feasibility of a high-speed rail linkage between Edmonton and Calgary.	Mrs. Mirosh		
260.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to instruct the Department of Health to immediately implement the single-entry intake system for long-term care in Alberta on a province-wide basis, by providing for the development of autonomous, free-standing information, assessment, and placement offices.	Mrs. Hewes		
261.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to establish an Alberta Child Care Advisory Council, geographically representative of the Province of Alberta, with two representatives from each of the following groups: (1) child care workers and operators; (2) early child educators; (3) aboriginal people; (4) rural and farm families; (5) parents of special needs children; and (6) parents of children in day care of the age groups: (a) up to 18 months (b) 18 to 30 months; and (c) over 30 months to conduct a thorough review of child care services.	Ms Mjolsness		
262.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to take such steps as may be necessary to make access to the courts of law affordable to all, by causing an inquiry to be made into the court and legal aid systems to ensure that such access is not frustrated by: (1) unnecessary or unnecessarily expensive or complicated procedure; (2) the charging of excessive fees by lawyers; (3) the shortcomings of the legal aid system; (4) any other matter; and to act upon all recommendations as appropriate.	Mr. Wright		
263.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to continue its programs of water management including the construction of reservoirs and drainage systems.	Mr. Ady		
264.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to develop a palliative care policy and to provide the support required to health professionals, families, communities, and individuals who must deal with the tragedy of terminal illness.	Mr. Black		
265.	Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to communicate to the Federal Government the following items in relation to the federal budget of 1989: (1) that the thrust of the budget must be adjusted away from a tax emphasis to an emphasis on Government spending cuts; (2) that the effects of this budget on the provincial economy of Alberta will be devastating; and (3) that the Members of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta will be working together to develop ways to oppose this budget.	Mr. Day		

Motion No.	Text	Sponsor	Dates debated	Disposition
266.	<p>Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to consider investigating the matter of "alleged interest overcharges" as it pertains to farming operations and businesses with a view to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) expediting the court process involved in dealing with cases related to this matter; (2) ensuring the litigation may proceed without being impeded by reference to a statute of limitations; (3) ensuring that individuals receive the information they require from their financial institutions; (4) ensuring that those who pursue possible legal redress suffer no reprisals as a result of such action; and (5) making it possible for people who wish to claim in respect of improper bank charges to take a class action against the financial institutions. 	Mr. Jonson		
267.	<p>Be it resolved that this House is of the opinion that there should be established a series of all-party committees on the subjects of</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) agriculture (2) education and youth, (3) environment (4) health and social development (5) industry, technology, and labour, (6) resource development and trade (7) cooperative and community development, (8) finance and economics, and (9) justice; <p>such committees to</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) report on such Bills, motions, and department estimates as are referred to them by the Assembly; and (b) investigate, receive public input, and report on such issues as are referred to them by the Assembly or determined by the committee. 	Mr. Fox		
268.	<p>Be it resolved that the Standing Orders be amended to empower the Standing Committee on Public Accounts to request of the Auditor General "value for dollar" audits, and publication thereof, on Government programs, Crown corporations, Government-controlled organizations, and Government grants, loans, and loan guarantees to private corporations, to determine whether those expenditures of taxpayers' dollars constitute worthwhile expenditures in terms of, but not limited to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) jobs created per dollar spent; (2) Alberta procurement realized per dollar spent; (3) tax revenue regenerated per dollar spent; and (4) with respect to grants, loans, and loan guarantees to private corporations, whether the risk of the public dollars lent or given is too high compared to instances where the venture may have provided public equity in the project or industry, and whether the recipient company is paying its fair share of taxes before, during, and after receipt of the taxpayers' dollars. 	Mr. Pashak		
269.	<p>Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly is of the opinion that all Government appointments to administrative tribunals, boards, and commissions should be of a non-partisan nature, and be as equitable in terms of gender representation as the population represented or affected by such tribunals, boards, and commissions.</p>	Ms M. Laing		

Motion No.	Text	Sponsor	Dates debated	Disposition
270.	<p>Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to establish and all-party task force to investigate issues pertaining to the health of Alberta women and make recommendations in the areas of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) reproductive care, midwifery, and birth technologies; (2) the medicalization of women's health; (3) mental health; (4) women's health clinics and resource units; (5) the health of older women; and (6) women as health care givers. 	Rev. Mr. Roberts		
271.	<p>Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly endorse and recommend as Government policy the principles for environmental protection and sustainable development as developed by the World Commission on Environment Development in its report, "Our Common Future," and the National Task force on Environment and Economy in its 1987 "Report" and urge the Government to integrate environmental and economic decision-making through multisectoral round tables with appropriate funding for non-governmental organizations.</p>	Mr. McInnis		
272.	<p>Be it resolved that commencing on the first sitting day following the release by the Court of Queen's Bench of the Code Report, the normal business of the Legislative Assembly after Question Period shall be suspended for two days in order to allow the Standing Committee on Public Affairs to consider the Code Report and related matters arising out of the collapse of the Principal Group of companies and to call such Ministers and former Ministers as deemed appropriate in order to answer questions related to the above.</p>	Mr. Chumir		
273.	<p>Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to consider investigating the matter of "alleged interest overcharges" as it pertains to farming operations and businesses with a view to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) ensuring that legal procedures may be commenced; (2) ensuring that those involved receive the information they require from their financial institution; (3) making it possible for people who have a claim in respect to alleged interest overcharges to launch a class action; and (4) assessing the feasibility of establishing an arbitration process as an alternative to settling cases pertaining to this matter. 	Mr. Jonson		