



**Legislative Assembly
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Day 17

ORDER PAPER

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ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Motions

16. Moved by Hon. Mr. Day:

Be it resolved that the Assembly approve in general the business plans and fiscal policies of the Government.

Adjourned debate: Mr. Yankowsky.

20. Hon. Mr. Havelock to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that:

1. A Select Special Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act Review Committee of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta be appointed, pursuant to Section 91 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, consisting of the following Members namely:
 - Mr. Friedel, Chairman
 - Ms Barrett
 - Mr. Cardinal
 - Mr. Dickson
 - Mr. Ducharme
 - Ms Paul
 - Mr. Stevens
 - Ms Tarchuk
2. The Chairman and Members of the Committee shall be paid in accordance with the schedule of Category "A" Committees provided in Members' Services Committee Order 10/89.
3. Reasonable disbursements by the Committee for advertising, staff assistance, equipment and supplies, rent, travel and other expenditures necessary for the effective conduct of its responsibilities shall be paid, subject to the approval of the Chairman.
4. In carrying out its duties, the Committee may undertake limited travel within Alberta to consult with interested Albertans.
5. In carrying out its responsibilities, the Committee may, with the concurrence of the head of the department, utilize the services of members of the public service employed in that department or the staff employed by the Assembly.
6. The Committee may, without leave of the Assembly, sit during a period when the Assembly is adjourned.
7. When its work has been completed, the Committee shall report to the Assembly if it is then sitting. During a period when the Assembly is adjourned, the Committee may release its report by depositing a copy with the Clerk and forwarding a copy to each Member of the Assembly.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

- Bill 3 School Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Mar
- Bill 17 Metis Settlements Statutes Amendment Act, 1998 — Mr. Ducharme
- Bill 18 Engineering, Geological and Geophysical Professions Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Woloshyn

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- Bill 2 Conflicts of Interest Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Havelock
- Bill 12 Alcohol and Drug Abuse Amendment Act, 1998 — Mrs. Burgener
- Bill 13 Alberta Personal Property Bill of Rights — Mr. Hierath
- Bill 14 Alberta Science, Research and Technology Authority Act (\$) — Hon. Dr. Taylor
- Bill 15 Gaming and Liquor Amendment Act, 1998 — Mrs. Laing

Third Reading

- Bill 5 Canadian Airlines Corporation Amendment Act, 1998 — Ms Graham

Awaiting Royal Assent

- Bill 1 Protection of Children Involved in Prostitution Act — Hon. Mr. Klein
- Bill 4 Libraries Amendment Act, 1998 — Ms O'Neill
- Bill 6 Dangerous Goods Transportation and Handling Act — Mr. Marz
- Bill 7 Rural Gas Amendment Act, 1998 — Mr. Strang
- Bill 8 Agriculture Statutes (Penalties) Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Stelmach
- Bill 9 Marketing of Agricultural Products Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Stelmach
- Bill 10 Regional Airports Authorities Amendment Act, 1998 — Mr. Klapstein
- Bill 11 Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mrs. McClellan
- Bill 16 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 1998 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Day

Written Questions

WQ5. Mr. Gibbons to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 17):

What is the breakdown of the \$1.7 million provision for loss for the estimated costs of lease obligations in excess of estimated sublease revenues by specific property held by the Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission as of March 31, 1997, as contained in the Public Accounts 1996/97, Vol. 3, notes 13 and 14, pages 191-192?

WQ9. Dr. Pannu to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 18):

How does the Government explain the fact that the Heritage Trust Fund's Annual Report for 1996-97 indicates an overall rate of return of 8.5% for the Fund's investments when the Public Accounts for the same year (schedule 6, page 37) states the average "effective yield" is 3.63% for securities maturing within a year and 5.52% for securities maturing in 1 to 35 years on the bulk of our financial assets?

WQ10. Dr. Pannu to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 18):

What is the main reason or reasons why Alberta Treasury Branch guarantees increased \$351 million, that is from \$125 million to \$476 million, in the 1994-95 fiscal year (see Contingent Liabilities, note 14, page 22, Alberta Treasury Branch's Annual Report) and what provisions for losses have been made or will be made in the future on this contingent liability?

WQ17. Ms Carlson to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 22):

How many facility operating agreements for provincial parks and recreation areas were offered for tender between September 1, 1996 and February 3, 1998, where the operator takes over full responsibility for the operation; how many tenders have been accepted; what is the name of each location for which no suitable tenders were received (if any) and what are the future management plans for each site for which no suitable tenders were received?

WQ18. Ms Carlson to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 22):

How many provincial recreation areas and provincial forest recreation areas were there as of January 1, 1994, and between January 1, 1994 and December 31, 1997, how many closed, how many were transferred to municipalities, how many were transferred to other bodies that keep them open to the public, how many were transferred to other bodies for private use, how many were still managed by the Government on December 31, 1997, and how many may be closed during 1998 if no operators are found?

WQ19. Dr. Massey to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 22):

What are the names of the non-government selection panel members who recommended the former Deputy Minister of Education, Leroy Sloan, for that position, and the amounts of remuneration and expenses paid to each panel member for his or her services in the screening and selection process?

WQ24. Mr. White to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 27):

What was the rate of non-compliance by industry for submitting required data to the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board for the 1996/97 fiscal year and for the period April 1, 1997 to January 27, 1998?

WQ25. Mrs. Soetaert to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 27):

What is the breakdown of the \$4,421,666 in unlisted preferred shares, by individual entity, held by the Agriculture Financial Services Corporation as of March 31, 1996, as contained in the Public Accounts 1996/97, Vol. 3, note 10, page 12?

WQ26. Ms Paul to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 27):

What is the breakdown of the \$1,401 million in loan loss write-offs, by individual borrower, held by the Alberta Opportunity Company as of March 31, 1997, as contained in the Public Accounts 1996/97, Vol. 3, note 5, page 87?

WQ27. Dr. Massey to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 27):

What are the number and names of schools in Alberta still containing asbestos, and the estimated cost for each school to safely remove the asbestos?

WQ28. Dr. Massey to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 27):

What was the term of the contract between former Deputy Minister of Education Leroy Sloan and the Alberta Department of Education, and the amount of severance paid to him, if any, upon the termination of his contract with the Department of Education?

WQ29. Mr. White to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 27):

What was the application turn-around time for routine facility applications handled by the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board for the 1996/97 fiscal year and for the period April 1, 1997 to January 27, 1998?

WQ30. Ms Carlson to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 28):

What process is in place to audit companies that are conducting field operations to ensure they adhere to all plans, conditions attached to approvals or codes of practice under the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act, how many full-time equivalent staff in the Department of Environmental Protection were engaged in this type of work between January 1, 1992 to December 31, 1992 and January 1, 1997 to December 31, 1997, and how many companies were conducting field operations between January 1, 1992 to December 31, 1992 and January 1, 1997 to December 31, 1997?

WQ31. Ms Carlson to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 28):

How many full time staff equivalents in the Department of Environmental Protection were employed throughout Alberta in wildlife and fisheries management on January 1, 1997, how many transferred to work for the Alberta Conservation Association after its creation and how many staff were employed to manage fish and wildlife activities in the Department following completion of this transfer on January 1, 1998?

WQ32. Ms Carlson to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 28):

How many landfills in Alberta are operated under an approval and how many operate under the registration process under the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act, and in each category how many unannounced spot checks did Alberta Environmental Protection carry out between September 1, 1996 and December 31, 1997, how many infringements were discovered, what was the nature of each infringement and what penalty was imposed in each case?

WQ33. Mr. Mitchell to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 30):

What was the number of public servants employed by the Government within the age ranges of 25 years and under, 26 through 30 years, 31 through 45 years, 46 through 60 years, and over 60 years of age for the calendar years 1981, 1992, and 1997?

WQ34. Ms Paul to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 30):

What is the breakdown of the \$3.732 million charge for loan losses and losses on realization by individual borrower held by the Alberta Opportunity Company as of March 31, 1997, as contained in the 1996/97 Public Accounts, Vol. 3, page 85?

WQ35. Ms Paul to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 30):

What is the breakdown of the \$14.165 million unimplemented loan authorizations, \$878,000 unimplemented guarantee authorizations, and \$165,000 unimplemented export guarantee authorizations by individual borrower held by the Alberta Opportunity Company as of March 31, 1997, as contained in the 1996/97 Public Accounts, Vol. 3, note 14, page 91?

WQ36. Ms Paul to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 30):

What is the breakdown of the \$2.133 million guarantee and \$2.54 million export guarantee portfolio by individual borrower held by the Alberta Opportunity Company as of March 31, 1997, as contained in the 1996/97 Public Accounts, Vol. 3, note 13, page 90?

WQ37. Ms Carlson to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 30):

How many staff were employed by Alberta Environmental Protection on January 1, 1993 for pollution control and what were the comparable figures on January 1, 1998?

WQ40. Mr. Mitchell to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 31):

What was the average age of, and number of, managers employed in the Alberta civil service in each of the calendar years 1981, 1992, and 1997; and what was the average age of, and number of, executive managers employed in the Alberta civil service in each of the calendar years 1981, 1992, and 1997?

WQ41. Ms Carlson to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 31):

How much did the Department of Environmental Protection spend in the fiscal year 1992-93 on, respectively, the management and operation of provincial parks, provincial recreation areas and Kananaskis Country; how many staff were employed; how many of these were park rangers, and what are the comparable figures for the calendar year 1997?

WQ42. Mr. White to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 31):

During the calendar years 1992 and 1997, how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in the entire Land and Forest Service, and specifically in the Forest Management Division and in Forestry Regional Offices; what was the total area of allocated Crown land (held under forest management agreements and other forms of tenure) on which forest management operations had to be supervised and how many full-time equivalent staff were involved in monitoring in the field?

Motions for Returns

MR8. Ms Carlson to propose the following motion (Due Day 17):

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all documents written by or for the Government and all internal memos between January 1, 1993 and January 27, 1998, concerning the need for Alberta to reduce the emission of gases that contribute to global climate change, how reductions can best be achieved and how any programs will be implemented.

MR12. Ms Barrett to propose the following motion (Due Day 18):

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
The Lease Amendment Agreement signed during 1996 between the Government and Maple Leaf Foods Inc. at the time the Government's lease agreement with Burns Foods Ltd. was transferred to Maple Leaf.

MR13. Ms Barrett to propose the following motion (Due Day 18):

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all correspondence and memoranda between the Government and Maple Leaf Foods Inc. between January 1, 1997 and January 27, 1998.

MR14. Ms Barrett to propose the following motion (Due Day 18):

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all documents prepared by the Government pertaining to the closure of Maple Leaf Foods Inc. Edmonton plant between April 1, 1997 and January 27, 1998.

MR15. Ms Barrett to propose the following motion (Due Day 19):

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all studies done by the Government on the direct and indirect effects on Alberta's workers and the provincial economy as a result of having the lowest minimum wage in Canada.

MR16. Ms Barrett to propose the following motion (Due Day 19):

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all studies or analyses done by the Government showing the effect the regionalization of Children's Services will have on children living in poverty in Alberta.

MR21. Ms Carlson to propose the following motion (Due Day 22):

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A copy of all documents that record inspections by Alberta Environmental Protection of the construction of cell #2 at the Laidlaw Environmental Services (Ryley) Ltd. hazardous waste landfill from the start of construction until its completion in June 1997, including quality control/quality assessment of material used in the clay liner and compaction of the clay, and all departmental evaluation of inspections, assessments and records.

MR22. Mrs. Soetaert to propose the following motion (Due Day 22):

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A copy of the agreement between Alberta Environmental Protection and Information Systems Management Corporation (ISM) for ISM to manage the sale of Alberta recreational fishing and hunting licences, as announced in a Government news release on September 4, 1997.

MR23. Mrs. Soetaert to propose the following motion (Due Day 22):

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all proposals received by Alberta Environmental Protection for the privatization of the sale of Alberta recreational fishing and hunting licences, including the proposal from Information Systems Management Corporation, with whom the Department has entered into an agreement.

MR38. Mr. Dickson to propose the following motion (Due Day 30):

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all contracts between private health care operators and the Capital Regional Health Authority within the time period January 1, 1997 to January 1, 1998.

MR39. Mr. Dickson to propose the following motion (Due Day 30):

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all contracts between private health care operators and the Calgary Regional Health Authority within the time period January 1, 1997 to January 1, 1998.

MR43. Mr. White to propose the following motion (Due Day 31):

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A copy of the minutes of all meetings of the Alberta Forest Management Science Council held from May 13, 1996 to the present.

MR44. Mr. White to propose the following motion (Due Day 31):

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A copy of the minutes of each meeting of the Forest Protection Advisory Committee held in the calendar years 1996 and 1997.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

1. 505. Mrs. Gordon to propose the following motion (amended):

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to act upon the recommendation included in the report of the Lotteries Review Committee, New Directions for Lotteries and Gaming, whereby changes should be made to the VLT (video lottery terminal) computer chip to slow down the speed of games, and to alter other properties of VLTs (video lottery terminals), in order to provide consumers with more accurate accounting information and better entertainment value.

2. 506. Mr. Hlady to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to press the Federal Government to introduce legislation to repeal the Capital Gains Tax.

3. **507.** Mr. Magnus to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to encourage the Federal Government to increase the age of consent for sexual activities from 14 to 16 years of age.

4. **508.** Ms Leibovici to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to work with the Federal Government to assure Albertans that the provisions contained within the proposed Multilateral Agreement on Investment (MAI) are consistent with the principles of quality, accessible publicly-funded Canadian health care, education and social services; the preservation of high quality labour and environmental standards; promotion of the development and growth of small and medium-sized Alberta businesses; and protection of domestic financial institutions, prior to giving its approval to the MAI.

5. **509.** Mr. Tannas to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to increase the taxation per gram of smokeless tobacco products to the same level as cigarettes per gram.

6. **510.** Mr. Marz to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to work in partnership with the Federal Government and the College of Physicians and Surgeons to review federal and provincial legislation and policies concerning unwanted pregnancies resulting in abortion and the factors which have contributed to the increase in recent years, and to develop strategies to reduce this number.

7. **511.** Ms Forsyth to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to strongly encourage the Federal Government to move the drug flunitrazepam (Rohypnol) and its related drug family from Schedule 4 of the Controlled Substance Act to Schedule 1 in light of its use as a sedative to render a person unconscious for the purpose of sexual assault; properly educate the general public, targeting high school and post-secondary students, about its effects, and the need to seek medical and police attention if it is believed they were a victim of an assault; provide detailed information about this drug to travellers leaving Canada for destinations where this drug is currently legal; and work cooperatively with other governments to ban the use, distribution, and manufacturing of this drug.

- 8. 512.** Ms Kryczka to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to support a review of the remuneration system for teachers with the objective that teachers be rewarded individually for meeting or surpassing standard performance expectations.
- 9. 513.** Mr. Gibbons to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to develop a system of stable and predictable funding arrangements with municipalities; clarify roles and responsibilities between provincial and local governments; develop an appropriate accountability framework; and determine the infrastructure priorities required to ensure sustained economic and human development within our local communities.
- 10. 514.** Dr. Nicol to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to cap elementary class size (kindergarten to grade 7) at 18 students, and to limit the instructional load of secondary English, Mathematics, and Science teachers to 80 students.
- 11. 515.** Ms Paul to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to provide more support for women's shelters, for shelter programs and for spousal violence follow-up teams to ensure that abused women and children are not being turned away from these life-saving services.
- 12. 516.** Mr. Wickman to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to hold a binding referendum in every municipality, concurrent with the next set of municipal elections, to remove all VLTs (video lottery terminals) from bars in any community that votes in favour of their removal.
- 13. 517.** Mr. Coutts to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to encourage member legislatures of the Pacific North West Economic Region (PNWER) to increase their roles and participation in the organization, including the adoption of the Alberta model of public and private sector partnership.
- 14. 518.** Mr. Bonner to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to amend the Workers' Compensation Act to address the unequal treatment in pension benefits for widows and widowers of WCB claimants who were widowed before January 1, 1982, and those widowed subsequent to that date.

- 15. 519.** Ms Blakeman to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to establish an advisory committee whose members would be selected from among charitable, community and volunteer groups and whose mandate would be to provide input for, and consult with, the Alberta Liquor and Gaming Commission on gaming issues which impact these sectors.

- 16. 520.** Mr. Cao to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to include, in its measurable outcomes and goals of government departments and funded agencies, a list of projects or work items that have been completed, or terminated, and the resources saved or redirected to higher need areas.

- 17. 521.** Mrs. Soetaert to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation to limit the transport of passengers in pick-up trucks to the cab of pick-up trucks.

- 18. 522.** Ms Tarchuk to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to examine alternatives for funding education which place emphasis on equitable support by all taxpayers, residents and businesses and which are responsive to growth, and assure fair funding throughout Alberta.

- 19. 523.** Mrs. Laing to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation to protect persons who donate food or who distribute donated food to not be held liable for damages resulting from injuries or death caused by the consumption of the food unless the food was bad for human consumption or was a result of negligence by the distributor or non-profit agency involved.

- 20. 524.** Mr. Cao to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to increase Canadian content in primary and secondary school curriculum to foster knowledge of Canadian history, politics and life in order to promote Canadian identities and unity.

- 21. 525.** Mr. McFarland to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation that will raise the legal drinking age in the province to 19 years of age.

- 22. 526.** Mr. Wickman to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to allow all municipalities to appoint their own local lottery boards to act as advisory boards making recommendations to the local council.
- 23. 527.** Mr. Renner to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to discuss re-opening negotiations to return corporate income tax administration to the Federal Government.
- 24. 528.** Mr. Hierath to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation which would give Alberta's farmers the option to market their own wheat and barley.
- 25. 529.** Ms Fritz to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Federal Government to support and implement recommendations made in the Report of the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples.
- 26. 530.** Ms Barrett to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation which immediately increases the provincial minimum wage by \$1.00 per hour, with a further increase of \$1.00 per hour in a year's time; requires employers to provide pro-rated benefits to part-time and casual workers that are equivalent to those provided to full-time workers; bans the use of replacement workers during a legal strike or lockout; and restores full collective bargaining rights, including the right to strike, to nurses, civil servants and other public sector workers providing non-emergency services.
- 27. 531.** Ms Carlson to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to protect human health, soils, groundwater, surface waters and the air by revising the Code of Practice For the Safe and Economic Handling of Animal Manures, by working with municipalities to ensure that all large-scale intensive livestock operations comply with the Code, and by updating the Code at regular intervals.
- 28. 532.** Mr. Herard to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to recognize best practices (the most effective and efficient treatment practices) and centres of excellence (specialized service providers) for youth addiction and youth offenders' rehabilitation and ensure that centres of excellence in-service training is available to all appropriate professional service providers.

- 29. 533.** Mr. Pham to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to consider reinvesting a percentage of VLT (video lottery terminal) revenues into an endowment for primary and secondary education.
- 30. 534.** Mr. Sapers to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to establish an endowment fund as part of the Alberta Heritage and Savings Trust Fund designed to assist in the development of basic research and other technological advancements, to be peer-reviewed and administered by a body external to Government.
- 31. 535.** Mr. Doerksen to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to develop initiatives to protect a foetus from abuse by its mother through the consumption of harmful substances in light of the recent Supreme Court of Canada decision making it the responsibility of elected legislators to do so (Winnipeg Child and Family Services - Northwest Area v. D.F.G.).
- 32. 536.** Mr. Shariff to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to ratify the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.
- 33. 537.** Mr. Amery to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to implement strategies aimed at making the wearing of bicycle helmets mandatory in the interest of accident prevention and public safety leading to the reduction of costs to Alberta's health care system.
- 34. 538.** Mr. Fischer to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly encourage the Government to legislate a standard age deadline for early entry to grade one in order to provide greater consistency across Alberta, and reduce difficulties which can arise when a child transfers school divisions.
- 35. 539.** Ms O'Neill to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to increase the percentage of Albertans with first aid training to 100% by Alberta's centennial in 2005, using strategies such as first aid training in schools.

- 36. 540.** Mr. Zwozdesky to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation designed to allow for the recovery of cash deposits in respect of those arrangements in which a contractor takes a cash deposit from a consumer in exchange for a promise of providing goods and/or services, but fails to provide the goods and/or services as agreed.
- 37. 541.** Ms Olsen to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation in the Assembly to permit class actions to improve Albertans' access to justice.
- 38. 542.** Mr. Shariff to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to establish a process to identify the changing needs of Albertans and ensure that social programs reflect these needs.
- 39. 543.** Mr. Doerksen to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to expand its initiatives to reduce the incidence of smoking by making it illegal for minors to be in possession of cigarettes.
- 40. 544.** Ms Sloan to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to allocate an amount equal to the greater of 1/4 of 1% of the projected budget surplus or \$5 million to fund school hot lunches in those schools identifying such a need.
- 41. 545.** Mr. Jacques to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to standardize a mandatory police reporting system for school officials regarding illegal activities that have occurred on school property or at a school function.
- 42. 546.** Mr. Durcharme to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to review the cost of administration within each of the 17 Regional Health Authorities and implement an appropriate limit on spending for administration to ensure the greatest amount of funding is focussed on patient care and service.
- 43. 547.** Mr. Yankowsky to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to designate square dancing as the official folk dance of Alberta.

44. **548.** Mr. Yankowsky to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to implement a partnership between Government, small businesses, universities, colleges and technical institutes, similar to the Summer Temporary Employment Program (STEP), that would offer new graduates an opportunity to gain valuable experience and provide small businesses with skilled employees.

45. **549.** Mr. Jacques to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to work cooperatively with the Federal Government to implement the recommendations contained in the Young Offenders Act Task Force Provincial Review on Changes to the Young Offenders Act.

46. **550.** Mr. Melchin to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to continue to examine the role and size of Government including clarifying and rebalancing roles and responsibilities among the province, municipalities, private sector and MASH (Municipalities, Academic Institutions, Schools, Hospitals) sector organizations, in order to promote an efficient and cost-effective Government that provides the environment for Albertans to be independent and successful.

47. **551.** Ms Graham to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Federal Government to promote a better understanding of Canada's regional diversity through incentives for vacationing within the country.

48. **552.** Mr. Severtson to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to press the Federal Government to develop a strategy for an orderly repayment of the federal net debt.

49. **553.** Mr. Dickson to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Minister of Health to take the following immediate steps to protect the right of each Albertan to have his or her personal health data kept confidential and to facilitate the access of each Albertan to his or her own health information: suspend any further work with IBM on Health Information Architecture; introduce specific legislation in 1998 to protect these rights; and rescind the reference to health statutes in Order in Council #428/97.

- 50. 554.** Mr. MacDonald to propose the following motion:
- Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to demonstrate its recognition of the contribution made by parents who stay at home to care for their children by providing support equal to that received by parents choosing other childcare options.
- 51. 555.** Dr. Nicol to propose the following motion:
- Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to work with local governments to establish a process that provides for consistent, efficient, fair and equitable transportation, enforcement, and regulatory processes throughout the province in order to create a more favourable climate for economic development in Alberta.
- 52. 556.** Mr. Lougheed to propose the following motion:
- Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to establish a mechanism to deal with the movement of special needs students during the school year so those jurisdictions that have a net intake of such students during the year are compensated for the additional resources expended.
- 53. 557.** Mr. Gibbons to propose the following motion:
- Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to adopt an 80-20 funding formula to finance education in Alberta, 80% to come from the province and 20% from local ratepayers.
- 54. 558.** Mr. Severtson to propose the following motion:
- Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to work in partnership with the Federal Government to implement strategies aimed at ensuring Canadians have a basic level of knowledge of Canadian history and institutions of Government, in order to promote and strengthen our national fabric.
- 55. 559.** Mr. White to propose the following motion:
- Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce amendments to the Forests Act, following a public input process, to ensure that it meets the requirements of the Alberta Forest Conservation Strategy.
- 56. 560.** Ms Carlson to propose the following motion:
- Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to revise integrated resource plans and land use policies for the eastern slopes of the Rocky Mountains to protect sufficient wildlife habitat to enable animals to move freely through Alberta as part of a wildlife corridor from Yellowstone to Yukon.

- 57. 561.** Mr. Fischer to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to study alternatives to the Canada Pension Plan, including the establishment of a provincial pension plan, in order to secure the greatest benefit for Albertans.
- 58. 562.** Mr. Dickson to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Minister of Health to immediately undertake a broad public consultation and to initiate a full debate in the Assembly on the role of private for-profit health care providers, including hospitals, clinics, agencies and individual physicians, in the delivery of health services.
- 59. 563.** Mr. Sapers to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to establish standards and mandatory limits to govern the appropriate use of corporate sponsorship and partnership in the provision of post-secondary education.
- 60. 564.** Mrs. Laing to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to encourage municipal governments to investigate ways of adding low-cost housing units through changes in zoning bylaws to allow alternate housing units such as secondary suites and room-and-board housing in residential neighbourhoods.
- 61. 565.** Ms Barrett to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to hold each year two sittings of the Legislature, including a fall sitting of at least three week's duration; should there be no stated Government business, the fall sitting would deal with Private Member's Bills and motions.
- 62. 566.** Mrs. Burgener to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to establish a Premier's Youth Advisory Council to advise the Government.
- 63. 567.** Mr. Hlady to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to proceed with negotiations with the Federal Government to allow Alberta to set its own provincial tax on personal income rather than the Federal Government in order that the Alberta Government can be more responsive to provincial priorities and more accountable to Albertans.

- 64. 568.** Ms Sloan to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to create an all-party committee to include in its membership the Ministers of Justice, Education, Health and Family and Social Services, on the integrated provision of services for children.
- 65. 569.** Mr. Coutts to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to use renewable energy sources to supplement its electricity requirements for provincial buildings.
- 66. 570.** Mr. Johnson to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to implement strategies aimed at increasing the opportunity for Alberta students to participate in student exchange programs, particularly with respect to learning new languages, and initiate new international student exchange partnerships.
- 67. 571.** Mrs. Soetaert to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to assess the costs and benefits of the Alberta Farm Income Disaster Program for the 1995 and 1996 tax years by reviewing the amount of money allocated, the number of farmers who received benefits and the degree to which they were facing impending disaster, and to amend the program to prevent long-term financial problems for those who suffer disaster in at least two out of three years.
- 68. 572.** Mr. MacDonald to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to increase the minimum wage in Alberta and to set up an independent committee that would include workers, students, employers and government representatives to annually review the minimum wage.
- 69. 573.** Mr. Magnus to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to promote closer cooperation between industry and research institutions to better meet the market's needs.
- 70. 574.** Mr. Pham to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to consider an Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund Dividend Program in which ten percent of our oil and gas revenue is contributed to the Alberta Heritage Savings Fund annually, and beginning the year 2005, fifty percent of the interest earned on the Fund is received by Albertans in the form of annual dividends.

- 71. 575.** Mr. McFarland to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to allow municipalities the flexibility to pool and apply grant funding, regardless of its source, towards a single project if needed.
- 72. 576.** Mr. Melchin to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to examine rebalancing roles and responsibilities between the province and municipalities in a collaborative manner in order to maximize decision-making, services (infrastructure) and resources at the local level.
- 73. 577.** Dr. Pannu to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to immediately freeze tuition fees at all public post-secondary institutions; reduce tuition fees over a three year period to 1993 levels; and increase provincial grants to public post-secondary institutions to make up the shortfall in revenues from the reduction in tuition fees.
- 74. 578.** Ms Graham to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to review, on a regular basis, release programs and guidelines for offenders in provincial correctional facilities.
- 75. 579.** Mr. Hierath to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation allowing for voluntary unionism.
- 76. 580.** Mrs. Gordon to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to find an alternative source of funding for education rather than generating revenue for this purpose through property taxes.
- 77. 581.** Mr. Herard to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to implement early intervention and alternative youth justice methods to encourage the participation of families, communities and appropriate professionals in the rehabilitation of young offenders.
- 78. 582.** Mr. Tannas to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to review its policy regarding community signs along primary highways to avoid highway clutter and address safety issues.

- 79. 583.** Mr. Amery to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to encourage the federal, provincial and territorial governments in Canada to pursue a barrier-free domestic market by intensifying their efforts to implement and strengthen the Agreement on Internal Trade.
- 80. 584.** Ms Kryczka to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to support any initiatives that increase the involvement of Alberta seniors in community volunteer activities.
- 81. 585.** Ms Paul to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation requiring a systematic and open process when considering the sale of government assets or the contracting out or delegation of government activities and programs, to ensure that alternative service delivery achieves an improvement in the effectiveness and quality of service to Albertans.
- 82. 586.** Mr. Johnson to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to examine ways to improve public education and awareness of the issue of organ donation, and to encourage a greater number of Albertans to sign the portion of the Alberta Health Care card which concerns organ donation.
- 83. 587.** Mr. White to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to work with federal and local governments and regulatory agencies to ensure that the development, approval and regulatory process applicable to the energy industry is consistent, clear, fair, efficient, and equitable in order to create a more favourable climate for investment and job creation.
- 84. 588.** Dr. Massey to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to make available to each eligible child, on a province-wide basis, 475 hours of kindergarten without charging user fees.
- 85. 589.** Dr. Massey to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to take measures to ensure that at least 95% of adult Albertans have the needed reading and numeracy skills to handle everyday tasks in their personal lives and at the workplace.

- 86. 590.** Ms Olsen to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to work with Aboriginal people in Alberta and the Federal Government to establish an Aboriginal Council to investigate complaints on behalf of Aboriginal people and to promote the interests of all Aboriginal people in the province.
- 87. 591.** Mr. Marz to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation to recognize and protect the rights of the unborn child.
- 88. 592.** Mrs. Burgener to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to encourage local communities' support for transitional housing for those in need.
- 89. 593.** Ms Leibovici to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to acknowledge the growing problem of corporate and consumer fraud and to take action to promote and provide education and information programs as well as work with law enforcement officers and consumer groups to prevent the increasing occurrence of domestic and international fraud, especially those emerging as a result of new technologies.
- 90. 594.** Ms Forsyth to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation that would permanently suspend a person's driver's license upon a third conviction for driving while under the influence of alcohol.
- 91. 595.** Ms Blakeman to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to ensure that midwifery services are accessible to all women across the province on an equitable and publicly-insured basis.
- 92. 596.** Mr. Zwozdesky to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to improve the credibility, transparency, and accountability of the budget forecasting and planning process in Alberta by: requiring the preparation of monthly budget updates; requiring, in the budget, the preparation of a fiscal strategy report with ten-year trends for major economic and fiscal indicators; requiring, in the budget, an independent forecast of revenues prepared by private sector forecasting firms such as DRI/McGraw-Hill or the WEFA Group, and comparing these forecasts with those produced by Alberta Treasury; and establishing a performance measure and benchmark within the Ministry of Treasury annual report for the variance between budgeted and actual revenues.

93. 597. Mr. Bonner to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to phase out Alberta Health Care premiums and the bureaucracy that administers them, thereby eliminating a duplicate tax collection system.

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Bill 205 Alberta Bill of Responsibilities — Mr. Shariff (Time remaining: 11 minutes)

Debate adjourned: Mr. Cao speaking.

Bill 206 Human Tissue Donation Procedures Statutes Amendment Act, 1998 —
Ms Forsyth

Bill 207 Whistleblower Protection Act — Mr. MacDonald

Bill 208 Government Accountability Amendment Act, 1998 — Mr. Boutilier

Bill 209 Access Enforcement Act — Ms Olsen

Bill 210 Protection of Personal Information in the Private Sector Act — Mr. Dickson

Bill 211 Legislative Assembly Amendment Act, 1998 — Mr. Sapers

Bill 212 Amusements Amendment Act, 1998 — Ms Fritz

Bill 213 School (Computer Instruction) Amendment Act, 1998 — Mrs. Gordon

Bill 214 Post-Secondary Education Statutes Amendment Act, 1998 — Dr. Massey

Bill 215 Highway Traffic Amendment Act, 1998 — Mr. Broda

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Bill 204 Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 1998 — Mr. Herard (Due
Day 21)

Due Dates Under Standing Order 34(3) for Written Questions Accepted and Motions for Returns Agreed to

Day 40 WQ3, WQ4.

Day 43 WQ1, WQ2, WQ6, MR7.

NOTICES

Leave to Introduce a Bill

Bill 19 Protection Against Family Violence Act — Mrs. Burgener

Bill 20 Fair Trading Act — Mr. Ducharme

Bill 22 Health Insurance Premiums Amendment Act, 1998 — Ms Kryczka

Government Motions

21. Hon. Mr. Havelock to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Standing Orders of the Legislative Assembly be amended as follows:

- 1(1) Standing Order 8(2)(c) is struck out and the following is substituted:
 - (c) at 4:30 p.m.:
Government Motions
Government Bills and Orders, or
Private Bills
- (2) Standing Order 37 is amended
 - (a) in suborder (1)
 - (i) by striking out “quadruplicate” and substituting “quintuplicate”,
 - (ii) by striking out “one in the Legislature Library” and substituting “two in the Legislature Library”, and
 - (iii) by adding “, one to the Official Opposition and one to Hansard” after “Legislature Library”;
 - (b) in suborder (3) by striking out “quadruplicate” and substituting “quintuplicate”.
- (3) The following is added after Standing Order 39:
 - 39.1(1) A member who has a motion other than a Government Motion on the Order Paper may, subject to the Speaker’s approval, amend the motion before it is moved in the Assembly.
 - (2) Notice of the amended motion must appear on the Order Paper not less than 4 sitting days before the motion is moved.
- (4) The following is added after Standing Order 83:
 - 83.1(1) No petition may be read and received if it does not contain a notice on each page that the name and address of every person who signs the petition may be made available to the public as the petition will be a document of the Assembly.
 - (2) Only petitions that are read and received may be made available to the public or to members.

(3) This Standing Order applies to petitions presented in the Assembly commencing in 1999.

And be it further resolved that the following temporary amendments to the Standing Orders not be effective past the dissolution of the 24th Legislature:

- 2(1) Standing Order 7 is amended
 - (a) in suborder (1) by adding “Recognitions (Monday and Wednesday)” after “Ministerial Statements”;
 - (b) by adding the following after suborder (5):
 - (6) When Recognitions are called on Mondays and Wednesdays, up to seven members other than members of Executive Council may make a one minute statement of congratulations or recognition which is not debatable.
- (2) The following is added after Standing Order 37:
 - 37.1(1) Documents required by statute to be laid before the Assembly, may be tabled by providing the required number of copies to the Clerk before 10:30 a.m. on any day the Assembly sits.
 - (2) When the Clerk receives a tabling under suborder (1) which is in order, the Clerk shall read the title of the tabling when “Tabling Returns and Reports” is called in the daily routine.
- (3) The amendments in this section shall be repealed one week after the date the Speaker receives written notice to this effect from
 - (a) the Government House Leader,
 - (b) the Official Opposition House Leader, or
 - (c) the House Leader of the New Democrat Opposition.
- 3 The amendments to the Standing Orders in sections 1 and 2 shall take effect on Monday, March 2, 1998.

Projected Government Business

Wednesday, February 25	Eve.	- Government Bills and Orders
		Committee of Supply
		Main Estimates Days 6 and 7
		Meet in Assembly first, then break-up into:
		Subcommittees
		(D) Science, Research and Information Technology (Assembly)

(C) Public Works, Supply and Services (Room 512, Legislature Building)

And as per Order Paper

Thursday, February 26

Aft. - **Royal Assent**

Bills 7, 10, 11, 16

And as per Order Paper

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of Supply

Main Estimates Day 8

Provincial Treasurer (Designated)

And as per Order Paper

Designated Departments Under Standing Order 56(2)(a)

Environmental Protection

Family and Social Services

Health

Justice and Attorney General

Municipal Affairs

Department Designated Under Standing Order 58(4) for Thursday, February 26, 1998

Treasury

Written Questions

WQ45. Mr. Zwozdesky to ask the Government the following question:

What is the breakdown of the \$10.188 million in performing loans and \$1.344 million in non-performing loans, by individual company holding cellular system licenses in the United States, under NFI Finance Inc. as of December 31, 1996, as contained in the 1996/97 Public Accounts, Vol. 3, note, 5, page 226?

WQ46. Mr. Zwozdesky to ask the Government the following question:

What is the breakdown of the \$3.879 million provision for loss on notes, by individual company holding cellular system licenses in the United States, under the NFI Finance Inc. as of December 31, 1996 as contained in the 1996/97 Public Accounts, Vol. 3, note 5, page 226?

WQ47. Mr. Zwozdesky to ask the Government the following question:

What is the breakdown of the \$1.407 billion in corporate income taxes collected by the Government during the fiscal year 1996/97, by asset size of taxable corporations, as contained in the 1996/97 Public Accounts, Vol. 2, Schedule 1, page 12?

WQ48. Mr. Zwozdesky to ask the Government the following question:

What is the breakdown of the \$1.707 billion classified as accounts and accrued interest receivable, by individual entity, as contained in the 1996/97 Public Accounts, Vol. 1, page 26?

WQ49. Mr. Zwozdesky to ask the Government the following question:

What is the breakdown of the \$203 million allowance for doubtful accounts by individual entity, under accounts and accrued interest receivable, as contained in the 1996/97 Public Accounts, Vol. 2, Schedule 5, page 15?

WQ50. Ms Paul to ask the Government the following question:

What is the breakdown of the \$9.63 million in impaired loans, by individual entity, held by the Alberta Opportunity Company, as of March 31, 1997, as contained in the 1996/97 Public Accounts, Vol. 3, note 4, page 87?

WQ51. Ms Paul to ask the Government the following question:

What is the breakdown of the \$3.916 million specific allowance for loss on loans receivable, by individual entity, held by the Alberta Opportunity Company, as of March 31, 1997, as contained in the 1996/97 Public Accounts, Vol. 3, note 4, page 87?

Motions for Returns

MR52. Mr. Dickson to propose the following motion:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Final drafts or copies of transcripts of speeches for each of the Deputy Ministers in the Department of Health for the period of February 1, 1995 until January 31, 1998.

MR53. Ms Carlson to propose the following motion:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:

A copy of the plan for risk management at each of the 12 priority orphan sites identified under the Help Eliminate Landfill Pollution Program, as referred to on page 9 of the 1996/97 Annual Report of the Ministry of Environmental Protection.

**Written Questions and Motions for Returns
for Consideration Wednesday, February 25, 1998**

Written Questions: WQ5, WQ9, WQ10.

Motions for Returns: MR8, MR12, MR13, MR14.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Wednesday, February 25, 1998