



**Legislative Assembly
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Day 36

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.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

Bill 21 Alberta Health Care Insurance Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Jonson

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

Bill 26 Institutional Confinement and Sexual Sterilization Compensation Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Havelock

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Bill 37 Health Statutes Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Jonson

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Bill 2 Conflicts of Interest Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Havelock

Bill 15 Gaming and Liquor Amendment Act, 1998 — Mrs. Laing

Bill 19 Protection Against Family Violence Act — Mrs. Burgener

Bill 20 Fair Trading Act — Mr. Ducharme

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Bill 24 Medical Profession Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Jonson

Bill 25 Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Havelock

Bill 27 Electric Utilities Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Dr. West

Bill 28 Drainage Districts Act — Mr. McFarland

Bill 29 Students' Financial Assistance Statutes Amendment Act, 1998 — Mr. Johnson

Bill 30 Cemeteries and Funeral Services Statutes Amendment Act, 1998 — Mrs. Laing

Bill 33 Environmental Protection and Enhancement Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Lund

Bill 36 Credit Union Amendment Act, 1998 — Mr. Renner

Third Reading

Bill 12 Alcohol and Drug Abuse Amendment Act, 1998 — Mrs. Burgener

Debate adjourned: Mr. Sapers speaking.

Bill 13 Alberta Personal Property Bill of Rights — Mr. Hierath

Private Bills

Referred to Private Bills Committee

Bill Pr3 Alberta Wheat Pool Amendment Act, 1998 — Mr. McFarland

Second Reading

Bill Pr1 Tanya Marie Bryant Adoption Termination Act — Mr. Cao

Bill Pr2 Innovative Insurance Corporation Amendment Act, 1998 — Mr. Klapstein

Bill Pr4 Millennium Insurance Corporation Act — Mrs. Tarchuk

Written Questions

WQ57. Dr. Massey to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 38):

What are the assumptions, values, formulae, and calculations used to derive the education reinvestment subtotal for each category listed below as taken from the January 9, 1998, Alberta Education Backgrounder entitled “Agenda for Opportunity: Education Re-investment to 2000/2001”: \$93 million - Rate Increases for Basic Instruction; \$171 million - Enrolment Growth; \$86 million - Special Needs; \$22 million - Early Literacy Initiative; \$10 million - Teacher Aide Program; \$5 million - English as a Second Language Enhancement; \$13 million - Student Transportation; \$18 million - Capital Funding; \$12 million - Teachers’ Pensions; \$8 million - Equity Funding; and (\$59) million - Adjustments?

WQ58. Ms Carlson to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 38):

How many general meetings of the Alberta Environmental Network did the Minister of Environmental Protection attend between October 1, 1994 and February 28, 1998?

WQ71. Ms Paul to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 41):

What is the breakdown of the \$2,044,543 in write-offs under the Export Guarantee Program, by individual borrower, as contained in the 1996/97 Public Accounts, Vol. 2, page 217?

WQ72. Ms Carlson to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 41):

What was the total budget in the 1995-96 and in the 1996-97 financial years for each of the following programs: Fisheries Habitat Development Program, Fisheries Management Enhancement Program, the Fish Stocking Program, the Wildlife Habitat Development Program, the Wildlife Management Enhancement Program, and the Report-a-Poacher Program?

WQ73. Ms Carlson to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 41):

What was the total cost to the Government of operating, respectively, Moonshine Lake, Miquelon Lake and Wyndham-Carsland provincial parks between April 1, 1987 and March 31, 1988, and between April 1, 1997 to date; what was the total revenue brought in through campground and other fees in each year and how much of that revenue was retained by any operators with contracts to maintain the campgrounds or other services?

WQ74. Mr. Zwozdesky to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 41):

What is the breakdown of the \$38 million classified as accrued interest receivable, by individual entity, as contained in the 1996/97 Public Accounts, Vol. 2, schedule 5, page 15?

WQ75. Mr. Zwozdesky to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 41):

What is the breakdown of the \$48 million estimated liability for guarantees and indemnities and the \$100 million classified as "Other," by individual borrower, under Other Accrued Liabilities, as contained in the 1996/97 Public Accounts, Vol. 2, Schedule 12, page 20?

WQ76. Mr. Zwozdesky to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 41):

What is the breakdown of the \$8 million allowance for doubtful loans and advances by individual borrower, under Other Loans, Advances and Investments, as contained in the 1996/97 Public Accounts, Vol. 2, schedule 7, page 16?

WQ77. Mr. Zwozdesky to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 41):

What is the breakdown of the \$55 million provision for guarantees and indemnities and the \$28 million provision for doubtful accounts and loans, by individual entity or borrower, under Valuation Adjustments, as contained in the 1996/97 Public Accounts, Vol. 2, schedule 3, page 14?

WQ78. Mr. Zwozdesky to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 41):

What is the breakdown by individual borrower of the \$10 million classified as “Other” under the \$101 million provision for losses, doubtful accounts, loans, guarantees and indemnities, as contained in the 1996/97 Public Accounts, Vol. 1, schedule 3, page 36?

WQ79. Mr. Zwozdesky to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 41):

What is the breakdown by individual borrower of the \$7 million classified as “Other” under the \$89 million allowance for doubtful loans, advances, implemented guarantees and indemnities, as contained in the 1996/97 Public Accounts, Vol. 1, schedule 8, page 39?

WQ80. Mr. Zwozdesky to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 41):

What is the breakdown by individual borrower of the \$60 million classified as guarantees and indemnities under the \$77 million estimated liability for guarantees and indemnities, as contained in the 1996/97 Public Accounts, Vol. 1, schedule 14, page 44?

WQ81. Mr. Zwozdesky to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 41):

What is the breakdown of the \$8,774,000 in write-offs under N.A. Properties (1994) Ltd., by individual borrower, as contained in the 1996/97 Public Accounts, Vol. 2, page 217?

WQ82. Mr. Zwozdesky to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 41):

What is the breakdown of the \$256.5 million in write-offs under the Alberta Treasury Branches, by individual borrower, as contained in the 1996/97 Public Accounts, Vol. 2, page 218?

WQ83. Mr. Zwozdesky to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 41):

What is the breakdown of the \$1.505 million provision for impairment in value of mortgage assets, by individual mortgage, held by N.A. Properties (1994) Ltd. as of March 31, 1997, as contained in the 1996/97 Public Accounts, Vol. 3, note 10, page 222?

WQ92. Dr. Pannu to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 45):

What are the costs and benefits, detailed item-by-item and program-by-program, for the Ministries of Labour and Municipal Affairs accruing to Albertans as a result of the privatization and contracting out of Government services since 1993?

WQ93. Dr. Pannu to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 45):

What is the explanation for the drop in royalties from synthetic crude oil and bitumen from \$512 million in the 1996-97 fiscal year to \$50 million in the 1998-99 fiscal year (Government Estimates 1998-99); how much of this drop off is due to anticipated lower prices and how much is due to the capital write-off provisions of the Transition Agreements and the Generic Royalty terms?

Motions for Returns

MR59. Ms Paul to propose the following motion (Due Day 38):

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all studies, reports and analyses conducted by or for the Ministry of Economic Development and Tourism for the period January 1, 1993, and January 26, 1998 evaluating the mandate and operations of the Alberta Opportunity Company.

MR60. Dr. Massey to propose the following motion (Due Day 38):

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all research, documents, and findings prepared by or for the Department of Education regarding gender bias and performance on achievement and/or diploma examinations.

MR61. Mr. Zwozdesky to propose the following motion (Due Day 38):

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all studies and reports prepared by or for the Ministry of Treasury for the period January 1, 1997 to January 26, 1998, assessing the impact of grain throughput levels and associated factors on the security value and collectability/recovery of the Province's loan to Ridley Grain Ltd.

MR62. Mr. Zwozdesky to propose the following motion (Due Day 38):

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all correspondence exchanged between the Ministries of Treasury, Economic Development and Tourism, and Executive Council, for the period January 1, 1994 to January 26, 1998, relating to the refinancing of West Edmonton Mall, and the involvement of the Alberta Treasury Branches in that refinancing.

MR63. Mr. Zwozdesky to propose the following motion (Due Day 38):

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all loan guarantee agreements for the period January 1, 1994, to January 28, 1997, between the Alberta Treasury Branches, T.D. Trust Company, West Edmonton Mall Property Inc., WEM Holdings, and 626110 Alberta Ltd. relating to the refinancing of West Edmonton Mall.

MR64. Mr. Zwozdesky to propose the following motion (Due Day 38):

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of documents or reports prepared by or on behalf of the Government Reorganization Secretariat from January 1, 1993 to January 26, 1998, regarding Government streamlining and departmental consolidation, downsizing of the public service, elimination or amalgamation of agencies, boards and commissions, and the privatization, de-regulation, or disposal of Government assets or services.

MR65. Mr. Zwozdesky to propose the following motion (Due Day 38):

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all analyses undertaken by the Ministry of Treasury from January 1, 1996 to January 28, 1998, regarding financial restructuring, work-out or exit options involving projects that have received Government loans or loan guarantees, or in which the Government has taken a shareholder position.

MR66. Mr. Zwozdesky to propose the following motion (Due Day 38):

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all reports prepared for the Ministers of Finance, including the Provincial Treasurer of Alberta, by the Federal/Provincial Committee on Taxation between January 1, 1993 and January 26, 1998, respecting the tax-on-income proposal.

MR67. Ms Paul to propose the following motion (Due Day 38):

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all agreements and amended agreements signed by the Government between January 1, 1990 and January 26, 1998, pertaining to the WESTAIM Initiative.

MR68. Ms Carlson to propose the following motion (Due Day 38):

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of reports or documents compiled between January 1, 1993 and the present time, showing the location of spawning areas, fish-bearing streams (named and unnamed) entering and exiting the hereinafter named lakes, migrations, seasonal movements and age structures of fish, and the intensity of sport, commercial and domestic fishing, and sizes of catch in Lac La Biche and Elinor, Ethel, Frenchman, Fork, Kehewin, Lodge, Marie, Missawawi, McGuffin, Square and Vincent Lakes in the Northeast Boreal Region of the Department of Environmental Protection.

MR69. Mr. Zwozdesky to propose the following motion (Due Day 38):

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Invoices for all newspaper, television, and radio advertisements promoting Budget'98 aired or printed on or before February 12, 1998, that were placed by or on behalf of the Government.

MR70. Mr. Zwozdesky to propose the following motion (Due Day 38):

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Invoices for all newspaper, television, and radio advertisements promoting Budget'98 aired or printed after February 12, 1998, that were placed by or on behalf of the Government.

MR84. Mr. Dickson to propose the following motion (Due Day 44):

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all analyses of Section 33 of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms and analyses of circumstances for invocation of Section 33 prepared by or for the Government in the last year with respect to the possible application of Section 33 by the Government.

MR85. Mr. Zwozdesky to propose the following motion (Due Day 44):

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all annual and interim financial statement analyses prepared by the Ministry of Treasury, as set out under sections 5.2 and 5.3 of the Loans and Guarantees Procedures Manual, for the period January 1, 1996 to January 26, 1998, underlying the monitoring of guarantees provided to Canadian Airlines International Ltd., Kananaskis Alpine Resort Inc., Centre for Frontier Engineering Research, Pocaterra Development Corporation, and North Saskatchewan River Boat Ltd.

MR86. Mr. Zwozdesky to propose the following motion (Due Day 44):

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all annual and interim financial statement analyses prepared by the Ministry of Treasury, as set out under sections 5.2 and 5.3 of the Loans and Guarantees Procedures Manual, for the period January 1, 1996 to January 26, 1998, underlying the monitoring of loans provided to Pratt & Whitney Canada Inc., Centennial Food Corporation, and Ridley Grain Ltd.

MR87. Mr. Zwozdesky to propose the following motion (Due Day 44):

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all approved three-to-five-year strategic plans prepared by, or on behalf of, the Alberta Treasury Branches between January 1, 1993 and January 26, 1998.

MR88. Mr. Zwozdesky to propose the following motion (Due Day 44):

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A breakdown of the \$1.257 million in expenditures contained under Vote 3.1.4 Project Management/Transition, Department of Treasury, 1995/96 Public Accounts, Vol. 2, page 113, providing a breakdown of expenditures on consulting services, an identification of each fee-for-service contractor, and the nature of the project engaged in by fee-for-service contractors.

MR89. Mr. Zwozdesky to propose the following motion (Due Day 44):

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all memoranda of understanding (MOUs) and amended schedules of MOUs between the Government and the Al-Pac joint venture and the joint venture partners for the period January 1, 1989 to January 26, 1998, setting out the obligations and commitments of the Government and the joint venture/joint venture partners to construct and operate a kraft pulp mill and paper mill.

MR90. Mr. Zwozdesky to propose the following motion (Due Day 44):

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all forensic audit reports prepared by, or on behalf of, the Alberta Treasury Branches for the period January 1, 1995 to January 26, 1998, relating to allegations of inappropriate business practices at the Alberta Treasury Branches.

MR91. Mr. Zwozdesky to propose the following motion (Due Day 44):

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A breakdown of the \$408.171 million in guarantees by borrower provided by the Alberta Treasury Branches Deposits Fund as of March 31, 1997, as contained in the 1996/97 Public Accounts, Vol. 3, note 14, page 240.

MR94. Dr. Pannu to propose the following motion (Due Day 45):

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all documents, studies, reports, projections, or analyses from each Ministry from January 1, 1992 to the present supporting the Government's conclusion that it would be to the taxpayers' advantage to provide most Government computing services through outsourcing by privatization or contracting out.

MR95. Dr. Pannu to propose the following motion (Due Day 45):

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all documents associated with the contracting out of laundry services, both on site and off site, at the Mitchener Centre in Red Deer, from January 1, 1994 to the present.

MR96. Mr. Zwozdesky to propose the following motion (Due Day 48):

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of the following agreements relating to the Al-Pac Pulp Mill Project:
Paper Mill Agreement between the borrowers, dated September 4, 1991;
Guarantee Agreement (Paper Mill Commitment), dated September 4, 1991,
made by MC Forest Investment Inc. in favour of the Province; Guarantee
Agreement (Paper Mill Commitment), dated September 4, 1991, made by
Kanzaki Paper in favour of the Province; and Option to Purchase, dated
September 4, 1991, made among the borrowers and the Minister of Forestry,
Lands and Wildlife and acknowledged by Al-Pac.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

1. 509. Mr. Tannas to propose the following motion (amended):

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

2. 510. Mr. Marz to propose the following motion (amended):

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 *strategies that address unwanted pregnancies and the related issues of teen pregnancies, abortions and the waiting lists for adoptions, and; examine the factors contributing to and means of improving upon the outcomes of these strategies.*

3. 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 Drugs and Substances 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 manufacture of this drug.

4. 512. Ms Kryczka to propose the following motion (amended):

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 surpassing standard performance expectations.

- 5. 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.
- 6. 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.
- 7. 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.
- 8. 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.
- 9. 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.
- 10. 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.
- 11. 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.

- 12. 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.

- 13. 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.

- 14. 522.** Mrs. 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.

- 15. 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.

- 16. 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.

- 17. 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.

- 18. 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.

- 19. 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.
- 20. 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.
- 21. 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.
- 22. 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.
- 23. 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.
- 24. 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.
- 25. 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.

- 26. 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.
- 27. 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.).
- 28. 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.
- 29. 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.
- 30. 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.
- 31. 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.
- 32. 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.

- 33. 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.
- 34. 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.
- 35. 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.
- 36. 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.
- 37. 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.
- 38. 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.
- 39. 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.
- 40. 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.

41. **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.

42. **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.

43. **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.

44. **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.

45. **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.

46. **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.

- 47. 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.

- 48. 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.

- 49. 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.

- 50. 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.

- 51. 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.

- 52. 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.

- 53. 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.

- 54. 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.
- 55. 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.
- 56. 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.
- 57. 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.
- 58. 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.
- 59. 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.
- 60. 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.

- 61. 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.
- 62. 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.
- 63. 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.
- 64. 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.
- 65. 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.
- 66. 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.
- 67. 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.

- 68. 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.
- 69. 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.
- 70. 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.
- 71. 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.
- 72. 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.
- 73. 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.
- 74. 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.
- 75. 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.

- 76. 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.
- 77. 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.
- 78. 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.
- 79. 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.
- 80. 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.
- 81. 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.
- 82. 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.

- 83. 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.
- 84. 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.
- 85. 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.
- 86. 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.
- 87. 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.
- 88. 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.
- 89. 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

Second Reading

- 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
- Bill 216 Citizens' Initiative Act — Mr. Ducharme
- Bill 217 Alberta Economic Development Authority Amendment Act, 1998 —
Mr. Cardinal
- Bill 218 Environmental Bill of Rights — Ms Carlson
- Bill 219 Education Employment Relations Statutes Amendment Act, 1998 —
Mrs. Burgener
- Bill 220 Occupiers' Liability Amendment Act, 1998 — Mr. Renner
- Bill 221 Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Amendment Act, 1998
— Mr. Johnson
- Bill 222 Fiscal Stabilization Fund Calculation Act — Mr. Zwozdesky
- Bill 223 School (Grade One Entry Age) Amendment Act, 1998 — Mr. Fischer
- Bill 224 Conflicts of Interest Amendment Act, 1998 (No. 2) — Mrs. Soetaert
- Bill 225 Corrections Amendment Act, 1998 — Ms Graham
- Bill 226 Electoral Boundaries Commission Amendment Act, 1998 — Mr. Trynchy
- Bill 227 School (Principal's Duties) Amendment Act, 1998 — Mr. Jacques
- Bill 228 Workers' Compensation (Competitive Marketplace Review Committee)
Amendment Act, 1998 — Mr. Pham
- Bill 229 Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Amendment Act, 1998 —
Ms Blakeman
- Bill 230 Dutch Elm Disease Act — Mr. White

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- Bill 204 Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 1998 — Mr. Herard (Due
Day 37, as per a resolution to defer, agreed to Tuesday, March 3, 1998,
time remaining: 107 minutes)

**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, MR7.
Day 47 WQ5, WQ9.
Day 51 WQ17, WQ18, WQ19, MR15, MR21, MR22, MR23.
Day 55 WQ26, WQ30, WQ31, WQ32, WQ35, WQ36, WQ37.
Day 59 WQ33, WQ40.
Day 63 WQ41, WQ42, WQ50, WQ51, MR43, MR44, MR52, MR53, MR56.

NOTICES

Leave to Introduce a Bill

Bill 38 Public Health Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Jonson
Bill 39 Financial Administration Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Day
Bill 40 Senatorial Selection Amendment Act, 1998 — Hon. Mr. Hancock

Projected Government Business

Tuesday, March 31 (4:30) - **Government Bills and Orders**
Second Reading
Bills 27, 29, 30
And as per Order Paper

Eve. - **Government Bills and Orders**
Committee of the Whole
Bills 2, 13, 19, 20, 23, 25
And as per Order Paper, based on
progress Monday, and in
consultation with the
Opposition House Leaders and
parties

Wednesday, April 1

Eve. - **Government Bills and Orders**
Committee of the Whole

As per Order Paper, based on
progress Monday and Tuesday,
and in consultation with the
Opposition House Leaders and
parties

Thursday, April 2

Aft. - **Government Bills and Orders**
Second Reading

Bills 21, 34, 35, 37

And as per Order Paper

Third Reading

As per Order Paper

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Tuesday, March 31, 1998