



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

Day 2

ORDER PAPER

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ORDERS OF THE DAY

Consideration of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech

Mrs. Fritz to propose the following motion, seconded by Mr. Strang:

That an humble address be presented to His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor as follows:

To His Honour the Honourable H.A. "Bud" Olson, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Alberta:

We, Her Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly, now assembled, beg leave to thank you Your Honour for the gracious speech Your Honour has been pleased to address to us at the opening of the present session.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

Bill 1 Fiscal Responsibility Act — Hon. Mr. Klein

NOTICES

Leave to Introduce a Bill

- Bill 2 Dairy Industry Act — Mr. Klapstein
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Bill 8 Provincial Court Judges Amendment Act, 1999 — Ms Graham
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Bill 10 Land Titles Amendment Act, 1999 — Mrs. O'Neill
Bill 201 Tenancies Statutes Amendment Act, 1999 — Mr. Strang
Bill 202 Farming Practices Protection Statutes Amendment Act, 1999 — Mr. Thurber

Motions Other Than Government Motions

1. **501.** Mr. Coutts to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to undertake a review of all legislation concerning mental health patients in Alberta to determine if legislating community treatment orders would benefit mental health patients, and especially those with psychotic illnesses who respond well to medication, but who have a pattern of non-compliance following discharge.

2. **502.** Mr. Hlady to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to implement a single rate of provincial income tax based on a percentage of total taxable income, rather than a percentage of federal tax.

3. **503.** Mr. McFarland to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to review all regulations and legislation affecting the operation and incorporation of all aspects of communal properties in Alberta.

4. **504.** Mrs. MacBeth to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government 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.

5. **505.** Ms Graham to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to examine the establishment of a unified family court or other similar family law court structure to handle all cases related to family law, in an effort to provide a more efficient and accessible way to deal with problems arising from family breakdown and disputes.

6. **506.** Mrs. Forsyth to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to examine the creation of a system of accountability for Alberta's health care system which would outline performance measures in an attempt to monitor system efficiency and identify a standard of care for patients.

7. **507.** Mrs. MacBeth to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to establish a Fiscal Stabilization Fund to be used strategically to smooth over the instability of Alberta's revenue base and to ensure that health care, education and social service programs are protected from the threat of further expenditure reductions.

8. **508.** Ms Olsen to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to establish a benchmark of one police officer for every 525 Albertans.

9. **509.** Mr. Marz to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to establish effective accountability measures within the health care system through mechanisms at the point of health service access, involving both the consumer and provider.

10. **510.** Mr. Shariff to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to establish a Council of Ministers for Social Issues to coordinate social policy development and delivery, and to consult openly with Albertans about our changing social needs.

11. **511.** Mr. Fischer to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to investigate ways to improve the visibility of "Important Intersection Ahead" signs at highway intersections by making the signs larger and equipping them with flashing lights.

12. **512.** Mrs. Sloan to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to compile an assessment report which shall include indicators of vulnerabilities in Alberta children and the status of provincial programs for such children, to be tabled annually in the Legislative Assembly.

13. **513.** Ms Kryczka to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government, during International Year of the Older Persons and ensuing years, to continue to recognize and support seniors who utilize their knowledge, experience and skills by volunteering with organizations that provide a valuable community service to all ages.

- 14. 514.** Mr. Herard to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to expedite the delivery of multi-department Children's Services programs to operate directly within our school system.
- 15. 515.** Dr. Massey to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to provide additional resources to schools to cover the costs of textbooks, software, technology, learning materials, and teacher training that are required because of the introduction of a new curriculum mandated by the Government.
- 16. 516.** Ms Carlson to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to continue a reconfigured Special Places program until it is complete and to establish a panel of independent scientific experts to advise the Government on what areas need further protection to conserve the biodiversity of all ecoregions in the province.
- 17. 517.** Mr. Sapers to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly establish an all-party Select Committee of the Legislative Assembly on the Future of the Alberta Treasury Branches to seek the input of Albertans through public hearings.
- 18. 518.** Mr. Strang to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to make more bursaries and student loans available for students who have to relocate to one of Alberta's major urban centres to attend post-secondary school.
- 19. 519.** Mr. Dickson to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to refer all provincial user fees, licences, and premiums to the Standing Committee on Law and Regulations for review.
- 20. 520.** 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 to initiate new international student exchange partnerships.
- 21. 521.** Mr. Gibbons to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to engage in public consultation about an alternative funding model for public education.

22. **522.** Ms Leibovici to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to increase funding for long term care to provide better access and to ensure that individuals are able to remain in their home communities when they require long term care.

23. **523.** Mr. Yankowsky to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to encourage motorists to practice safe driving by not using hand held cellular phones while operating a vehicle.

24. **524.** Dr. Pannu to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation which requires employers to provide pro-rated benefits to part-time and casual workers that are equivalent to those provided to full-time workers; extends the scope of employment standards, health and safety, and workers' compensation legislation to farms and ranches employing three or more workers; imposes mandatory penalties on employers who repeatedly violate employment standards; enables the Labour Relations Board to impose first collective agreements; bans the use of replacement workers during a legal strike or lockout; restores full collective bargaining rights, including the right to strike, to nurses, civil servants and other public sector workers providing non-emergency services.

25. **525.** Mrs. Gordon to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to explore an alternative source of funding for education rather than generating revenue for this purpose through property taxes.

26. **526.** Dr. Massey to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to conduct an independent review of student costs incurred in accessing post-secondary education programs.

27. **527.** Mr. Magnus to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to make it a requirement that Alberta's public schools provide for the singing of our National Anthem once per day.

- 28. 528.** Mr. White to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to consider getting out of the business of direct loans and guarantees to the private sector through the wind-down of the Alberta Opportunity Company, with no new loans and guarantees to be authorized after March 31, 2000, and with any net profits of the wind-down to be used to retire the province's debt.
- 29. 529.** Mrs. Sloan to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to undertake a formal comparison of the services, costs and outcomes provided by public and private sectors where services are provided for the Department of Family and Social Services, specifically Child Welfare, Day Care and Handicapped Children's Services.
- 30. 530.** Mrs. Burgener to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to increase public visibility of prevention and treatment addiction programs, in particular those programs addressing the abuse of alcohol by teens, by working in cooperation with community-based support services.
- 31. 531.** Ms Blakeman to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to eliminate health care premiums for all seniors.
- 32. 532.** Mr. Broda to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to consider enabling the Tire Recycling Management Association of Alberta to accept tires from off-highway vehicles and other previously exempt tires for inclusion in the scrap tire processing and recycling industry to be processed in an environmentally acceptable manner.
- 33. 533.** Dr. Nicol to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to revise the Farm Income Disaster Program so that it helps all farmers whose operations are viable in the long term, but who are experiencing short term disaster.
- 34. 534.** Mrs. O'Neill to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to develop performance measures applicable to Alberta's varied climates to allow for thorough testing of building products prior to them being added to the Building Code.

- 35. 535.** Ms Paul to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to commission an independent review to evaluate the performance and cost-effectiveness of Delegated Administrative Organizations.
- 36. 536.** 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 fund for primary and secondary education.
- 37. 537.** Mr. Severtson to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to press the Federal Government to implement the recommendations outlined in the Grain Handling and Transportation Review prepared by the Hon. Willard Estey.
- 38. 538.** Dr. Pannu to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to not proclaim Bill 27 (the Electric Utilities Amendment Act, 1998) and instead appoint a broadly based task force to investigate and hold public consultations on all aspects of Alberta's electrical system.
- 39. 539.** Mrs. Gordon to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to give priority to preventative health care through early diagnosis, treatment, medication and procedures that would benefit Albertans and promote a proactive and efficient health care system over the long term.
- 40. 540.** Mr. Hlady to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to pursue the possibility of allowing Albertans to opt out of the Canada Pension Plan in favour of a mandatory, personal Retirement Savings Plan (RSP).
- 41. 541.** Mr. Gibbons to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to establish a stable and predictable funding framework for Alberta municipalities.
- 42. 542.** Mrs. O'Neill to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to examine possible alternatives, such as graduated licencing, in order to address the inequity of insurance premiums between males and females under twenty-five years of age.

- 43. 543.** Ms Blakeman to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to identify and eliminate barriers to employment on the basis of the grounds identified in the Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Act.
- 44. 544.** Mr. Bonner to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to work with the private sector and municipalities to develop solutions to the housing crisis in urban Alberta.
- 45. 545.** 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.
- 46. 546.** Mrs. Fritz to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to press the Federal Government to adopt the ten proposed Young Offenders' Act amendments agreed to by Alberta, Manitoba, Ontario and Prince Edward Island on October 30, 1998.
- 47. 547.** Mr. Johnson to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to implement strategies which would provide necessary treatment for offenders with mental health problems, utilizing appropriate treatment facilities and programs within, and whenever possible, outside the justice system.
- 48. 548.** Mr. Strang to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to examine options for granting longer-term tenure to those who hold timber quotas and forest management agreements, in order to increase fibre production and encourage intensive forest management.
- 49. 549.** Mr. Doerksen to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to acknowledge and adopt the Declaration on the Canadian Family as developed by participants attending the Ottawa Conference on the Family held from October 1 to 3, 1998.

- 50. 550.** Mr. White to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to include Regional Health Authorities (RHAs), universities, colleges, technical institutes, and Delegated Administrative Organizations (DAOs) within the Government's consolidated financial statements.

- 51. 551.** Dr. Nicol to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to work with municipalities to establish a consistent, efficient, fair and equitable regulatory process to create a more favourable climate for economic development in Alberta.

- 52. 552.** 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 STEP (Summer Temporary Employment Program), that would offer new graduates an opportunity to gain valuable experience and would provide small businesses with skilled employees.

- 53. 553.** Mr. Bonner to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to direct the Workers' Compensation Board to maximize use of the public health care system when seeking treatment for their clients.

- 54. 554.** Mr. Coutts to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation requiring the registration of snowmobiles with a portion of the registration fee to go toward the development, maintenance and promotion of a safe trail system for the snowmobile industry.

- 55. 555.** Mr. Wickman to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to allow full and open, free-market competition in the wholesaling, warehousing, and retailing of liquor.

- 56. 556.** Ms Carlson to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to improve the measurement of air quality in areas where human residences are located near major industrial emission sources and to further study the potential impacts of emissions on human and animal health.

- 57. 557.** 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.
- 58. 558.** Mr. Tannas to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to examine implementing a policy where valid license plates are required on the front and back of a vehicle.
- 59. 559.** 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.
- 60. 560.** Mr. Tannas to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to review its policy regarding community and business signage along primary highways to avoid highway clutter and to address safety issues.
- 61. 561.** Mr. Stevens to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to conduct a review of privately-owned, for-profit seniors' housing in Alberta, to recommend a framework for the creation of a self-regulating governing body, to develop and enforce a minimum standard of quality for such facilities, in order to promote quality of care for Alberta's seniors residents therein.
- 62. 562.** Ms Leibovici to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to ensure that all communities have access to effective and efficient air and ground ambulance services.
- 63. 563.** 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.
- 64. 564.** Mr. Cao to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to include, in the measurable outcomes and goals of government departments and government-funded agencies, the management and measurement of continuous improvements in the efficiency of all government departments and publicly-funded organizations to free up resources for high-priority areas.

- 65. 565.** Mr. Stevens to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to lobby the Federal Government to spend at least 50 percent of the money collected through federal taxes on automotive fuels on highways in the province of origin.
- 66. 566.** Mr. Shariff to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to support the principles of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.
- 67. 567.** Mrs. Fritz to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to lobby the Federal Government and the Minister of Human Resources to change the eligibility requirements for maternity benefits under the Employment Insurance Plan so that they are equal with provincial eligibility requirements for standard benefits under the Employment Insurance Plan.
- 68. 568.** Mr. MacDonald to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation that establishes an Office of the Consumer Advocate that reports directly to the Legislative Assembly.
- 69. 569.** 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 in the year 2005, fifty percent of the interest earned on the Fund is received by Albertans in the form of annual dividends.
- 70. 570.** Ms Barrett to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to endorse the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.
- 71. 571.** Mr. Klapstein 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.

- 72. 572.** Mr. Sapers to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to create a more comprehensive, government-wide integrated policy framework designed to ensure that all Albertans have access to emerging communication and commercial technologies, including e-mail and electronic commerce.
- 73. 573.** 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.
- 74. 574.** Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mr. Trynchy.
- 75. 575.** Mr. Langevin to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to consider examining alternatives to the use of Daylight Saving Time (DST) in the province of Alberta.
- 76. 576.** 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.
- 77. 577.** Ms Barrett to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government, in partnership with municipalities and non-profit housing groups, to significantly increase funding required to develop safe affordable housing for lower income Albertans.
- 78. 578.** 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.
- 79. 579.** 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 neighborhoods.

- 80. 580.** Ms Paul to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to develop and implement a provincial strategy for the approval and evaluation of provincially-funded group homes.
- 81. 581.** Mr. Hierath to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to re-affirm an understanding of, and respect for, the distinct roles of the judiciary and lawmakers.
- 82. 582.** 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.
- 83. 583.** Mrs. Soetaert to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to take the necessary action to ensure that individuals requiring joint replacement surgery not wait longer than two months for their surgery.
- 84. 584.** Mr. Melchin to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to devolve more responsibilities and necessary revenue generating powers from the provincial to the municipal level.
- 85. 585.** Mr. Zwozdesky to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to undertake discussions with municipalities regarding the structure and use of curfews.
- 86. 586.** Mr. Doerksen to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to amend the Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Act to provide protection from discrimination for individuals who refuse to participate in an action or provide a service which is against their moral, ethical or religious beliefs.
- 87. 587.** Mr. Klapstein to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to impose mandatory bonds for all lotteries.

88. 588. Mr. Lougheed to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to consider developing a new formula to address the funding of disproportionate numbers of mild/moderate special needs students enrolled in some school districts.

89. 589. Mrs. Forsyth to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to examine province-wide restrictive measures, including a possible ban, on the sale of laser pointers to people under 18 years of age.

90. 590. Mr. Dickson 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 and without diverting funding from students in grades 1 through 12.

91. 591. Mr. Wickman to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to put out to public tender all contracts for goods, services, and/or construction greater than, or equal to, \$25,000.

92. 592. 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 a pick-up truck.

93. 593. Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mr. Hierath.

94. 594. Ms Olsen to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to establish safety and security standards for residential rental properties.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Wednesday, February 17, 1999