



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

Day 6

ORDER PAPER

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Prayers

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ORDERS OF THE DAY

Consideration of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech

(Day 4)

Moved by Mrs. Fritz and 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.

Adjourned debate: Mrs. Soetaert.

Government Motions

8. Hon. Mr. Day to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Message of His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, the 1998-99 Supplementary Supply Estimates (No. 2) for the General Revenue Fund, and all matters connected therewith, be referred to Committee of Supply.

9. Hon. Mr. Day to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Assembly resolve itself into Committee of Supply, when called, to consider supply to be granted to Her Majesty.

10. Hon. Mr. Day to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Message of His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, the 1998-99 Supplementary Supply Estimates (No. 2) for the Lottery Fund, and all matters connected therewith, be referred to Committee of Supply.

11. Hon. Mr. Day to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that pursuant to Standing Order 58(6), the number of days that the Committee of Supply will be called to consider the 1998-99 Supplementary Supply Estimates (No. 2) for the Lottery Fund shall be one day.

12. Hon. Mr. Day to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that, pursuant to Standing Order 58(6), the number of days that the Committee of Supply will be called to consider the 1998-99 Supplementary Supply Estimates (No. 2) for the General Revenue Fund shall be one day.

13. Hon. Mr. Hancock to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Assembly resolve itself into Committee of the Whole, when called, to consider certain Bills on the Order Paper.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

- Bill 5 Surveys Amendment Act, 1999 — Mr. Yankowsky
Bill 6 Child Welfare Amendment Act, 1999 — Mr. Severtson
Bill 7 Alberta Health Care Insurance Amendment Act, 1999 — Hon. Mr. Jonson
Bill 8 Provincial Court Judges Amendment Act, 1999 — Ms Graham
Bill 9 Tobacco Tax Amendment Act, 1999 — Hon. Mr. Day
Bill 10 Land Titles Amendment Act, 1999 — Mrs. O'Neill

Committee of the Whole

- Bill 1 Fiscal Responsibility Act — Hon. Mr. Klein
Bill 2 Dairy Industry Act — Mr. Klapstein
Bill 3 Agriculture Financial Services Amendment Act, 1999 — Mr. Severtson
Bill 4 Surface Rights Amendment Act, 1999 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Stelmach

Written Questions

- WQ1.** Mrs. Sloan to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 18):
Which hotels in the Edmonton region were children who were receiving services under the Child Welfare Act placed in during the fiscal year of 1997-98 and between April 1, 1998 and February 17, 1999?
- WQ2.** Mrs. Sloan to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 18):
What is the number of children with Child Welfare status who have been placed in hotel rooms in the Edmonton region in the fiscal year of 1997-98 and between April 1, 1998 and February 17, 1999?
- WQ3.** Mrs. Sloan to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 18):
What is the number of children with Child Welfare status who have been placed in jail cells, remand centres, or single men's hostels in the fiscal year of 1997-98 and between April 1, 1998 and February 17, 1999, in the Province?

- WQ4.** Mrs. Soetaert to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 18):
How much did the Department of Transportation and Utilities spend in each of the fiscal years 1994-95, 1995-96, 1996-97 and 1997-98 for sanding, salting and the clearance of snow on provincial highways; how much was paid to Department staff; and how much was paid to private contractors?
- WQ5.** Dr. Nicol to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 18):
For each year between the introduction of the Farm Income Disaster Program in 1995 and December 31, 1998, how many farmers were eligible for assistance under the program, how many were rejected and for what reasons, and how many of those who were rejected had operations that were viable in the long term but were suffering from a cash flow problem?
- WQ6.** Mr. Sapers to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 18):
Did the Agenda and Priorities Committee, the Treasury Board, and/or members of the Executive Council ever receive risk assessments or valuation analyses of the July 13, 1994, and September 26, 1994, refinancing proposals between the Alberta Treasury Branches, Nomura Asset Capital Corporation and Nomura Securities International?
- WQ7.** Mr. Sapers to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 18):
What analysis was prepared for Treasury Board and/or members of the Executive Council to show that the October 31, 1994, refinancing package for the West Edmonton Mall involved less risk and exposure to the Alberta Treasury Branches than the March 10, 1994, proposal between Alberta Treasury Branches and Genra Canada Investments Inc.?
- WQ19.** Dr. Nicol to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 18):
How many farmers received assistance under the Farm Income Disaster Program each year between its inception in 1995 and December 31, 1998, despite the fact that they could have sustained their operations without assistance because they did not have a cash flow problem or because they had sufficient equity?
- WQ20.** Ms Leibovici to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 19):
How many long term care facilities are currently being renovated to add new beds and what is the total number of long term care beds being added to the health care system?
- WQ21.** Ms Leibovici to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 19):
How many Regional Health Authorities have examinations/audits underway, how many have been completed and what is the total cost to taxpayers?

- WQ22.** Ms Leibovici to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 19):
How much money has been raised from corporate sponsors to support the “You’re Amazing” health promotion project and how much has the Department of Health invested in this project between January 1, 1997 and February 17, 1999?
- WQ23.** Ms Leibovici to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 19):
What projects are underway which promote alternative approaches to paying physicians through the tripartite process involving Alberta Health, the Alberta Medical Association and Regional Health Authorities?
- WQ24.** Mrs. Soetaert to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 19):
How much did Alberta Transportation and Utilities spend in each fiscal year 1994-95, 1995-96, 1996-97 and 1997-98 for provincial highway maintenance (excluding snow clearing and related work), how much was paid to Department staff and how much was paid to private contractors?
- WQ25.** Ms Blakeman to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 19):
How many maintenance enforcement accounts were in arrears or did not receive the full amount of court-ordered support at any point in time during the 1997-98 fiscal year?
- WQ26.** Ms Blakeman to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 19):
How many active files in the Maintenance Enforcement Program are in receipt of payments from a jurisdiction named in the Declaration of Reciprocating States Regulation?
- WQ27.** Ms Blakeman to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 19):
How many active files in the Maintenance Enforcement Program are paid to creditors in a jurisdiction named in the Declaration of Reciprocating States Regulation?
- WQ28.** Ms Blakeman to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 19):
How many active files in the Maintenance Enforcement Program relate to creditors or to debtors where the payee or payor is resident in a jurisdiction not named in the Declaration of Reciprocating States Regulation?
- WQ29.** Ms Blakeman to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 19):
What criteria does Alberta Justice use to determine whether a jurisdiction should be approached with a view to negotiating an agreement leading to the jurisdiction’s inclusion in the Declaration of Reciprocating States Regulation?

- WQ30.** Mr. White to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 19):
How many qualified forest officers were employed by Alberta Environmental Protection on April 1, of each year, from 1992 to 1998?
- WQ31.** Mr. White to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 19):
How much money has the Government collected each year between 1995 and 1998 for timber damage assessments on Crown land outside forest management agreement areas that is harvested by non-forest operators such as energy and utility companies, and how have those funds been utilized to offset the land-based impact on the annual allowable cut?
- WQ32.** Mr. White to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 19):
Of the money collected under the U.S. lumber countervail agreement since 1995, how much has the Federal Government returned to the Province each year, how was the money utilized by the Province and how much was used specifically for the development of forest product markets outside the United States?
- WQ33.** Dr. Nicol to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 19):
How many current agricultural leaseholders have pledged the natural resource royalties or revenues on their leased land as security under an agreement with a bank or financial institution and how many of these collateral agreements terminate each year between 1999 and 2020?
- WQ34.** Mrs. Soetaert to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 19):
How much did Alberta Transportation and Utilities spend in each fiscal year 1994-95, 1995-96, 1996-97 and 1997-98 for work conducted by departmental staff pertaining to provincial primary highway maintenance and preservation; with respect to each year, how much was spent on administration, how much on work carried out on the highways, how much on inspections and auditing?
- WQ38.** Ms Leibovici to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 19):
How much money was provided to needle exchange programs in Calgary, Edmonton, Red Deer and Grande Prairie to prevent HIV infection among non-prescription drug users for the fiscal year 1997-98, and from April 1, 1998 to February 17, 1999?
- WQ42.** Dr. Pannu to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 20):
What is the extent (in dollars) of the deferred maintenance and capital expenditures projected by the fiscal year 1999-2000 for each of the school boards in the Province?

- WQ43.** Dr. Pannu to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 20):
What is the extent (in dollars) of the deferred maintenance and capital cost for major highways and secondary roads (separately) under provincial jurisdiction projected by the fiscal year 1999-2000?
- WQ44.** Dr. Pannu to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 20):
What is the extent (in dollars) of the deferred maintenance and capital expenditures projected by the fiscal year 1999-2000 in each of the 17 Alberta Regional Health Authorities?
- WQ45.** Dr. Pannu to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 20):
What is the extent (in dollars) of the deferred maintenance and capital cost projected by the fiscal year 1999-2000 for the Department of Public Works, Supply and Services?
- WQ46.** Dr. Pannu to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 20):
What is the extent (in dollars) of the deferred maintenance and capital works expenditures projected by the fiscal year 1999-2000 for all municipal jurisdictions in the Province?
- WQ47.** Mrs. Sloan to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 20):
What statistics and standards were used to determine that 80% of participants in employment and training initiatives are either off welfare or working and receiving a supplement to their earnings, as outlined in the 1997-98 Family and Social Services Annual Report?
- WQ48.** Ms Blakeman to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 20):
How many agreements is the Department of Justice currently negotiating with other jurisdictions pursuant to the Reciprocal Enforcement of Maintenance Orders Act?
- WQ49.** Ms Blakeman to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 20):
How many staff positions were vacant on the first and fifteenth of each month in the offices of the Maintenance Enforcement Program in the period January 1, 1996 to February 16, 1999?
- WQ50.** Ms Blakeman to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 20):
How many maintenance enforcement accounts were in arrears and by how much were they in arrears on December 31, 1998?

Motions for Returns

- MR8.** Ms Leibovici to propose the following motion (Due Day 18):
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
The final report submitted by George B. Cuff and Associates Ltd. on the deficit elimination plan of the Lakeland Regional Health Authority.
- MR9.** Ms Leibovici to propose the following motion (Due Day 18):
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
All deficit elimination plans submitted by Regional Health Authorities between April 1, 1998 and February 17, 1999.
- MR10.** Ms Leibovici to propose the following motion (Due Day 18):
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
The report of the Long Term Care Review Policy Advisory Committee which was submitted to the Minister of Health in 1998.
- MR11.** Mrs. Sloan to propose the following motion (Due Day 18):
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Request for proposals and updates on the one year pilot projects started in the spring of 1998 which involve completing department-funded psychological and functional assessment of selected Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped applicants and recipients.
- MR12.** Mrs. Sloan to propose the following motion (Due Day 18):
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Policy review report on Aboriginal adoptions due February, 1998.
- MR13.** Mrs. Sloan to propose the following motion (Due Day 18):
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Update documents on the proposed AISH (Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped) review and reforms since September, 1998.
- MR14.** Mrs. Soetaert to propose the following motion (Due Day 18):
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all reports and comparisons of the costs and/or benefits of the privatization of provincial highway maintenance and preservation completed between January 1, 1994 and February 16, 1999.

- MR15.** Dr. Nicol to propose the following motion (Due Day 18):
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Any correspondence or consulting reports compiled between January 1, 1995 and February 16, 1999, that indicate that a Farm Income Disaster Program which would allow payments on a negative margin would not be consistent with the guidelines of the World Trade Organization.
- MR16.** Mr. Sapers to propose the following motion (Due Day 18):
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of correspondence, memoranda, studies, and reports prepared by or for, as well as sent to, Alberta Treasury for the period January 1, 1994 to February 16, 1999, pertaining to financial transactions involving West Edmonton Mall Property Inc., Triple Five Corporation Limited, Toronto Dominion Bank, Nomura Canada, Nomura Asset Capital Corporation, TD Trust Company, 606881 Alberta Ltd., 333856 Alberta Ltd., 218703 Alberta Ltd., 298936 Alberta Ltd., 342322 Alberta Ltd., the West Edmonton Mall and Alberta Treasury Branches.
- MR17.** Mrs. Sloan to propose the following motion (Due Day 18):
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
The review results from the inquiry into the death of Jordan Quinney, completed by the Department of Family and Social Services.
- MR18.** Mrs. Sloan to propose the following motion (Due Day 18):
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Child Welfare League of Canada report on adoptions in Alberta, 1997-1999.
- MR35.** Ms Leibovici to propose the following motion (Due Day 19):
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
All proposals submitted to the Department of Health for funding under the Federal Government's Health Transition Fund from January 1, 1998 to February 17, 1999.
- MR36.** Ms Leibovici to propose the following motion (Due Day 19):
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
All agreements with Hill and Knowlton for services provided to the Department of Health from January 1, 1998 to February 17, 1999.
- MR37.** Ms Leibovici to propose the following motion (Due Day 19):
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
All agreements approved by the Minister of Health for the provision of insured services in non-hospital surgical facilities from April 1, 1998 to February 17, 1999.

- MR39.** Ms Leibovici to propose the following motion (Due Day 19):
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
All agreements with George B. Cuff and Associates Ltd. for services provided to the Department of Health from January 1, 1997 to February 17, 1999.
- MR40.** Ms Leibovici to propose the following motion (Due Day 19):
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
All reports submitted to the Minister of Health by the Queen's University Health Policy group with regard to Alberta's academic health centres from January 1, 1998 to February 17, 1999.
- MR41.** Ms Leibovici to propose the following motion (Due Day 19):
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
All proposals for funding under the Seniors' Research Funding Initiative received by the Department of Health from January 1, 1997 to February 17, 1999.
- MR51.** Mrs. Sloan to propose the following motion (Due Day 20):
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Records of negotiations and contracts between the Department of Family and Social Services and the University of Calgary School of Social Work for research on child abuse between April 1, 1998 and February 17, 1999.
- MR52.** Mrs. Sloan to propose the following motion (Due Day 20):
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Documentation completed by the Children's Advocate Office on child welfare caseload increases and the effects of the increase on front-line staff.
- MR53.** Mrs. Sloan to propose the following motion (Due Day 20):
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Request for proposals for employment program initiatives designed for Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped and Assured Support Program recipients since September 1, 1998.
- MR54.** Mrs. Sloan to propose the following motion (Due Day 20):
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of minutes from the Forever Homes Work Team meetings between April 1, 1998 and February 17, 1999.

MR55. Mrs. Sloan to propose the following motion (Due Day 20):

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Drafts of the Forever Homes Work Team action plan identifying policy, practice, training, communication and resource requirements for the Forever Homes initiative.

MR56. Mr. White to propose the following motion (Due Day 20):

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of studies and reports prepared by, or for, the Ministry of Energy, or sent to the Ministry of Energy, for the period December 1, 1998 to February 18, 1999, evaluating the potential aggregate surplus or deficit in the Balancing Pool (BP) from the auctioning of Power Purchase Arrangements (PPAs).

MR57. Mr. White to propose the following motion (Due Day 20):

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of studies and reports prepared by, or for, the Ministry of Energy, or sent to the Ministry of Energy, for the period January 1, 1998, to February 18, 1999, evaluating the impact of electricity deregulation on the utility bills of various classes of Alberta consumers.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

1. 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.

2. 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.

3. 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.

4. **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.
5. **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.
6. **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.
7. **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.
8. **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.
9. **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.
10. **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.

- 11. 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.
- 12. 513.** Ms Kryczka to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government, during the International Year of 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.
- 13. 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.
- 14. 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.
- 15. 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.
- 16. 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.
- 17. 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.

- 18. 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.
- 19. 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.
- 20. 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.
- 21. 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.
- 22. 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.
- 23. 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.
- 24. 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.

- 25. 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.
- 26. 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.
- 27. 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.
- 28. 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.
- 29. 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.
- 30. 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.
- 31. 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.

- 32. 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.
- 33. 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.
- 34. 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.
- 35. 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.
- 36. 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.
- 37. 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.
- 38. 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 pro-active and efficient health care system over the long term.
- 39. 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).

- 40. 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.
- 41. 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.
- 42. 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.
- 43. 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.
- 44. 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.
- 45. 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.
- 46. 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.

- 47. 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.
- 48. 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.
- 49. 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.
- 50. 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.
- 51. 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.
- 52. 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.
- 53. 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.

- 54. 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.
- 55. 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.
- 56. 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.
- 57. 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.
- 58. 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.
- 59. 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.
- 60. 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.
- 61. 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.

- 62. 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.
- 63. 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.
- 64. 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.
- 65. 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.
- 66. 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.
- 67. 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.
- 68. 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.
- 69. 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.

- 70. 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.

- 71. 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.

- 72. 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.

- 73. 574.** Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mr. Trynchy.

- 74. 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.

- 75. 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.

- 76. 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.

- 77. 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.
- 78. 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.
- 79. 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.
- 80. 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.
- 81. 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.
- 82. 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.
- 83. 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.
- 84. 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.

- 85. 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.
- 86. 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.
- 87. 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.
- 88. 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.
- 89. 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.
- 90. 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.
- 91. 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.
- 92. 593.** Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mr. Hierath.
- 93. 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.

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

- Bill 202 Farming Practices Protection Statutes Amendment Act, 1999 —
Mr. Thurber (Time remaining: 97 minutes)
Debate adjourned: Dr. Nicol speaking.
- Bill 203 Privatization Accountability Act — Mrs. MacBeth
- Bill 204 Medicare Protection Act — Ms Barrett
- Bill 205 School (Early Childhood Services) Amendment Act, 1999 —
Mr. Amery
- Bill 206 School (Grade One Entry Age) Amendment Act, 1999 — Mr. Fischer
- Bill 207 Seniors Benefit Statutes Amendment Act, 1999 — Mrs. MacBeth
- Bill 208 Prevention of Youth Tobacco Use Act — Mr. Johnson
- Bill 209 Alberta Wheat and Barley Board Act — Mr. Hlady
- Bill 210 Charitable Donation of Food Act — Mrs. Laing
- Bill 211 Workers' Compensation (Competitive Marketplace Review Committee)
Amendment Act, 1999 — Mr. Pham
- Bill 212 Gaming and Liquor Amendment Act, 1999 — Mr. McFarland
- Bill 213 Alberta Advisory Council on Women's Health Act — Mrs. Fritz
- Bill 214 Independent Advocate for Children Act — Mrs. Sloan
- Bill 215 Employment Standards (Parental Leave) Amendment Act, 1999 —
Mr. Cao
- Bill 216 Endangered Species and Habitats Protection Act — Dr. Pannu
- Bill 217 School (Students' Code of Conduct) Amendment Act, 1999 —
Mr. Coutts
- Bill 218 Chronic Disease Prescription Drug Act — Mr. Dickson
- Bill 219 Insurance (Gender Premium Equity) Amendment Act, 1999 —
Mrs. O'Neill
- Bill 220 Motor Vehicle Administration Amendment Act, 1999 — Mrs. Forsyth
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NOTICES

Leave to Introduce a Bill

- Bill 11 Public Sector Pension Plans Amendment Act, 1999 — Hon. Mr. Day (\$)
Bill 12 Domestic Relations Amendment Act, 1999 — Ms Graham
Bill 13 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 1999 — Hon. Mr. Day (\$)
Bill 14 Municipal Government Amendment Act, 1999 — Mr. Klapstein
Bill 15 Natural Heritage Act — Hon. Mr. Lund

Projected Government Business

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| Wednesday, February 24 | Eve. | - Government Bills and Orders
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from the Throne |

Written Questions

WQ58. Mrs. Sloan to ask the Government the following question:

What are the reasons for appeal and breakdown of decisions reached in the 485 appeals heard by the Child Welfare Citizen's Appeal Panel during the 1997-98 fiscal year?

WQ59. Mrs. Sloan to ask the Government the following question:

What investigations have been completed, or are presently being undertaken, to determine the reasons for the increase in the Child Welfare caseload from 7,605 in 1993-94 to 11,258 in 1997-98?

WQ61. Mrs. Sloan to ask the Government the following question:

What is the definition of "priority placement" for pregnant women who are at an increased risk of having a Fetal Alcohol Syndrome child?

WQ62. Ms Olsen to ask the Government the following question:

What expenditures were made to the members of, and on behalf of, the Judicial Compensation Commission in the period January 1, 1998 to February 16, 1999?

WQ63. Mrs. Sloan to ask the Government the following question:

What are the medical protocols at the Herb Jamieson-Hope Mission Single Men's Hostel?

WQ67. Ms Blakeman to ask the Government the following question:

On the first and fifteenth of each month in the period January 1, 1996 to February 16, 1999, how many individuals occupying permanent or contract positions were on long-term disability or absent due to a Workers' Compensation Board claim in the offices of the Maintenance Enforcement Program?

Motions for Returns

MR60. Mrs. Sloan to propose the following motion:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Interprovincial comparison reports from the Children's Advocate Office for the fiscal years of 1997-98 and April 1, 1998 to February 22, 1999.

MR64. Mrs. Sloan to propose the following motion:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Request for proposals for projects targeting women at risk of having a Fetal Alcohol Syndrome child.

MR65. Mrs. Sloan to propose the following motion:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Documentation from the negotiations on the role of the Children's Advocate with the 18 Child and Family Services Authorities.

MR66. Mrs. Sloan to propose the following motion:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Agreements and arrangement between the 18 Child and Family Services Authorities and First Nations Bands for the provision of children's services as part of their business plans and operational plans.

**Written Questions and Motions for Returns
for Consideration Wednesday, February 24, 1999**

Written Questions: Stand and retain their places.

Motions for Returns: Stand and retain their places.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Wednesday, February 24, 1999