



**Legislative Assembly
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Day 34

ORDER PAPER

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Prayers

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ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Motions

18. 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: Hon. Mr. Havelock.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

Bill 22 Health Professions Act — Mr. Renner

Adjourned debate: Mr. Yankowsky.

Bill 23 Pharmacy and Drug Act — Mrs. Tarchuk

Adjourned debate: Mrs. Tarchuk.

Bill 24 Traffic Safety Act — Hon. Mr. Paszkowski

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Bill 25 Insurance Act — Ms Graham

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Bill 26 Family Law Statutes Amendment Act, 1999 — Mr. Doerksen

Adjourned debate: Ms Leibovici.

Bill 28 Alberta Corporate Tax Amendment Act, 1999 — Hon. Mr. Day

Bill 30 Employment Pension Plans Amendment Act, 1999 — Mrs. Tarchuk

Adjourned debate: Mrs. Tarchuk.

Bill 31 Agricultural Dispositions Statutes Amendment Act, 1999 — Mr. Thurber

Adjourned debate: Mr. Thurber.

Bill 32 Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped Amendment Act, 1999 —
Hon. Dr. Oberg

Adjourned debate: Hon. Dr. Oberg.

Bill 34 Partnership Amendment Act, 1999 — Mr. Jacques

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- Bill 12 Domestic Relations Amendment Act, 1999 — Ms Graham
- Bill 14 Municipal Government Amendment Act, 1999 — Mr. Klapstein
- Bill 15 Natural Heritage Act — Hon. Mr. Lund
- Bill 16 Maintenance Enforcement Amendment Act, 1999 — Mr. Ducharme
- Bill 17 Quality Assurance Activity Statutes Amendment Act, 1999 — Mr. Doerksen
- Bill 20 School Amendment Act, 1999 — Hon. Mr. Mar
- Bill 27 Regulated Forestry Profession Act — Mr. Strang
- Bill 29 Securities Amendment Act, 1999 — Mr. Hlady
- Bill 33 Appropriation Act, 1999 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Day

Third Reading

- Bill 7 Alberta Health Care Insurance Amendment Act, 1999 — Hon. Mr. Jonson
- Bill 18 Engineering, Geological and Geophysical Professions Amendment Act, 1999 — Mr. Klapstein
- Bill 21 Irrigation Districts Act — Mr. Stevens

Awaiting Royal Assent

- 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
- Bill 11 Public Sector Pension Plans Amendment Act, 1999 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Day
- Bill 202 Farming Practices Protection Statutes Amendment Act, 1999 — Mr. Thurber

Private Bills

Referred to Private Bills Committee

- Bill Pr2 Shaw Communications Inc. Amendment Act, 1999 — Mr. Zwozdesky

Committee of the Whole

- Bill Pr1 National Bond Insurance Corporation Act — Mrs. O'Neill
- Bill Pr3 Consumers Insurance Company Act — Ms Blakeman

Written Questions

WQ197. Ms Carlson to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 32):

On what dates between January 1, 1997 and December 31, 1998, did Alberta Environmental Protection conduct unannounced inspections of the Big Valley Industrial Landfill and the Ryley Hazardous Waste Landfill; on each occasion how many samples were taken of waste that had already been buried in the landfill and how many of waste being dumped; what substances, if any, were detected in excess of permissible limits and what action was taken?

WQ198. Ms Carlson to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 32):

Between January 1, 1997 and February 16, 1999, at which provincial parks and recreation areas was a contract for the private sector management of a campground terminated; at which sites has a new contract been signed with another private sector operator; which sites are now being managed by the Government, and which sites have closed?

WQ199. Ms Carlson to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 32):

What is the name and legal description of each energy industry site at which vandalism or terrorist activity was recorded between January 1, 1997 and February 16, 1999, what is the name of the company owning or leasing the site, what damage was recorded and at which locations has a charge been laid?

WQ204. Ms Carlson to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 32):

How many staff were employed by Alberta Environmental Protection on January 1, 1999 for the Pollution Control Division, how many announced and how many unannounced inspections did they make in the calendar year 1998, what infringements were detected and what was the outcome in each case?

WQ206. Mrs. Soetaert to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 39):

Given that on pages 12, 31 and 32 of the Auditor General's report entitled "Examination of the WestView Regional Health Authority" dated March 31, 1998, the Auditor General states that different Regional Health Authorities had different assets and liabilities at their inception as well as different costs in delivering services, when will the Government implement a funding formulae that considers the factors which the Auditor General cited on pages 12, 31 and 32?

WQ210. Mrs. Soetaert to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 39):

In the funding formulae for Regional Health Authorities, how many data proxies (as opposed to factual data generated by the respective Regional Health Authorities) are being used and from what data sources are they derived?

WQ211. Ms Carlson to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 41):

How many inspections did Alberta Environmental Protection staff conduct of licensed industrial facilities each year between January 1, 1990 and December 31, 1998, how many infringements were found each year and in how many cases each year was enforcement action taken?

WQ212. Ms Carlson to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 41):

What is the total number of industrial facilities that were licensed to operate in the province by Alberta Environmental Protection each year from January 1, 1990 until December 31, 1998, and how many approvals and permits were issued to such facilities in each of those years?

WQ213. Ms Carlson to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 41):

How many inspectors (full time equivalents) were working in Environmental Services, Alberta Environmental Protection on December 31, 1998 and how many were working in equivalent positions on the same date each year from 1990 to 1997?

WQ214. Ms Carlson to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 41):

How many oil and gas industry well site reclamation certificates were issued each year from January 1, 1990 until December 31, 1998, and how many sites were inspected each year?

WQ215. Ms Carlson to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 41):

How many water wells were reclaimed each year from January 1, 1990 until December 31, 1998, and how many well inspections were carried out each year?

WQ216. Ms Carlson to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 41):

How many staff (full time equivalents) worked on regulatory approvals in Environmental Service, Alberta Environmental Protection on December 31, 1998, and how many were working in similar positions on the same date each year from 1990 to 1997?

WQ217. Ms Carlson to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 45):

How many approvals and how many permits were issued by Environmental Service, Alberta Environmental Protection between January 1 and December 31, 1998, and how many equivalent approvals and permits were issued each year from 1990 to 1997?

Motions for Returns

MR142. Mr. Sapers to propose the following motion (Due Day 25):

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of the letters from Triple Five Corporation and the fax cover sheet sent by Hugh Tadman to the former Acting Superintendent of the Alberta Treasury Branches on May 24, 1994, as cited on page 40 of the Report of the Auditor General on the 1994 Refinancing of the West Edmonton Mall, February 1999.

MR143. Mr. Sapers to propose the following motion (Due Day 25):

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of the August 8, 1994 and August 10, 1994 letters from the former Deputy Premier to Gentra Canada Investments Inc., as cited on page 44 of the Report of the Auditor General on the 1994 Refinancing of the West Edmonton Mall, February 1999.

MR145. Mr. Sapers to propose the following motion (Due Day 25):

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of draft memoranda prepared by the former Deputy Premier for the Premier of Alberta for the period February 14, 1994 to February 22, 1994, relating to the decision of the February 14, 1994 Agenda and Priorities Committee on refinancing of the West Edmonton Mall, as cited on page 36 of the Report of the Auditor General on the 1994 Refinancing of the West Edmonton Mall, February 1999.

MR146. Mr. Sapers to propose the following motion (Due Day 25):

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A copy of the handwritten note of the former Deputy Premier to the Premier recording the decision of the February 14, 1994 Agenda and Priorities Committee, as cited on page 36 of the Report of the Auditor General on the 1994 Refinancing of the West Edmonton Mall, February 1999.

MR147. Mr. Sapers to propose the following motion (Due Day 25):

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A copy of the briefing document about the proposed Gentra Canada Investments Inc./ATB (Alberta Treasury Branches) arrangement presented to the February 14, 1994 meeting of the Agenda and Priorities Committee, as cited on pages 34 and 35 of the Report of the Auditor General on the 1994 Refinancing of the West Edmonton Mall, February 1999.

MR148. Mr. Sapers to propose the following motion (Due Day 25):

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of briefing documents, memoranda, correspondence and background documents prepared for the January 24, 1994, February 1, 1994, and February 8, 1994 Agenda and Priorities Committee dealing with the refinancing of the West Edmonton Mall, as cited on page 34 of the Report of the Auditor General on the 1994 Refinancing of the West Edmonton Mall, February 1999.

MR149. Mr. Sapers to propose the following motion (Due Day 25):

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of the portions of the minutes of the January 24, 1994, February 1, 1994, and February 8, 1994 Agenda and Priorities Committee dealing with the refinancing of the West Edmonton Mall, as cited on page 34 of the Report of the Auditor General on the 1994 Refinancing of the West Edmonton Mall, February 1999.

MR150. Mr. Sapers to propose the following motion (Due Day 25):

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of letters, memoranda and briefing notes between the former Deputy Premier and the Premier for the period October 29, 1993 to November 1, 1994, relating to the West Edmonton Mall refinancing.

MR157. Mr. Sapers to propose the following motion (Due Day 25):

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of minutes of meetings between the Premier of Alberta, the former Deputy Premier, the former Acting Superintendent, and the Ghermezians, for the period October 1, 1993 to November 1, 1994, relating to the refinancing of the West Edmonton Mall, as cited on pages 31 and 32 of the Report of the Auditor General on the 1994 Refinancing of the West Edmonton Mall, February 1999.

MR158. Mr. Sapers to propose the following motion (Due Day 25):

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of portions of minutes from the February 14, 1994 meeting of the Agenda and Priorities Committee during which the refinancing of the West Edmonton Mall was discussed.

MR163. Mr. Sapers to propose the following motion (Due Day 25):

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of written briefings or notes, as well as written representations from the Ghermezians, provided to the February 14, 1994 meeting of the Agenda and Priorities Committee, relating to the refinancing of the West Edmonton Mall, as cited on page 11 of the Report of the Auditor General on the 1994 Refinancing of the West Edmonton Mall, February 1999.

MR165. Mr. Sapers to propose the following motion (Due Day 25):

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of briefings received by the former Deputy Premier from Hugh Tadman between December 1993 and August 1994, related to the refinancing of the West Edmonton Mall, as cited on page 12 of the Report of the Auditor General on the 1994 Refinancing of the West Edmonton Mall, February 1999.

MR168. Mr. Sapers to propose the following motion (Due Day 26):

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of letters, memoranda and briefing notes between the former Deputy Premier and the Premier for the period October 29, 1993 to November 1, 1994, relating to the West Edmonton Mall refinancing.

MR169. Ms Olsen to propose the following motion (Due Day 26):

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all studies undertaken between January 1, 1988 to March 1, 1999 by the Department of Municipal Affairs, the Department of Justice and Attorney General, and the Department of Transportation and Utilities on the merits of requiring motor vehicles to display a single license plate or two license plates.

MR180. Mr. MacDonald to propose the following motion (Due Day 27):

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
All Department of Labour Employment Standards Umpire Decisions for calendar years 1997, 1998 and 1999.

MR181. Mr. Sapers to propose the following motion (Due Day 27):

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
The minutes of the meeting held on October 6, 1998, organized and chaired by the Alberta Government's Chief Information Officer and attended by Alberta Transportation and Utilities Disaster Services and over 60 senior representatives from key public and private sector organizations to discuss the potential impacts of Y2K (Year 2000) computer and equipment problems on essential services.

MR182. Mr. Sapers to propose the following motion (Due Day 27):

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
The Government's Y2K (Year 2000) consequence management plan developed by Alberta Transportation and Utilities Disaster Services as referenced in an October 9, 1998 Government news release.

MR184. Mr. MacDonald to propose the following motion (Due Day 27):

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
The Department of Labour's Year 2000 project definition that outlines a high-level plan for addressing the Department's Year 2000 risks.

MR185. Mr. MacDonald to propose the following motion (Due Day 27):

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
The Department of Labour's Year 2000 (Y2K) contingency plan.

MR186. Mr. MacDonald to propose the following motion (Due Day 27):

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
The Department of Labour's Year 2000 (Y2K) assessment and comprehensive plan to address identified problems.

MR194. Dr. Massey to propose the following motion (Due Day 29):

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of the Campus Alberta Partnership Initiative, as outlined in the Department of Advanced Education and Career Development's 1998-99 Business Plan.

MR195. Dr. Massey to propose the following motion (Due Day 29):

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of the Request for Proposals for the two Youth Connections pilot projects, and the resulting audits after the completion of the projects, as outlined in the Department of Advanced Education and Career Development's 1998-99 Business Plan.

MR200. Ms Carlson to propose the following motion (Due Day 32):

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

A copy of the minutes of each meeting between January 1, 1997 and February 16, 1999, of the Endangered Species Conservation Committee and the Independent Scientific Subcommittee, established in accordance with section 9.1 of the Wildlife Act.

MR201. Ms Carlson to propose the following motion (Due Day 32):

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

A copy of the most recent inventory of sites contaminated by oilfield activity including their current status and a summary of any plans for remediation.

MR202. Ms Carlson to propose the following motion (Due Day 32):

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

A copy of the most recent statistics and evaluation on the status of fish populations in the lakes in the north east boreal region of Alberta.

MR203. Mr. White to propose the following motion (Due Day 32):

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

A copy of any surveys, statistics and reports completed since January 1, 1995 indicating the timber supply that is available and being reserved for allocation to Grande Alberta Paper, together with the assumptions made in establishing harvest levels (including growth and yield information, reforestation standards, areas set aside for future non-timber uses and all other information pertaining to the estimation of the annual allowance cut).

MR205. Ms Carlson to propose the following motion (Due Day 32):

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

A copy of the most recent inventory of oilfield waste in Alberta, including inverts and/or oil based drilling mud and the methods being used for their disposal.

MR207. Mrs. Soetaert to propose the following motion (Due Day 39):

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

The number of individuals for whom the Aspen Regional Health Authority #11 is financially responsible who are receiving continuing care and who are receiving home care.

MR208. Mrs. Soetaert to propose the following motion (Due Day 39):

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of letters, memoranda, written communications in whatever form and however stored, from April 1, 1997 to the present, between Alberta Health and the present Chief Administrative Officer of the Lakeland Regional Health Authority #12 which address, in whole and in part, the following issues: program reductions, program elimination, staff reductions, and other cost cutting measures.

MR209. Mrs. Soetaert to propose the following motion (Due Day 39):

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of letters, memoranda, written communications in whatever form and however stored, between Alberta Health and Regional Health Authorities defining administration, other direct labour costs, material costs, and capital costs for the purposes of cost accounting.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

1. 509. Moved by Mr. Marz (Time remaining: 24 minutes):

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.

Debate adjourned: Ms Leibovici speaking.

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

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to *consider establishing* 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.

3. 511. Mr. Fischer to propose the following motion (amended):

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to investigate ways to improve *traffic safety at rural intersections by improving the visibility of "Important Intersections Ahead" signs or by adding additional signage informing drivers of upcoming intersections.*

4. 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.

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

- 12. 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.

- 13. 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.

- 14. 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.

- 15. 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.

- 16. 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.

- 17. 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.

- 18. 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.

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

- 26. 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.
- 27. 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.
- 28. 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.
- 29. 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.
- 30. 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.
- 31. 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.
- 32. 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).
- 33. 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.

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

- 41. 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.
- 42. 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.
- 43. 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.
- 44. 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.
- 45. 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.
- 46. 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.
- 47. 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.

- 48. 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.
- 49. 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.
- 50. 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.
- 51. 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.
- 52. 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.
- 53. 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.
- 54. 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.
- 55. 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.

56. 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.

57. 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.

58. 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.

59. 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.

60. 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.

61. 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.

62. 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.

- 63. 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.

- 64. 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.

- 65. 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.

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

- 67. 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.

- 68. 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.

- 69. 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.

- 70. 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.
- 71. 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.
- 72. 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.
- 73. 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.
- 74. 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.
- 75. 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.
- 76. 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.
- 77. 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.

- 78. 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.
- 79. 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.
- 80. 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.
- 81. 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.
- 82. 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.
- 83. 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.
- 84. 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.
- 85. 593.** Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mr. Hierath.
- 86. 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 205 School (Early Childhood Services) Amendment Act, 1999 — Mr. Amery (Time remaining: 64 minutes)
Debate adjourned: Dr. Pannu speaking.
- 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

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

- Day 40 WQ20, WQ21, WQ22, WQ23, WQ30, WQ32, WQ38.
- Day 44 WQ2, WQ3, WQ26, WQ27, WQ29, WQ48, WQ50, MR11, MR12, MR13, MR15, MR18.
- Day 48 WQ4, WQ24, WQ34, WQ42.
- Day 52 WQ25, WQ47, WQ49, WQ58, WQ59, WQ61, WQ62, WQ63, WQ67, MR14.

Day 56 WQ71, WQ72, WQ89, WQ90, WQ119, WQ124, WQ125, WQ126,
WQ127, WQ128, WQ129, WQ130, WQ131, WQ132, MR51, MR52,
MR53, MR54, MR55, MR60, MR64, MR65, MR66, MR68, MR69, MR70,
MR74, MR75.
Day 60 WQ171, WQ172, MR111, MR115, MR116, MR117, MR120, MR121.

NOTICES

Leave to Introduce a Bill

Bill 35 Government Fees and Charges Review Act — Hon. Mr. Day
Bill 36 Gaming and Liquor Amendment Act, 1999 — Hon. Mrs. Nelson
Bill 37 Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Amendment Act, 1999
— Mr. Friedel

Projected Government Business

Wednesday, April 21	Eve.	- Government Bills and Orders Committee of the Whole Bills 33, 16, 15 And as per Order Paper
Thursday, April 22	Aft.	- Government Bills and Orders Third Reading Bill 33 Second Reading Bills 23, 24, 25, 22, 32 And as per Order Paper

**Written Questions and Motions for Returns
for Consideration Wednesday, April 21, 1999**

Written Questions: WQ197, WQ198, WQ199, WQ204.

Motions for Returns: MR142, MR143, MR145, MR146, MR147,
MR148, MR149, MR150, MR157, MR158,
MR163, MR165, MR168, MR169, MR180,
MR181, MR182, MR184, MR185, MR186,
MR194, MR195, MR200, MR201, MR202,
MR203, MR205.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Wednesday, April 21, 1999