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Province of Alberta**

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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 38 Constitutional Referendum Amendment Act, 1999 — Hon. Mr. Havelock

Adjourned debate: Mr. Renner.

Committee of the Whole

Bill 15 Natural Heritage Act — Hon. Mr. Lund

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Bill 7 Alberta Health Care Insurance Amendment Act, 1999 — Hon. Mr. Jonson

Adjourned debate: Ms Leibovici (1 minute remaining).

Private Bills

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

Written Questions

WQ218. Mr. Sapers to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 52):

What is the breakdown of the economic impact of the \$600 million provincial income tax cut under the 11% single rate proposal for Years 1 through 5 inclusive, as cited on page 162 of Budget 1999: Government of Alberta Fiscal Plan, attributed to the components of: the elimination of the 8% surtax, the elimination of the 0.5% flat tax, the increase in the personal and spousal exemptions to \$11,620, the increase in the personal and spousal exemptions in the 1999 federal budget, and the introduction of the 11% single rate tax by the following: real GDP, employment, labour force, unemployment rate, net in-migration, personal disposable income, real consumer spending, corporate profits, and real business investment?

WQ219. Mr. Sapers to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 52):

How much of the \$35 million economic offset or revenue recovery projected in 2001-02, as cited on page 17 of Budget 1999: Government of Alberta Fiscal Plan, results from the reduction of the 8% surtax, from the increase in the personal and spousal exemptions contained in the 1999 federal budget, from the reduction of the 0.5% flat tax, from the increase in the personal and spousal exemptions to \$11,620, and from the introduction of the 11% single rate?

WQ220. Mr. Sapers to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 52):

How much of the \$20 million economic offset or revenue recovery projected in 2000-01, as cited on page 17 of Budget 1999: Government of Alberta Fiscal Plan, results from the reduction of the 8% surtax and how much is from the increase in the personal and spousal exemptions contained in the 1999 federal budget?

WQ226. Mr. Sapers to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 56):

What is the breakdown of the fiscal impact of the \$600 million provincial income tax cut under the 11% single rate proposal for Years 1 through 5 inclusive, as cited on page 163 of Budget 1999: Government of Alberta Fiscal Plan, attributed to the components of the elimination of the 8% surtax, the elimination of the 0.5% flat tax, the increase in the personal and spousal exemptions to \$11,620, the increase in the personal and spousal exemptions in the 1999 federal budget, and the introduction of the 11% single rate tax by the following: personal income tax, corporate income tax, other direct taxes, fuel and indirect taxes, federal transfers, other transfers, direct fiscal impact and revenue recovery?

WQ227. Mr. Sapers to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 56):

How much of the revenue recovery or economic offset projected in Year 5, as cited on page 163 of Budget 1999: Government of Alberta Fiscal Plan, is accounted for by the elimination of the 8% surtax, the elimination of the 0.5% flat tax, the increase in the personal and spousal exemptions to \$11,620, the increase in the personal and spousal exemptions in the 1999 federal budget, and the introduction of the 11% single rate?

WQ231. Mr. Sapers to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 60):

What is the revenue recovery or the economic offset of the \$600 million single rate tax proposal for 2003-04, 2004-05, 2005-06, and 2006-07, and how much of the revenue recovery or economic offset in each fiscal year is accounted for by the elimination of the 8% surtax, the elimination of the 0.5% flat tax, the increase in the personal and spousal exemptions to \$11,620, the increase in the personal and spousal exemptions in the 1999 federal budget, and the introduction of the 11% single rate?

WQ232. Mr. Sapers to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 60):

How much of the \$120 million economic offset or revenue recovery projected in 2002-03, as cited on page 17 of Budget 1999: Government of Alberta Fiscal Plan, results from the elimination of the 8% surtax, from the increase in the personal and spousal exemptions contained in the 1999 federal budget, from the elimination of the 0.5% flat tax, from the increase in the personal and spousal exemptions to \$11,620, and from the introduction of the 11% single rate?

WQ237. Ms Carlson to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 64):

How much did Alberta Environmental Protection spend on conservation education in the areas of fisheries and hunting respectively, each year from April 1, 1991 to March 31, 1999, and through which programs was this administered?

Motions for Returns

MR221. Mr. Sapers to propose the following motion (Due Day 52):

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A copy of the February 10, 1994 letter from a third party to the Executive Council/Office of the Premier relating to the refinancing of the West Edmonton Mall.

MR222. Mr. Sapers to propose the following motion (Due Day 52):

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A copy of the January 18, 1994 letter from a third party to the Executive Council/Office of the Premier relating to the refinancing of the West Edmonton Mall.

MR223. Mr. Sapers to propose the following motion (Due Day 52):

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A copy of the January 11, 1994 letter from a third party to the Executive Council/Office of the Premier relating to the refinancing of the West Edmonton Mall.

MR224. Mr. Sapers to propose the following motion (Due Day 52):

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A copy of the January 31, 1994 letter from a third party to the Executive Council/Office of the Premier relating to the refinancing of the West Edmonton Mall.

- MR225.** Mr. Sapers to propose the following motion (Due Day 52):
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A copy of the January 17, 1994 letter from a third party to the Executive Council/Office of the Premier relating to the refinancing of the West Edmonton Mall.
- MR228.** Mr. Sapers to propose the following motion (Due Day 56):
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A copy of the March 2, 1994 letters from a third party to the Executive Council/Office of the Premier relating to refinancing of the West Edmonton Mall.
- MR229.** Mr. Sapers to propose the following motion (Due Day 56):
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A copy of the January 28, 1994 letter from a third party to the Executive Council/Office of the Premier relating to refinancing of the West Edmonton Mall.
- MR230.** Mr. Sapers to propose the following motion (Due Day 56):
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A copy of the minutes and agenda from the June 27, 1995 meeting of the Provincial Cabinet, in the possession of the Executive Council/Office of the Premier, relating to the discussion on the refinancing of the West Edmonton Mall.
- MR233.** Mr. White to propose the following motion (Due Day 60):
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of the most recent tables for deciduous and coniferous timber, separately, showing for each forest management unit, the annual allowable cut, the proportion of the annual allowable cut that is allocated and the remaining unallocated volume, together with indications of provisional commitments for the unallocated timber.
- MR234.** Mr. White to propose the following motion (Due Day 60):
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of any studies, reports, letters or memoranda written to, by, or for the Department of Environmental Protection between January 1, 1997 and May 1, 1999, that indicate that the long-term timber productivity of the boreal forest in Alberta will increase by at least 30% where intensive forest management practices are used and any related information concerning the impact of such practices on the forest ecosystem.

MR235. Mr. Sapers to propose the following motion (Due Day 60):

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

A copy of the agenda and minutes from the March 21, 1994, meeting of the Agenda and Priorities Committee, in the possession of the Executive Council/Office of the Premier, relating to the discussion on the refinancing of the West Edmonton Mall.

MR236. Mr. Sapers to propose the following motion (Due Day 60):

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

A copy of the February 9, 1993, letter from a third party to the Executive Council/Office of the Premier relating to the refinancing of the West Edmonton Mall.

MR238. Mr. Sapers to propose the following motion (Due Day 64):

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

A copy of the February 18, 1993 letter from a third party to the Executive Council/Office of the Premier relating to the refinancing of the West Edmonton Mall.

MR239. Mr. Sapers to propose the following motion (Due Day 64):

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

A copy of the October 19, 1993 document from a third party to the Executive Council/Office of the Premier relating to the refinancing of the West Edmonton Mall.

MR240. Mr. Sapers to propose the following motion (Due Day 64):

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

A copy of the December 3, 1993 letter from one MLA (Member of the Legislative Assembly) to a second MLA, in the possession of the Executive Council/Office of the Premier relating to the refinancing of the West Edmonton Mall.

MR241. Mr. Sapers to propose the following motion (Due Day 64):

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

A copy of the December 3, 1993 memo from one MLA (Member of the Legislative Assembly) to a second MLA, in the possession of the Executive Council/Office of the Premier relating to the refinancing of the West Edmonton Mall.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

- 1. 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.
- 2. 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.
- 3. 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.
- 4. 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.
- 5. 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.
- 6. 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.
- 7. 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.
- 8. 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.

9. **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.

10. **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.

11. **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.

12. **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.

13. **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.

14. **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.

- 15. 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.
- 16. 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.
- 17. 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.
- 18. 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.
- 19. 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.
- 20. 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.
- 21. 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.

- 22. 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.
- 23. 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.
- 24. 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.
- 25. 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.
- 26. 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.
- 27. 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).
- 28. 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.
- 29. 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.

- 30. 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.
- 31. 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.
- 32. 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.
- 33. 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.
- 34. 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.
- 35. 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.
- 36. 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.

- 37. 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.
- 38. 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.
- 39. 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.
- 40. 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.
- 41. 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.
- 42. 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.
- 43. 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.

44. **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.
45. **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.
46. **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.
47. **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.
48. **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.
49. **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.
50. **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.
51. **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.

- 52. 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.
- 53. 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.
- 54. 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.
- 55. 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.
- 56. 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.
- 57. 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.
- 58. 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.

- 59. 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.
- 60. 573.** Withdrawn at the written request of Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky following his appointment to Cabinet.
- 61. 574.** Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mr. Trynchy.
- 62. 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.
- 63. 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.
- 64. 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.
- 65. 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.
- 66. 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.
- 67. 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.

- 68. 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.
- 69. 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.
- 70. 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.
- 71. 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.
- 72. 585.** Withdrawn at the written request of Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky following his appointment to Cabinet.
- 73. 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.
- 74. 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.
- 75. 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.
- 76. 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.

77. **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.
78. **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.
79. **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.
80. **593.** Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mr. Hierath.
81. **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 211 Workers' Compensation (Competitive Marketplace Review Committee) Amendment Act, 1999 — Mr. Pham (Time remaining: 117 minutes)
 Debate adjourned: Hon. Mr. Hancock speaking.
- 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

Committee of the Whole

- Bill 208 Prevention of Youth Tobacco Use Act — Mr. Johnson (Due Day 53)
- Bill 210 Charitable Donation of Food Act — Mrs. Laing (Due Day 57)

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

- Day 52 WQ47, WQ58, WQ59, WQ61, WQ63, MR14.
- Day 56 WQ71, WQ72, WQ89, WQ90, WQ124, WQ125, WQ126, WQ127, WQ132, MR51, MR52, MR53, MR54, MR55, MR60, MR64, MR65, MR66, MR68, MR69, MR70, MR74, MR75.
- Day 60 WQ172.
- Day 64 WQ197, WQ198, WQ204, MR182, MR200, MR201, MR202, MR203, MR205.
- Day 68 MR207, MR209.
- Day 72 WQ211, WQ212, WQ213, WQ214, WQ215, WQ216.
- Day 76 WQ217.

NOTICES

Leave to Introduce a Bill

- Bill 40 Health Information Act — Ms Graham
- Bill 41 Regulated Accounting Profession Act — Mr. Melchin
- Bill 42 Alberta Stock Exchange Restructuring Act — Mr. Hlady
- Bill 43 Fiscal Responsibility Amendment Act, 1999 — Hon. Mr. Day
- Bill 44 Insurance Statutes Amendment Act, 1999 — Ms Graham

Government Motions

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

Be it resolved that the following changes to the following Committees be approved by the Assembly:

on the Special Standing Committee on Members' Services, that Hon. Mr. Woloshyn replace Mr. Renner, that Mr. Clegg replace Mr. Doerksen, and that Ms Haley be appointed Deputy Chair;

on the Select Standing Committee on the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, that Mr. Trynchy replace Mr. Pham as Chair;

on the Select Standing Committee on Private Bills, that Mr. Jacques replace Hon. Mr. Cardinal, and that Mr. Renner replace Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky;

on the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts, that Mr. Cao replace Mr. Ducharme, that Ms Graham replace Mr. Hierath, that Mr. Herard replace Mr. Hlady, that Ms Kryczka replace Mr. Stevens and that Ms Forsyth replace Mr. Melchin;

on the Select Standing Committee on Public Affairs, that Mr. Fischer replace Hon. Mr. Cardinal as Deputy Chair.

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

Be it resolved that, when the Assembly adjourns to recess the Fall sitting of the Third Session of the 24th Legislature, it shall stand adjourned until a time and date, as determined by the Speaker after consultation with the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

Written Questions

WQ242. Dr. Nicol to ask the Government the following question:

What are the estimated costs of operating Alberta's trade offices and trade consultants under contract abroad for the fiscal year 1998-99, broken down by accommodation costs and salary ranges for: consultants, clerical staff, commercial officers and posted staff?

WQ243. Mrs. Soetaert to ask the Government the following question:

How much did the former Department of Transportation and Utilities spend in each of the fiscal years 1990-91, 1991-92, 1992-93 and 1993-94 for work conducted by department staff pertaining to primary highway maintenance with respect to supervision, inspection and audit?

WQ244. Mrs. Soetaert to ask the Government the following question:

How much did the former Department of Transportation Utilities spend in the fiscal year 1998-99 for work conducted by department staff pertaining to primary highway maintenance with respect to supervision, inspection and audit?

WQ245. Mrs. Soetaert to ask the Government the following question:

How many staff (full time equivalents) were employed by the former Department of Labour to investigate all industrial accidents, including those in mining and off-highway logging, between April 1, 1992 and March 31, 1993 and between April 1, 1998 and March 31, 1999?

WQ246. Mr. White to ask the Government the following question:

How many Alberta Environment staff and how many people on contract were available to fight forest fires on April 1, 1999, July 1, 1999 and October 1, 1999 and what were the equivalent numbers for the same dates in 1998?

WQ247. Mr. White to ask the Government the following question:

What base resources were available to fight forest fires in Alberta at the beginning of the 1992, 1993, 1998 and 1999 fire seasons, including the number and type of air tankers, number and type of helicopters and number and size of wildland firefighting units?

WQ252. Mrs. Soetaert to ask the Government the following question:

How many accidents involving log-haul trucks on off-highway roads were investigated each year from April 1, 1992 to March 31, 1999, in how many cases was the weight load checked, in how many cases was the weight load in excess of the rated vehicle capacity (as prescribed in the Canada Motor Vehicle Safety Regulations) and of those cases, in how many was the weight load in excess of the Alberta permitted winter weight?

WQ254. Ms Carlson to ask the Government the following question:

What was the total number of contaminated sites recorded by Alberta Environment on March 31, 1999, how many of these were underground petroleum storage sites, how many of the remaining sites were classified as severely, moderately or lightly contaminated, how many were unclassified and how many in each category had been visited and reviewed between April 1, 1998 and March 31, 1999?

Motions for Returns

MR248. Ms Carlson to propose the following motion:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A monthly summary of all monitoring results, and any individual values that exceed permitted limits, from April 1, 1997 to the present, collected by Chem-Security (Alberta) Ltd. and Bovar Inc., as required by the approval to operate the Alberta Special Waste Treatment Centre at Swan Hills and by the Enforcement Order announced by Alberta Environmental Protection on January 15, 1997.

MR249. Dr. Nicol to propose the following motion:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of activity reports prepared by the Ministry of Economic Development of Alberta trade offices and trade consultants abroad for the fiscal years 1997-98 and 1998-99.

MR250. Dr. Nicol to propose the following motion:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of written approvals provided by the Premier of Alberta, Executive Council, Treasury Board and/or the Agenda and Priorities Committee for out-of-province and out-of-country travel by Cabinet Ministers and MLAs in the Government caucus for the period January 1, 1993 through November 17, 1999.

MR251. Mrs. Soetaert to propose the following motion:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of any memos, documents or other reports comparing the accident rate of log haul trucks in Alberta and those in other Canadian jurisdictions or the Northwestern United States, that have been conducted since January 1, 1996.

MR253. Ms Carlson to propose the following motion:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A copy of the plan that Chem-Security (Alberta) Ltd. and Bovar Inc. were required to draw up under the Enforcement Order announced by Alberta Environmental Protection on January 15, 1997, showing how they will address all sources of PCBs, dioxins and furans identified in the inventory, also required by the Enforcement Order, together with a copy of any design plans that were subsequently drawn up to address any potential adverse impacts to the environment, and any evaluation of these plans carried out by or for the companies or Alberta Environment (or Alberta Environmental Protection) from that time until November 17, 1999.

**Written Questions and Motions for Returns
for Consideration Wednesday, November 17, 1999**

Written Questions: Stand and retain their places.

Motions for Returns: Stand and retain their places.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Wednesday, November 17, 1999