



**Legislative Assembly  
Province of Alberta**

Day 4

## **ORDER PAPER**

Fourth Session

Twenty-Fourth Legislature

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Thursday, February 24, 2000

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## ORDERS OF THE DAY

### Consideration of Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech

(Day 2)

Moved by Ms Haley and seconded by Mr. Lougheed:

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

To Her Honour the Honourable Lois E. Hole, C.M., 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.

Debate adjourned.

### Government Bills and Orders

#### Second Reading

Bill 1 Alberta Heritage Foundation for Science and Engineering Research Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Klein

Adjourned debate: Dr. Massey

Bill 3 Statute Revision Act — Hon. Mr. Hancock

Bill 4 Surveys Amendment Act, 2000 — Hon. Mr. Mar

Bill 5 Land Titles Amendment Act, 2000 — Mr. Jacques

### Government Motions

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

Be it resolved that, when the Assembly adjourns to recess the current sitting of the Fourth 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.

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

Be it resolved that, when the Assembly adjourns on Thursday, March 23, 2000, at the regular hour of 5:30 p.m., it shall stand adjourned until Monday, April 3, 2000, at 1:30 p.m.

- 7.** Hon. Mr. Hancock to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that, when the Assembly adjourns on Thursday, April 20, 2000, at the regular hour of 5:30 p.m., it shall stand adjourned for three sitting days until Monday, May 1, 2000, at 1:30 p.m.
- 8.** Hon. Mr. Day to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Message of Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, the 2000-2001 Estimates and Business Plans, 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 Message of Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, the 2000-2001 Lottery Fund Estimates, and all matters connected therewith, be referred to Committee of Supply.
- 10.** Hon. Mr. Day to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved, pursuant to Standing Order 58(2.1), the number of days that the Committee of Supply will be called to consider the 2000-2001 Lottery Fund Estimates shall be two days.
- 11.** Hon. Mr. Day to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Message of Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, the 1999-2000 Supplementary Supply Estimates (No. 2) for the General Revenue Fund, and all matters connected therewith, be referred to Committee of Supply.
- 12.** Hon. Mr. Day to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved, pursuant to Standing Order 58(6), the number of days that the Committee of Supply will be called to consider the 1999-2000 Supplementary Supply Estimates (No. 2) for the General Revenue Fund shall be one day.
- 13.** 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.
- 14.** 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.
- 15.** Hon. Mr. Day to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Assembly approve in general the business plans and fiscal policies of the Government.

## Written Questions

- WQ1.** Mrs. Soetaert to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 18):  
How much did the former Department of Transportation and Utilities spend in fiscal years 1990-91, 1991-92, 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1998-99 for work conducted by the Department on primary highway maintenance with respect to direct operating and contract costs and supervision, inspection and audit, in the summer (April to October) and winter (November to March) months?
- WQ2.** Mr. White to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 18):  
How many Alberta Environment staff and how many individuals on contract were available to fight forest fires on April 1, July 1 and October 1, 1999 and what were the equivalent numbers for the same dates in 1998?
- WQ3.** Mr. White to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 18):  
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, the number and type of helicopters and the number and size of wildland firefighting units?
- WQ4.** Ms. Carlson to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 18):  
How many fish and wildlife officers and how many park rangers were employed by Alberta Environment on April 1, in 1992 and 1998, and how many conservation officers were employed on April 1, 1999 to carry out the duties previously performed by fish and wildlife officers and park rangers?
- WQ5.** Mr. White to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 18):  
During the calendar year 1999, how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in the entire Land and Forest Service, and specifically how many were employed in the Forest Management Division and in the Forestry Regional and Area offices; what was the total area of allocated Crown land (held under forest management agreements and other forms of tenure) on which forest management operations had to be supervised and how many full-time equivalent staff were involved in monitoring in the field?
- WQ6.** Mr. White to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 18):  
How many forest officers with the working title or classification of Forest Officer, Forester, Agrologist, or Manager in Land and Forest Service, were employed by the then Alberta Environmental Protection on April 1, 1999?

## **Motions for Returns**

- MR1.** Mr. Sapers to propose the following motion (Due Day 18):  
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.
- MR2.** Mr. Sapers to propose the following motion (Due Day 18):  
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.
- MR3.** Mr. Sapers to propose the following motion (Due Day 18):  
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 another MLA, in the possession of the Executive Council/Office of the Premier relating to the refinancing of the West Edmonton Mall.
- MR4.** Mr. Sapers to propose the following motion (Due Day 18):  
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.
- MR5.** Mr. White to propose the following motion (Due Day 18):  
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
Copies of all studies and reports prepared by, or for, the Department of Resource Development between May 25, 1999 and February 17, 2000 providing the yearly projection of upside interest accruing to the Province from the operations of the Lloydminster Bi-provincial Upgrader for the period 2000-2014 as specified under the Upside Interest Agreement of February 7, 1995 between the Government and CIC (Crown Investment Corporation) Industrial Interests Inc.
- MR6.** Mr. White to propose the following motion (Due Day 18):  
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
Copies of all studies and reports prepared by, or for, the Department of Resource Development between May 25, 1999 and February 17, 2000 evaluating the human resources requirements and funding framework for the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board (AEUB).

- MR7.** Mr. Gibbons to propose the following motion (Due Day 18):  
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
Copies of reports prepared by Kent Marketing for the Department of Infrastructure on gasoline fuel consumption in Alberta for the period January 1, 1999 to February 17, 2000.
- MR8.** Mr. Sapers to propose the following motion (Due Day 18):  
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
Copy of excerpts of Cabinet agenda, with attachments, dated March 12, 1996, pertaining to the refinancing of the West Edmonton Mall, as listed on page 34 of the affidavit of records of Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Alberta dated November 30, 1999.
- MR9.** Mr. White to propose the following motion (Due Day 18):  
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
Copies of all studies and reports prepared by, or for, the Electricity Supply Task Force or submitted to the Electricity Supply Task Force between June 2, 1999 and February 17, 2000.
- MR10.** Mr. Gibbons to propose the following motion (Due Day 18):  
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
Copies of all fees and charges, and copies of expense and revenue analyses prepared by the Department of Government Services and Alberta Registries between May 1, 1999 and February 17, 2000, for Alberta Treasury and the Fees and Charges Committee.

### **Motions Other Than Government Motions**

- 1. 501.** Moved by Mrs. Gordon (Time remaining: 14 minutes):  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to incorporate as part of the high school curriculum, a service learning program encouraging students to become involved in activities that promote and demonstrate good citizenship, community service and personal responsibility.  
  
Pursuant to Standing Order 8(2)(c), debate adjourned, Ms Carlson speaking.
- 2. 502.** Mr. Shariff to propose the following motion:  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to reaffirm its commitment to the five principles of the Canada Health Act and ensure that all provincial healthcare legislation continues to comply with these principles.

3. **503.** Mrs. Forsyth to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce a pilot project to examine the feasibility of a school uniform policy in Alberta schools, as current research gathered from other jurisdictions shows a correlation between the requirement to wear school uniforms and a decrease in school violence.

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

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to create an Alberta Citizen's Commission on the Future of Education which would set goals and direction for education, acknowledging its fundamental importance to the prosperity and well-being of all Albertans, and defining a clear vision for its future.

5. **505.** Mrs. Fritz to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to establish an Advisory Council on Women's Health to support education and research promoting women's health, and to address issues relating to the prevention and treatment of diseases including osteoporosis, eating disorders, heart disease, breast cancer as well as diseases to which women are becoming increasingly susceptible to such as lung cancer and auto-immune diseases.

6. **506.** 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.

7. **507.** Ms Leibovici to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to further increase the number of beds and improve standards for long-term care facilities and home care services with regard to staffing ratios and levels of service to adequate levels, and ensure that Regional Health Authority boundaries do not become barriers to placement.

8. **508.** Mr. Trynchy to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to examine the results of the study undertaken by the Provincial Auto Insurance Crown Corporation of Québec - Société d'Assurance Automobile du Québec (SAAQ) on the dangers of hand-held cellular telephone use by drivers of motor vehicles, and then consult with Albertans on whether and what restrictions should be imposed on the use of hand-held cell phones by operators of motor vehicles while driving.

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

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to reinstate the requirement to display front licence plates on all vehicles registered in the province.

10. **510.** Ms Olsen to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to establish a special task force in conjunction with federal and municipal authorities to examine ways to preserve neighbourhoods affected by school closures and business relocations.

11. **511.** Ms Kryczka to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to form a multi-department committee involving the Departments of Community Development, Health and Wellness, Human Resources and Employment, and Justice and Attorney General to further identify all forms of abuse against seniors; work to improve the effectiveness of existing initiatives addressing senior abuse; and also develop creative programs that will work towards the resolution of this unacceptable problem for seniors in Alberta.

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

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to encourage municipal governments to investigate ways of adding low-cost housing units through changes in zoning bylaws to allow alternate housing units such as secondary suites and room-and-board housing in residential neighbourhoods.

13. **514.** Mr. Hlady to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to expedite its examination of opting out of the Canada Pension Plan with a view to establishing a made-in-Alberta Pension Plan, or a mandatory, personal Retirement Savings Plan.

14. **515.** Mr. Coutts to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to establish a pilot project, in partnership with the recreational snowmobile industry that would include such initiatives as a cost recovery fee system (i.e., registration and user fees) to support the development, maintenance and promotion of safe, multi-use trail systems for snowmobiling in the Province.

15. **516.** Mr. Wickman to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to eliminate the Lottery Fund, with all lottery revenues deposited into the General Revenue Fund.



- 16. 517.** Mr. Sapers to propose the following motion:  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to consider the sale of the Alberta Treasury Branches to the credit union system of Alberta in order to allow Alberta-based financial institutions to more effectively meet the future financial service needs of Albertans.
- 17. 518.** Mr. Renner to propose the following motion:  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to explore alternative means of funding education other than through municipal property taxes and to begin discussions with municipal governments to develop new cost-sharing formulas that could be implemented after the Provincial Government removes requisitions for school taxes.
- 18. 519.** Ms Blakeman to propose the following motion:  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to expand the range of service fees covered in subsidized seniors' accommodations so that the standard of 30% of income to pay for basic rent costs includes basic telephone services.
- 19. 520.** Ms Graham to propose the following motion:  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to explore new means of helping students finance their post-secondary education, including the establishment of a provincial education savings plan to supplement the Canada Education Savings Grant.
- 20. 521.** Mr. MacDonald to propose the following motion:  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to strengthen enforcement of the Employment Standards Code.
- 21. 522.** Mr. Yankowsky to propose the following motion:  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to implement a prosperity dividend payable to all resident Albertans similar to Alaska's Permanent Fund Dividend.
- 22. 523.** Mrs. Burgener to propose the following motion:  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to uphold its unanimous 1992 endorsement of sustainable resource development and require all relevant government entities to streamline resource and environmental regulations to ensure consistency in policy and practice.

- 23. 524.** 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.
- 24. 525.** Mr. Dickson to propose the following motion:  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to identify and eliminate barriers to employment based on the grounds identified in the Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Act.
- 25. 526.** 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, which would lead to the reduction of costs to Alberta's health care system.
- 26. 527.** Ms Kryczka to propose the following motion:  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to undertake initiatives to raise the awareness of Albertans with respect to the prevention, early detection and treatment of prostate cancer, targeted particularly to male Albertans over the age of 50.
- 27. 528.** 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.
- 28. 529.** Mr. Marz to propose the following motion:  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to establish a centre of excellence for chemical sensitivity treatment and research.
- 29. 530.** Mr. Cao to propose the following motion:  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to direct the Workers' Compensation Board to allow injured workers whose cases are in dispute to pursue trade or career retraining in the same manner as any other Albertan with the cost of such retraining being redirected to the Workers' Compensation Board upon settlement of that dispute.
- 30. 531.** Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mr. Jacques.

- 31. 532.** 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.
- 32. 533.** Ms Leibovici to propose the following motion:  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to require Regional Health Authorities to collect and publicly release information on private health care providers whom they contract with, including details regarding services provided, public funding received, and charges to individuals.
- 33. 534.** Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mr. Melchin.
- 34. 535.** Mr. Yankowsky to propose the following motion:  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to designate square dancing as the official folk dance of Alberta.
- 35. 536.** Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mr. Magnus.
- 36. 537.** Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Ms Haley.
- 37. 538.** Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mr. Herard.
- 38. 539.** Ms Paul to propose the following motion:  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation and provide funding for mandatory anti-violence counselling for convicted offenders of any criminal offence involving family violence.
- 39. 540.** Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mrs. Laing.
- 40. 541.** Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mr. Stevens.
- 41. 542.** Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mr. Boutilier.
- 42. 543.** Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mr. Herard.
- 43. 544.** Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mr. Trynchy.
- 44. 545.** Ms Carlson to propose the following motion:  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to adopt land use planning policies that reduce urban sprawl, improve the efficiency of transportation, reduce the emission of greenhouse and other gases and protect good quality agricultural land.

45. 546. Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mr. Thurber.
46. 547. Mr. White to propose the following motion:  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to adopt policies to ensure the sustainable management of Alberta's forests to include timber production, the protection of biodiversity, watershed protection and the promotion of recreational benefits.
47. 548. Ms Olsen 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 (DAOs).
48. 549. Mr. Marz to propose the following motion:  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to establish a pilot project to determine the effectiveness and feasibility of having Medical Savings Accounts operating within the Alberta Health Care system.
49. 550. Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mr. Langevin.
50. 551. Mr. Bonner to propose the following motion:  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to prepare and publicly release a business impact analysis for all new regulations to ensure that such regulations do not act as a deterrent to job creation and economic growth in Alberta.
51. 552. Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mrs. Tarchuk.
52. 553. Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mrs. O'Neill.
53. 554. Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mrs. Gordon.
54. 555. Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mr. McFarland.

**55. 556.** Dr. Pannu to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation that 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; and restores full collective bargaining rights, including the right to strike, to nurses, civil servants and other public sector workers providing non-emergency services.

**56. 557.** Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Ms Graham.

**57. 558.** Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mr. Renner.

**58. 559.** Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mr. Clegg.

**59. 560.** Mr. Gibbons to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to adopt the recommendation of the Capital Investment Planning Committee to establish a sinking fund to sustain essential infrastructure plans during periods of low revenue growth.

**60. 561.** Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mr. Jacques.

**61. 562.** Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mr. Klapstein.

**62. 563.** 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.

**63. 564.** Ms Carlson to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to improve monitoring of the impacts of industrial activity on air, land and water, study the effects on human and animal health and vegetation and adopt further measures to reduce pollution.

**64. 565.** Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mr. Boutilier.

- 65. 566.** Mrs. Fritz to propose the following motion:  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to press the Federal Government to fully adopt the ten proposed amendments to the Young Offenders' Act that were agreed to by Alberta, Manitoba, Ontario and Prince Edward Island on October 30, 1998.
- 66. 567.** Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mr. Friedel.
- 67. 568.** Mr. Ducharme to propose the following motion:  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to legalize cervid harvesting preserves.
- 68. 569.** Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mr. Tannas.
- 69. 570.** Mr. Cao to propose the following motion:  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to appropriately compensate persons who are required to miss work to care for a family member with developmental disabilities due to the unavailability of a Persons With Developmental Disabilities home care worker.
- 70. 571.** Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mr. McFarland.
- 71. 572.** Mr. Strang to propose the following motion:  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce amendments to the Wildlife Act to identify four types of species at risk - extirpated, endangered, threatened and vulnerable - in order to clarify the levels of wildlife protection in Alberta.
- 72. 573.** Mr. Sapers to propose the following motion:  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to prepare and publicly release an impact analysis statement on any new or increased user fee or charge, which would examine issues related to cost of service, the impact on the ministerial budget, workload volumes, unit production costs, overhead costs, and costs on users and clients.
- 73. 574.** Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mr. Hierath.
- 74. 575.** Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mr. Clegg.
- 75. 576.** Mrs. Soetaert to propose the following motion:  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to consider the establishment of a special asset recovery division within Alberta Treasury to undertake a more aggressive recovery of write-downs of loans and payments made under guarantee.

- 76. 577.** Mr. White to propose the following motion:  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to prepare and release publicly on an annual basis a detailed cost-benefit analysis of the impact of electricity de-regulation on the utility bills for all classes of customers.
- 77. 578.** Mrs. Sloan to propose the following motion:  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to press the Federal Government to reduce Employment Insurance (EI) premiums for employees from \$2.40 to \$2.00 of insurable earnings in order to increase the prospects for economic growth, investment and job creation.
- 78. 579.** Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mr. Shariff.
- 79. 580.** Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mr. Hierath.
- 80. 581.** Dr. Pannu to propose the following motion:  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation that conserves endangered and threatened species; protects sufficient habitat for their conservation and regeneration; and requires every decision by a provincial government department, crown agency, or a municipal government to be consistent with such legislation.
- 81. 582.** Dr. Massey to propose the following motion:  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce a Declaration of Citizens' Rights that would include the right to be treated with courtesy and respect by the Government and the right to timely responses to communications with the Government.
- 82. 583.** Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mr. Ducharme.
- 83. 584.** 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.
- 84. 585.** Mrs. Burgener to propose the following motion:  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to develop a comprehensive plan, in consultation with affected jurisdictions, for the economic development of Alberta's Eastern Slopes.

- 85. 586.** Dr. Massey 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.
- 86. 587.** Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mr. Severtson.
- 87. 588.** Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mrs. Tarchuk.
- 88. 589.** Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Ms Haley.
- 89. 590.** Mr. Fischer to propose the following motion:  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to examine the feasibility of establishing a parking permit program for chronically ill individuals frequenting medical institutions.
- 90. 591.** Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mr. Thurber.
- 91. 592.** Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mr. Coutts.
- 92. 593.** Mr. Gibbons to propose the following motion:  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to develop a long-term infrastructure plan for Alberta by establishing an Infrastructure Maintenance and Renewal Fund to be funded 50% by the Government and 50% by the private sector.
- 93. 594.** Mrs. Soetaert to propose the following motion:  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to improve highway safety by requiring mandatory training for all new truck drivers and by recognizing approved truck driver apprenticeship programs as professional training that qualifies for student funding from Alberta Learning, and by encouraging the Federal Government to establish national standards for truck driver training.
- 94. 595.** Withdrawn due to Member's resignation (Ms Barrett).
- 95. 596.** Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mr. Doerksen.
- 96. 597.** Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mr. Broda.



- 97. 598.** Ms Paul to propose the following motion:  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce amendments to the Legislative Assembly Act to eliminate the 1/3 tax-free portion of the remuneration for Members of the Legislative Assembly.
- 98. 599.** Mr. Amery to propose the following motion:  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to encourage the federal, provincial and territorial governments in Canada to pursue a barrier-free domestic market by intensifying their efforts to implement and strengthen the Agreement on Internal Trade.
- 99. 600.** Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mr. Langevin.
- 100. 601.** Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mrs. O'Neill.
- 101. 602.** Mr. Bonner to propose the following motion:  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to ensure that all primary and secondary schools are wired for the Internet by the year 2002, as part of its science, research and development strategy.
- 102. 603.** Ms Blakeman to propose the following motion:  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to adopt an open and public process for appointments to foundation boards funded by lottery revenues.
- 103. 604.** Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mr. Stevens.
- 104. 605.** Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mr. Friedel.
- 105. 606.** Withdrawn due to Member's resignation (Ms Barrett).
- 106. 607.** Mrs. Sloan to propose the following motion:  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to study the operation of medical panels of the Workers' Compensation Board.
- 107. 608.** Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mr. Tannas.
- 108. 609.** Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mr. Magnus.
- 109. 610.** Dr. Nicol to propose the following motion:  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to conduct a review of the operation of the Safety Codes Act.
- 110. 611.** Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mr. Pham.

111. 612. Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mr. Lougheed.
112. 613. Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mr. Melchin.
113. 614. Mr. Wickman to propose the following motion:  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to conduct an inquiry for every on-the-job fatality.
114. 615. Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mrs. MacBeth.
115. 616. Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mr. Broda.
116. 617. Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mrs. Forsyth.
117. 618. Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mr. Klapstein.
118. 619. Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mr. Severtson.
119. 620. Mr. Dickson to propose the following motion:  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce amendments to the Health Information Act prior to its proclamation to ensure that it reflects the Canadian Medical Association Privacy Code and to ensure that patient confidentiality will be protected regardless of whether the health service provider is paid privately or publicly.
120. 621. Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mr. Pham.
121. 622. Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mr. Hlady.

### **Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders**

Bill 204 Agricultural and Recreational Land Ownership Amendment Act, 2000  
— Mr. McFarland (Total time remaining: 100 minutes)

Debate adjourned.

### **Committee of the Whole**

Bill 202 Marriage Amendment Act, 2000 — Mr. Doerksen (Due Day 11)

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## NOTICES

- Bill 6 Special Payment Act — Hon. Mr. Dunford
- Bill 8 Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund Amendment Act, 2000 —  
Hon. Mr. Day
- Bill 9 Appropriation (Interim Supply) Act, 2000 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Day

Hon. Ken Kowalski,  
Speaker

Title: Thursday, February 24, 2000