



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

Day 48

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ORDER PAPER

Fourth Session

Twenty-Fourth Legislature

Tuesday, November 14, 2000

Prayers

ROUTINE

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Oral Question Period
Recognitions (Monday and Wednesday)
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ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Motions

15. 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. Mrs. McClellan.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

Bill 14 Alberta Treasury Branches Amendment Act, 2000 — Hon. Dr. West

Adjourned debate: Mr. Bonner

Bill 20 Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 2000 — Hon. Mr. Hancock

Adjourned debate: Hon. Mrs. McClellan

Bill 22 Alberta Corporate Tax Amendment Act, 2000 (\$) — Hon. Dr. West

Committee of the Whole

Bill 3 Statute Revision Act — Hon. Mr. Hancock

Written Questions

WQ22. Ms Blakeman to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 50):

What was the application process and the criteria used for determining successful applicants for the Community Mental Health Grants for the 1997-1998 fiscal year?

Motions Other Than Government Motions

513. Mr. Fischer to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to re-examine Alberta's existing Labour Relations Code and Public Service Employee Relations Act and propose recommendations for their improvement, particularly with respect to collective bargaining agreements.

514. Mr. Hlady to propose the following motion (amended):

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to *examine its future in the Canada Pension Plan or explore other options, including an Alberta Pension Plan or a mandatory, personal Retirement Savings Plan.*

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

- 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.
- 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.
- 531.** Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mr. Jacques.
- 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.
- 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.
- 534.** Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mr. Melchin.
- 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.
- 536.** Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mr. Magnus.
- 537.** Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Ms Haley.
- 538.** Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mr. Herard.
- 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.
- 540.** Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mrs. Laing.

541. Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mr. Stevens.
542. Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mr. Boutilier.
543. Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mr. Herard.
544. Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mr. Trynchy.
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.
546. Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mr. Thurber.
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.
548. Withdrawn due to Member's resignation (Ms Olsen).
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.
550. Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mr. Langevin.
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.
552. Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mrs. Tarchuk.
553. Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mrs. O'Neill.
554. Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mrs. Gordon.
555. Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mr. McFarland.

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.

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

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

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

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.

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

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

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.

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.

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

- 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.
- 567.** Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mr. Friedel.
- 568.** Mr. Ducharme to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to legalize cervid harvesting preserves.
- 569.** Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mr. Tannas.
- 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.
- 571.** Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mr. McFarland.
- 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.
- 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.
- 574.** Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mr. Hierath.
- 575.** Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mr. Clegg.

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.

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.

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.

579. Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mr. Shariff.

580. Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mr. Hierath.

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.

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.

583. Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mr. Ducharme.

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.

- 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.
- 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.
- 587.** Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mr. Severtson.
- 588.** Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mrs. Tarchuk.
- 589.** Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Ms Haley.
- 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.
- 591.** Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mr. Thurber.
- 592.** Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mr. Coutts.
- 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.
- 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.
- 595.** Withdrawn due to Member's resignation (Ms Barrett).
- 596.** Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mr. Doerksen.

- 597.** Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mr. Broda.
- 598.** Ms Paul to propose the following motion (amended):
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce amendments to the Legislative Assembly Act to *combine the taxable and non-taxable amounts that Members of the Legislative Assembly receive for their allowance and indemnity into one taxable amount.*
- 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.
- 600.** Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mr. Langevin.
- 601.** Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mrs. O'Neill.
- 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.
- 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.
- 604.** Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mr. Stevens.
- 605.** Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mr. Friedel.
- 606.** Withdrawn due to Member's resignation (Ms Barrett).
- 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.
- 608.** Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mr. Tannas.
- 609.** Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mr. Magnus.

- 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.
- 611.** Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mr. Pham.
- 612.** Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mr. Lougheed.
- 613.** Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mr. Melchin.
- 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.
- 615.** Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mrs. MacBeth.
- 616.** Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mr. Broda.
- 617.** Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mrs. Forsyth.
- 618.** Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mr. Klapstein.
- 619.** Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mr. Severtson.
- 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.
- 621.** Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mr. Pham.
- 622.** Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mr. Hlady.

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

- Bill 209 Employment Standards (Parental Leave) Amendment Act, 2000 —
Mr Cao (Time remaining: 50 minutes)
Debate adjourned: Ms Blakeman speaking
- Bill 210 Traffic Safety Amendment Act, 2000 — Ms Forsyth

- Bill 211 Alberta Taxpayer Bill of Rights — Mr. Sapers
- Bill 212 Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Amendment Act, 2000 — Mr. Yankowsky
- Bill 213 Farm Implement Amendment Act, 2000 — Mr. Marz
- Bill 214 Police (Special Constable Safety) Amendment Act, 2000 — Mrs. Gordon
- Bill 215 School (Early Childhood Education) Amendment Act, 2000 — Dr. Massey
- Bill 216 Labour Statutes (Workers' Rights) Amendment Act, 2000 — Dr. Pannu
- Bill 217 Public Highways Development Amendment Act, 2000 — Mr. Tannas
- Bill 218 Insurance Statutes (Gender Premium Equity) Amendment Act, 2000 — Mrs. O'Neill
- Bill 219 Blind Persons' Rights (Service Dogs) Amendment Act, 2000 — Mr. Lougheed
- Bill 220 Citizens' Initiative Act — Mr. Ducharme
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NOTICES

Leave to Introduce a Bill

- Bill 26 Holocaust Memorial Day - Yom ha-Shoah Act — Mr. Stevens
- Bill 27 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2000 (No. 2) — Hon. Mr. Hancock
- Bill 221 Public Health Care Protection Statutes Amendment Act, 2000 — Ms Leibovici

Government Motions

23. Hon. Dr. West to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Message of Her Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, the 2000-01 Supplementary Supply Estimates for the General Revenue Fund, and all matters connected therewith, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

24. Hon. Dr. West to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that pursuant to Standing Order 58(6), the number of days that Committee of Supply will be called to consider the 2000-01 Supplementary Supply Estimates for the General Revenue Fund shall be two days.

25. 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.

Written Questions

WQ26. Mrs. Sloan to ask the Government the following question:

What specific actions are being proposed by each regional Persons with Developmental Disabilities (PDD) Board to eliminate their deficits?

WQ27. Mrs. Sloan to ask the Government the following question:

What are the standards and measures for Persons with Developmental Disabilities (PDD) funded programs?

WQ28. Mrs. Sloan to ask the Government the following question:

What are the Persons with Developmental Disabilities (PDD) provincial caseload numbers for each of the fiscal years April 1, 1995 to March 31, 2000, as well as a regional breakdown of caseload numbers from the date that the regional PDD Boards became operational, to the present?

WQ29. Mrs. Sloan to ask the Government the following question:

What is the comprehensive budget breakdown for the Persons with Developmental Disabilities Boards for each fiscal year from April 1, 1995 to March 31, 2000?

Motions for Returns

MR51. Dr. Nicol to propose the following motion:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copy of the studies and reports prepared by, or for, the Department of Economic Development between January 1, 1998 and May 24, 2000 relating to the development of the *Matrix of Department Priorities for International Representation*.

MR52. Dr. Nicol to propose the following motion:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of studies and reports prepared by, or for, the Council of Economic Development Ministers between August 1, 1997 and May 24, 2000.

- MR53.** Mr. Sapers to propose the following motion:
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copy of the April 30, 1997 document entitled *Advice to the Provincial Treasurer Re. Alberta Treasury Branches*, as prepared by Alberta Treasury on October 31, 1997.
- MR54.** Mr. Sapers to propose the following motion:
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copy of the document entitled *Alberta Treasury Branches: Alternative Business Outcomes* prepared by Alberta Treasury on December 22, 1997.
- MR55.** Mr. Sapers to propose the following motion:
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copy of the memorandum and supporting documents entitled *ATB (Alberta Treasury Branches) Options*, sent by the Deputy Provincial Treasurer to the President and CEO (Chief Executive Officer) of the Alberta Treasury Branches on December 16, 1997.
- MR56.** Mr. Sapers to propose the following motion:
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copy of the nine-page document sent by the President and CEO (Chief Executive Officer) of the Alberta Treasury Branches to the Provincial Treasurer on December 23, 1997 relating to a change in status and/or privatization of the Alberta Treasury Branches.
- MR57.** Ms Blakeman to propose the following motion:
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Any copy that exists of an application form used for the Community Mental Health Grants distributed in the 1997-1998 fiscal year including a copy of the criteria used to determine successful applicants for the grants.
- MR58.** Ms Blakeman to propose the following motion:
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A list of organizations and individuals that received Community Mental Health Grants distributed in the 1997-1998 fiscal year including the stated intentions for the use of the grant money.

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

Day 53 WQ7, MR14, MR15.
Day 57 MR18.
Day 61 WQ14, WQ15.
Day 69 MR48.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Tuesday, November 14, 2000