



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

Day 3

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First Session

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ORDERS OF THE DAY

Consideration of Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech (Day 1)

Mrs. Tarchuk to propose the following motion, seconded by Mr. Maskell:

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.

Adjourned debate: Mr. McClelland

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

Bill 1 Natural Gas Price Protection Act — Hon. Mr. Klein

Written Questions

WQ1. Ms Carlson to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 17):

What is the average cost per tonne for treating solid wastes at the Swan Hills waste treatment centre?

WQ2. Ms Carlson to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 17):

What is the average cost per tonne for treating liquid wastes at the Swan Hills waste treatment centre?

WQ3. Mr. MacDonald to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 17):

What are the yearly projections for upside interest accruing to the Province from the operations of the Lloydminster Bi-provincial Upgrader for the period 1999-2014 as specified under the Upside Interest Agreement of February 7, 1995 between the Government and CIC (Crown Investments Corporation) Industrial Interests Inc?

Motions for Returns

MR1. Mr. MacDonald to propose the following motion (Due Day 17):

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of studies and reports prepared by, or for, the Ministries of Energy/
Sustainable Resource Development or sent to the Ministries of
Energy/Sustainable Resource Development, for the period April 1, 2000 to
April 9, 2001, regarding options under the Market Achievement Plan (MAP)
for dealing with unsold Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs) held by the
Balancing Pool.

MR2. Mr. MacDonald to propose the following motion (Due Day 17):

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of studies and reports prepared by, or for, the Ministries of
Energy/Sustainable Resource Development and Alberta
Treasury/Finance/Revenue, for the period January 1, 2000 to April 9, 2001,
reviewing the operation of the Alberta Royalty Tax Credit (ARTC).

MR3. Mr. MacDonald to propose the following motion (Due Day 17):

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of studies and reports prepared by, or for, the Ministries of Energy/
Sustainable Resource Development or sent to the Ministries of
Energy/Sustainable Resource Development, for the period April 1, 2000 to
April 9, 2001, evaluating the impact of electricity deregulation on the utility
bills of various classes of Alberta consumers.

MR4. Dr. Nicol to propose the following motion (Due Day 17):

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of annual and interim financial statement analyses prepared by, or
for, the Ministries of Treasury/Finance/Revenue for the period January 1,
2000 to April 9, 2001, as set out under sections 5.2 and 5.3 of the Loans and
Guarantees Procedures Manual pertaining to financial assistance provided
by the Government to the Centre for Frontier Engineering Research.

MR5. Dr. Nicol to propose the following motion (Due Day 17):

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of studies, reports, background documents and memoranda, other
than the CIBC Wood Gundy report, prepared by, or for, the Ministries of
Treasury/Finance/Revenue and sent to the Ministries of
Treasury/Finance/Revenue for the period January 1, 1999 to April 9, 2001,
assessing the feasibility of a change of status and/or privatization of the
Alberta Treasury Branches.

- MR6.** Dr. Nicol to propose the following motion (Due Day 17):
- That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of studies and reports prepared by, or for, the Ministries of Treasury/Finance/Revenue or sent to the Ministries of Treasury/Finance/Revenue for the period April 1, 2000 to April 9, 2001, assessing the feasibility of expanding the Government's reporting entity to include universities, colleges and technical institutes, regional health authorities, and school boards.
- MR7.** Dr. Nicol to propose the following motion (Due Day 17):
- That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of studies and reports prepared by, or for, the Ministries of Treasury/Finance/Revenue for the period April 1, 2000 to April 9, 2001, outlining proposals and recommendations developed by the Government for reform of the Canada Pension Plan, or options to replace the Canada Pension Plan.
- MR8.** Dr. Nicol to propose the following motion (Due Day 17):
- That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copy of the full report and appendices prepared by CIBC Wood Gundy for Alberta Treasury for the period July 1, 1998 to July 31, 1999, relating to a change of status and/or privatization of the Alberta Treasury Branches.
- MR9.** Dr. Nicol to propose the following motion (Due Day 17):
- That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of the annual and interim financial statement analyses prepared by Alberta Treasury, as set out under sections 5.2 and 5.3 of the Loans and Guarantees Procedures Manual, for the period March 31, 1999 to March 31, 2001, pertaining to the loan between the Government and Ridley Grain Ltd.
- MR10.** Dr. Nicol to propose the following motion (Due Day 17):
- That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of the annual and interim financial statement analyses prepared by Alberta Treasury, as set out under sections 5.2 and 5.3 of the Loans and Guarantees Procedures Manual, for the period March 31, 1999 to March 31, 2001, pertaining to the financial arrangements between the Government and Vencap Acquisition Corporation.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

501. Mr. Johnson to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to make the learning of a second language a compulsory component of a high school diploma by the year 2006, and to increase the opportunities for Alberta students to participate in national and international student exchange programs with a second language component.

502. Mr. Fischer to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to explore the possibility of increasing investment dollars in agriculture and the agricultural industry through the use of a tax vehicle in the form of flow through shares.

503. Dr. Nicol to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to prepare annually a detailed cost-benefit analysis of the impact of electricity deregulation on the utility bills on all classes of customers in Alberta which must be released to the public.

504. 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 Alberta residents that is similar to the Alaska Permanent Fund Dividend program.

505. Mr. Herard to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to treat smoking as an addiction worthy of similar treatment and support systems as currently exist for other addictions.

506. Ms Kryczka to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to identify palliative care as a core service in each Regional Health Authority to ensure the availability of a coordinated continuum of care and support services for end-of-life care with access to palliative community services (palliative home and hospice care), acute care, consultation services for physicians, staff and patients, and tertiary care.

- 507.** Mr. Cao to propose the following motion:
- Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to ensure that Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped recipients transferring to a non-exempt income, such as the Canadian Pension Plan Disability program, retain medical benefits until similar income limits are reached that disqualify medical benefits to Partially Exempt Income Earners under the Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped program.
- 508.** Mrs. Gordon to propose the following motion:
- Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to prioritize restructuring of the parameters for delivering province-wide services such as Renal Dialysis and Multiple Sclerosis Special Therapy programs to focus more on patient need and outcome with emphasis given to service delivery closer to the patient's principal residence.
- 509.** Dr. Taft 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.
- 510.** Rev. Abbott to propose the following motion:
- Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to provide an annual inflation and cost of living increase to recipients of Supports for Independence and Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped.
- 511.** Mr. Bonner to propose the following motion:
- Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to implement regulations for Intensive Livestock Operations (ILOs) to eliminate uncertainty in the industry and provide conformity.
- 512.** Mr. Cenaiko to propose the following motion:
- Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to work closely with Criminal Intelligence Service Alberta in initiating new programs and continuing ongoing specific projects with Alberta's policing agencies to combat organized crime in the prostitution and drug trades to preserve the safety of young people in our communities.
- 513.** 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 purposes other than generating revenue through property taxes.

- 514.** Mr. MacDonald to propose the following motion:
- Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to implement a Loan Repayment Assistance Program that allows for repayment of student borrowed debt based on a percentage of the student borrower's annual income.
- 515.** 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.
- 516.** Mr. Danyluk to propose the following motion:
- Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to prepare a contingency plan to control the spread of Foot and Mouth virus in the event the virus reaches Alberta, Canada, or North America.
- 517.** Mr. Fischer to propose the following motion:
- Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to explore the possibility of Alberta Health and Wellness covering the costs incurred by Type-2 diabetics for the chemical-coated strips used to test blood sugar levels and to establish a provincial advisory committee on diabetes.
- 518.** Mr. Tannas to propose the following motion:
- Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to strengthen property rights in Alberta so that land may not be taken by Government or its officials without fair compensation.
- 519.** Mr. Lougheed to propose the following motion:
- Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to provide all Albertans with an annual benefit statement detailing what services and benefits have been paid by Alberta Health and Wellness on their behalf.
- 520.** Ms Carlson to propose the following motion:
- Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to ensure that Alberta has the people with the skills needed to provide appropriate levels of care and health services and that the Minister of Health and Wellness identify approaches to improve the education, training, recruitment and retention of our future workforce, especially in relation to long term care facilities.

- 521.** 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, thus leading to a reduction of costs to Alberta's health care system.
- 522.** 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.
- 523.** Dr. Pannu to propose the following motion:
- Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to reduce tuition fees at all public post-secondary institutions by 30 percent and increase provincial grants to public post-secondary institutions to make up the shortfall in revenues from the reduction in tuition fees.
- 524.** Mr. Lougheed to propose the following motion:
- Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to support and encourage the expansion of the D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program.
- 525.** Mrs. Jablonski to propose the following motion:
- Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to study the feasibility of providing an incentive to Alberta students who complete a post-secondary degree from an Alberta post-secondary institution in the form of a one-time provincial income tax credit for qualifying graduates who obtain employment in Alberta.
- 526.** Mr. Broda to propose the following motion:
- Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to review the closure of courthouses in rural communities.
- 527.** Mrs. Jablonski to propose the following motion:
- Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to implement higher provincial standards and screening procedures for foster parents, case workers and agencies dealing with child welfare cases.
- 528.** Mr. Ouellette to propose the following motion:
- Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to investigate the feasibility of animal manure-based energy production for farms.

- 529.** Mr. Johnson to propose the following motion:
- Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to implement strategies that would provide the necessary treatment for offenders with mental health problems utilizing appropriate treatment facilities and programs within, and whenever possible, outside the justice system.
- 530.** Mr. McClelland to propose the following motion:
- Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to amend the Liquor Control Act to prohibit the sale of liquor to a discernibly pregnant woman for consumption in a licensed establishment.
- 531.** 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.
- 532.** Rev. Abbott to propose the following motion:
- Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to ensure employees are not forced to join labour unions in order to secure employment in either the private or public sector.
- 533.** Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mr. Lukaszuk.
- 534.** Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mr. Klapstein.
- 535.** Withdrawn - Mr. Kowalski elected Speaker April 9, 2001.
- 536.** Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mr. Hutton.
- 537.** Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mr. Maskell.
- 538.** Dr. Massey to propose the following motion:
- Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to address the problems created by the 30% threshold for calculating expenses in the housing program, and the limited supply of social housing in the province.
- 539.** Mr. McClelland to propose the following motion:
- Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to rename the Legislature Annex building after an Albertan in recognition of that individual's accomplishments to Alberta's history.

- 540.** 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 an unborn child.
- 541.** Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mr. Jacobs.
- 542.** Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mr. Shariff.
- 543.** Dr. Massey to propose the following motion:
- Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to provide tax relief to Alberta motorists by adjusting the provincial gasoline tax quarterly based on the calculation of the price of crude oil for the previous quarter of the fiscal year, with the provincial gasoline tax reduced by 1 cent per litre for each dollar increase in the price of crude oil between \$19.00 and \$28.00 per barrel.
- 544.** Mr. Ouellette to propose the following motion:
- Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to increase the earnings exemption level for persons dependent on support from the Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped program.
- 545.** Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mrs. O'Neill.
- 546.** Dr. Taft to propose the following motion:
- Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to require school boards, private schools, child and family service authorities, persons with developmental disabilities boards, delegated administrative organizations, universities, public colleges, technical institutes, provincial agencies, commercial enterprises, and commercial crown-controlled corporations to include in their annual reports a full accounting of private corporations and/or individuals contracted with during the course of a fiscal year for goods and/or services, and the total amount of tax dollars received by each of those goods and/or service providers.
- 547.** Mr. Marz to propose the following motion:
- Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to establish effective accountability measures within the health care system through mechanisms at the point of health services access, involving both the consumer and provider.
- 548.** Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mr. Herard.
- 549.** Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mr. Lukaszuk.

- 550.** Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mr. Maskell.
- 551.** Dr. Pannu to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation to conserve endangered and threatened species, protect sufficient habitat for their conservation and regeneration, and require every decision by a government department, crown agency, or a municipal government to be consistent with such legislation.
- 552.** Mr. Mason to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation repealing the Health Care Protection Act (Bill 11) and replace it with legislation halting the privatization of Alberta's health care system, and requiring all procedures necessitating an overnight or longer patient stay to be performed in an approved public hospital.
- 553.** Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mr. Snelgrove.
- 554.** Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mr. Vandermeer.
- 555.** 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.
- 556.** Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mr. Yankowsky.
- 557.** Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Ms DeLong.
- 558.** Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mr. Knight.
- 559.** Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mrs. Fritz.
- 560.** Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Ms Haley.
- 561.** Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mr. Snelgrove.
- 562.** Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mr. Rathgeber.
- 563.** Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mrs. Ady.
- 564.** Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mr. Friedel.

- 565.** Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mr. Friedel.
- 566.** Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mr. Lord.
- 567.** Mr. Bonner to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to place a maximum time limit of 48 hours for inspection of damaged crop areas by an adjuster under the Wildlife Damage Compensation Program.
- 568.** Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mr. McFarland.
- 569.** Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mr. Pham.
- 570.** Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mr. Graydon.
- 571.** Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mrs. O'Neill.
- 572.** Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mr. Goudreau.
- 573.** Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mr. Renner.
- 574.** Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mr. Danyluk.
- 575.** Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mrs. Tarchuk.
- 576.** Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mr. Goudreau.
- 577.** Mr. Ducharme to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to legalize cervid harvesting preserves.
- 578.** Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mr. Lord.
- 579.** Mr. Masyk to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to increase funding for city police forces aimed specifically at increasing the patrol of inner city areas where prostitution is known to occur.
- 580.** Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Ms Graham.
- 581.** Mr. Mason to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to take steps to reduce class sizes for kindergarten to grade 12 by an average of 10% while capping class sizes of kindergarten to grade 3 at 17 children per class.

- 582.** Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Ms Haley.
- 583.** Withdrawn - Mr. Kowalski elected Speaker April 9, 2001.
- 584.** Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mr. Broda.
- 585.** Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mr. Vandermeer.
- 586.** 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 30% threshold of income to pay for basic rent costs includes basic telephone service.
- 587.** 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.
- 588.** Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mr. Rathgeber.
- 589.** Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mr. Strang.
- 590.** Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mrs. Tarchuk.
- 591.** Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mr. Ducharme.
- 592.** Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mr. Graydon.
- 593.** Mr. MacDonald 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 programs during periods of low revenue growth.
- 594.** Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mr. Pham.
- 595.** Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mr. Hlady.
- 596.** Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mr. Masyk.

- 597.** Ms Blakeman to propose the following motion:
- Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to ensure that the Workers' Compensation Board (WCB) is better managed by requiring, in particular, that the WCB limit avoidable operating deficits and end its over-reliance on drawing large sums from its reserves in order to fund operations.
- 598.** Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mr. Horner.
- 599.** Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mr. Hutton.
- 600.** Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mr. Horner.
- 601.** Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mr. Hlady.
- 602.** Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mr. Strang.
- 603.** Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mr. VanderBurg.
- 604.** Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mr. Jacobs.
- 605.** Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mr. Magnus.
- 606.** Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mr. Knight.
- 607.** Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mr. Klapstein.
- 608.** Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mr. Cenaiko.
- 609.** Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mr. Renner.
- 610.** Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mr. Tannas.
- 611.** Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mr. Shariff.
- 612.** Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mr. VanderBurg
- 613.** Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mrs. Ady.
- 614.** Ms Carlson to propose the following motion:
- Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to implement a comprehensive system of community-based mental health services in line with the nationally-endorsed Best Practices in Mental Health Reform.
- 615.** Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Ms DeLong.

616. Dr. Nicol to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to establish a task force to examine the impact that anticipated changes in technology may have on provincial legislation and regulations with the emphasis placed on the protection of privacy and possibility of fraud and criminal activity.

617. Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mrs Fritz.

618. Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mr. Magnus.

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

Bill 202 Insurance Statutes (Gender Premium Equity) Amendment Act, 2001 —
Mrs. O'Neill (Time remaining: 65 minutes)

Adjourned debate: Mr. Jacobs

NOTICES

Leave to Introduce a Bill

Bill 2 Cooperatives Act — Mr. Magnus

Bill 3 Fisheries (Alberta) Amendment Act, 2001 — Hon. Mr. Cardinal

Bill 4 Surface Rights Amendment Act, 2001 — Hon. Mr. Cardinal

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Thursday, April 12, 2001