Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta

Day 35

ORDER PAPER

First Session | Twenty-Fifth Legislature

Wednesday, November 28, 2001

Prayers

ROUTINE

O Canada (First sitting day of each week)
Introduction of Visitors
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Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees
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Introduction of Guests
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Recognitions (Monday and Wednesday)
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Projected Government Business (Thursday)

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Motions

13. Moved by Hon. Mrs. Nelson:

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

Adjourned debate: Hon. Mr. Stevens

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

Be it resolved that:

1. A Select Special Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act Review Committee of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta be appointed to review the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act as provided in Section 91 of that Act consisting of the following Members, namely:

Rathgeber (Chair)	DeLong	MacDonald
Jablonski (Deputy Chair)	Jacobs	Mason
Carlson	Lukaszuk	Masyk

2. The Chair and Members of the Committee shall be paid in accordance with the schedule of Category "A" Committees provided in the most recent Members' Services Committee Allowances Order.

3. Reasonable disbursements by the Committee for advertising, staff assistance, equipment and supplies, rent, travel and other expenditures necessary for the effective conduct of its responsibilities shall be paid, subject to the approval of the Chair.

4. In carrying out its duties, the Committee may undertake limited travel within Alberta to consult with interested Albertans.

5. In carrying out its responsibilities, the Committee may, with the concurrence of the head of the department, utilize the services of the public service employed in that department or the staff employed by the Assembly or the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner.

6. The Committee may, without leave of the Assembly, sit during a period when the Assembly is adjourned.

7. The Committee must submit its report, including any proposed amendments to the Act, within one year after commencing its review.

8. When its work has been completed, the Committee must report to the Assembly if it is then sitting. During a period when the Assembly is adjourned, the Committee may release its report by depositing a copy with the Clerk and forwarding a copy to each Member of the Assembly.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

Bill 31 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2001 (No. 2) — Hon. Mr. Hancock

Third Reading

Bill 24 Regulated Forestry Profession Amendment Act, 2001 — Mr. Strang

Bill 25 Victims Restitution and Compensation Payment Act ($) — Hon. Mr. Hancock

Bill 26 Trustee Amendment Act, 2001 — Hon. Mr. Hancock

Bill 27 Provincial Court Amendment Act, 2001 — Hon. Mr. Hancock

Bill 29 Alberta Municipal Financing Corporation Amendment Act, 2001 — Mr. Magnus

Bill 30 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2001 (No. 2) ($) — Hon. Mrs. Nelson

Bills Awaiting Royal Assent

Bill 16 School Amendment Act, 2001 — Hon. Dr. Oberg

Bill 18 Health Professions Amendment Act, 2001 — Hon. Mr. Mar

Bill 21 Electronic Transactions Act — Mr. Horner

Bill 22 Builders' Lien Amendment Act, 2001 — Mr. Ducharme

Bill 23 Regulated Accounting Profession Amendment Act, 2001 — Mr. Lord

Bill 28 Agricultural Operation Practices Amendment Act, 2001 — Mr. Klapstein

Written Questions

WQ7. Ms Carlson to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 39):

What are the estimated volumes of waste to be treated at the Swan Hills Waste Treatment Centre for the fiscal years 2000, 2001, 2002, and 2003?

Motions for Returns

MR18. Dr. Nicol to propose the following motion (Due Day 39):

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copy of studies and reports on the Government's cost to create the Ministry of Infrastructure in May of 1999 formed by the unification of responsibility for the following areas: the former Ministry of Public Works, Supply and Services; the former Ministry of Transportation and Utilities (except Disaster Services); the School Facilities Branch from the former Ministry of Education; and Post-Secondary Facilities from the former Ministry of Advanced Education and Career Development added in February 2000.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

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. Withdrawn in accordance with the written request of Mr. McClelland.

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.

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.

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

Bill 211 Citizens' Initiative Act — Rev. Abbott

Bill 212 Matrimonial Property Amendment Act, 2001 — Ms Graham

Bill 214 Alberta Wheat and Barley Test Market Act — Mr. Hlady

Bill 215 Health Insurance Premiums Act Repeal Act — Mr. Vandermeer

Bill 218 School (Class Size Targets) Amendment Act, 2001 — Dr. Massey

Bill 219 Fisheries (Alberta) Amendment Act, 2001 (No. 2) — Mr. Danyluk

Committee of the Whole

Bill 209 Highway Traffic (Bicycle Safety Helmet) Amendment Act, 2001 — Mrs. Fritz (Time remaining: 103 minutes)

Third Reading

Bill 207 Alberta Personal Income Tax (Tools Credit) Amendment Act, 2001 — Mr. Lougheed (Due Day 35)

Bill 208 Alberta Official Song Act — Mr. Cao (Due Day 38)

NOTICES

Projected Government Business

Wednesday, November 28	Eve.	-	**Government Bills and Orders**
			Second Reading/ Committee of the Whole
			Bill 31
			Third Reading
			Bill 30
			And as per the Order Paper
Thursday, November 29	Aft.	-	**Government Bills and Orders**
			Third Reading
			Bill 31
	(5:15)		**Royal Assent**
			And as per the Order Paper

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

Day 44 MR2.
Day 51 MR12.
Day 61 WQ5.

Written Questions and Motions for Returns for Consideration Wednesday, November 28, 2001

Written Questions: Stand and retain their places.

Motions for Returns: Stand and retain their places.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Wednesday, November 28, 2001