



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

Day 2

ORDER PAPER

(Abbreviated)

Second Session

Twenty-Fifth Legislature

Wednesday, February 27, 2002

Prayers

ROUTINE

O Canada (First sitting day of each week)

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Presenting Petitions

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Tabling Returns and Reports

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ORDERS OF THE DAY

Consideration of Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech

Mr. Horner to propose the following motion, seconded by Mr. Cenaiko:

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.

Government Motions

4. Hon. Mrs. Nelson to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Assembly do resolve itself into Committee of Supply, when called, to consider supply to be granted to Her Majesty.

5. Hon. Mrs. Nelson to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Message of Her Honour, the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, the 2001-02 Supplementary Supply Estimates (No. 2) for the General Revenue Fund, and all matters connected therewith, be referred to Committee of Supply.

6. Hon. Mrs. Nelson to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that, pursuant to Standing Order 58(9), the number of days that Committee of Supply will be called to consider the 2001-02 Supplementary Supply Estimates (No. 2) for the General Revenue Fund, shall be one day.

7. 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.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

Bill 1 Queen Elizabeth II Golden Jubilee Recognition Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Klein

NOTICES

Leave to Introduce a Bill

- Bill 2 Child and Family Services Authorities Amendment Act, 2002 — Hon. Ms Evans
- Bill 3 Irrigation Districts Amendment Act, 2002 — Mr. McFarland
- Bill 4 Public Health Amendment Act, 2002 — Hon. Mr. Mar
- Bill 5 Interjurisdictional Support Orders Act — Mr. Rathgeber
- Bill 7 Agriculture Financial Services Amendment Act, 2002 — Mr. Klapstein
- Bill 8 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2002 (\$) — Hon. Mrs. Nelson
- Bill 9 Child Welfare Amendment Act, 2002 — Hon. Ms Evans
- Bill 10 Public Works Amendment Act, 2002 — Mr. Snelgrove
- Bill 11 Energy Information Statutes Amendment Act, 2002 — Mr. Strang
- Bill 13 Administrative Penalties and Related Matters Statutes Amendment Act, 2002 — Hon. Dr. Taylor
- Bill 202 Environmental Protection and Enhancement (Clean-up Instructions) Amendment Act, 2002 — Mrs. Jablonski
- Bill 203 Gas Flaring Elimination Act — Mr. Mason

Motions Other Than Government Motions

501. Dr. Pannu to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government, in the interests of fiscal prudence and tax equity, to not increase health care premiums and instead cancel the scheduled reductions in corporate income taxes for fiscal years 2002-03, 2003-04, and 2004-05.

502. Ms Kryczka to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to take on a leadership role to encourage Albertans of all ages to assume personal responsibility for planning their financial security in retirement.

503. Mrs. O'Neill to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to offer free admission to Albertans one day each month to the Province's museums and historic sites.

- 504.** Mr. Snelgrove to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to study the student loan system in place in Alberta.
- 505.** Mrs. Gordon to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to review and re-evaluate the delivery of provincial achievement testing.
- 506.** Ms Kryczka to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to seriously address the impact of a growing and aging population on the Alberta labour market, taking into consideration the present culture that largely accepts disengagement or early retirement of older workers.
- 507.** Mr. Yankowsky to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce binding and enforceable legislation to make it a provincial offence to operate a motor vehicle with an exhaust system that has been modified and no longer meets the standards set out in the Motor Vehicle Safety Act of Canada for that class of vehicle.
- 508.** Mr. Amery to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation to establish a travel assurance fund to compensate airline consumers who do not receive travel services purchased from a registered travel agency due to the agency's bankruptcy or insolvency.
- 509.** Mrs. Gordon to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to work through the Alberta Agricultural Research Institute in researching the use of cost-effective technology to assist farming operations in alleviating nuisance causing odours from barns used in conjunction with confined feeding operations or other related farming practices.
- 510.** Mr. Cao to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to require that the measurable outcomes and goals for government departments and government-funded agencies include targets for improvements in efficiency in their measurable outcomes and goals to free up resources for all high priority areas.

511. Mr. Cenaiko to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to work with Criminal Intelligence Service Alberta to enhance collaborative partnerships and coordinated programs with various levels of government, policing agencies, and the public to effectively combat organized crime and terrorism to preserve the wellness, safety, and security of our communities.

512. Mr. Lord to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to ensure fair and equitable dealings between commercial landlords and their tenants.

513. 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 by utilizing appropriate treatment facilities and programs within, and whenever possible, outside the justice system.

514. Mrs. Fritz to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to enhance the Alberta Family Employment Tax Credit by extending the maximum \$500 credit to include all children in a family, to bring equality between families with three or more children and families with two or fewer children.

515. Mrs. Jablonski to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to explore means of funding complementary health services such as chiropractic, naturopathy, acupuncture, and massage therapy treatments.

516. 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 Canada's Registered Education Savings Plan.

517. Mrs. O'Neill 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.

518. 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.

519. Dr. Nicol 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 service.

520. Mr. Yankowsky to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation designating square dancing as the official folk dance of Alberta.

521. Withdrawn.

522. Mrs. Fritz to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to work with the Federal Government and municipalities to change federal standards and regulations to ensure that mobile phone base stations, cell phone towers, and antennas are not placed in or within the vicinity of low density residential areas.

523. Withdrawn.

524. Dr. Nicol to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to require that all Government departments appear annually before the Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

525. Withdrawn.

526. Rev. Abbott to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to ensure employees are able to secure employment in either the private or public sector without the requirement to join labour unions.

527. Withdrawn.

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529. Ms Graham to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation to establish a venture capital fund, governed by an independent board, reporting to the Alberta Legislature, for the purpose of facilitating the commercialization of technology in the Province by providing venture capital investment to start-up companies to ensure that the Alberta Government investment in research and development is not wasted.

530. Mr. McFarland to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to closely investigate non-profit organizations to ensure they should not be classified as for-profit businesses and therefore conform to government regulations and assessments for businesses.

531. Withdrawn.

532. Withdrawn.

533. Withdrawn.

534. Ms Carlson to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to protect Albertans' economic security, ownership, and control of natural resources by supporting other provinces that have vowed to oppose the bulk sale and/or export of water.

535. Withdrawn.

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538. Mr. Tannas to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to strengthen property rights in Alberta to ensure fair compensation when expropriating property.

539. Dr. Massey to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce two new performance measures in the Department of Learning, one which would set targets and report on the percentage of classes from kindergarten to grade 3 that exceed 17 students, and the second which would set targets and report on the percentage of high school teachers who teach core academic subjects to 80 or fewer students on a weekly basis.

540. Mr. Mason to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to immediately freeze student tuition fees at public post-secondary institutions and take meaningful action to address rising student debt loads.

- 541.** Mr. Ouellette to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to work together with all provincial and territorial governments to gain control of federal powers to allow for implementation of sanctions and concessions over our environment, agriculture, and sustainable resources.
- 542.** Mr. VanderBurg to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to re-examine expropriation rules and regulations in an effort to create an improved and streamlined system which would ensure that land issues are resolved in a more efficient and economical manner.
- 543.** Mr. Ouellette to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to investigate the feasibility of having the private sector invest in senior and low income housing.
- 544.** Withdrawn.
- 545.** Withdrawn.
- 546.** Mr. Johnson to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to encourage and provide assistance for youth cultural sports exchange programs to increase the awareness of, and interaction with, other cultures around the world.
- 547.** Dr. Pannu to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to improve education quality by providing local school boards with the necessary funding to reduce average classroom sizes to 17 students in kindergarten to grade 3 classes.
- 548.** Mr. McFarland to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to consider raising the legal drinking age in Alberta to 19 years to promote healthy lifestyles and reduce the risk of death or costly injury.
- 549.** Mr. MacDonald to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation to mandate inflation-proofing of the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund.
- 550.** Withdrawn.

551. Withdrawn.

552. Withdrawn.

553. Ms Blakeman to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation that would allow for class action law suits in Alberta's civil justice system.

554. Mr. Cao to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to explore the feasibility of utilizing the office sites and staff of neighbourhood or community associations in the delivery of Government services and programs.

555. Withdrawn.

556. Withdrawn.

557. Mr. VanderBurg to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to investigate a system of pooling all proceeds from charity casinos throughout Alberta for equal redistribution in quarterly intervals to all charities across the Province.

558. Ms Blakeman to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to address barriers faced by women in rural areas in accessing and adhering to requirements of the Supports for Independence program.

559. Withdrawn.

560. Mr. Horner to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to borrow from the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund at a market interest rate for capital amortized projects in order to stabilize provincial infrastructure and transportation budgets and guarantee repayment to the Fund from any budget surpluses.

561. Withdrawn.

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- 563.** Mr. Mason to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to not spend valuable public dollars for feasibility studies of such projects as the Meridian Dam and inter-basin water transfers.
- 564.** Dr. Taft to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to declare palliative care a core service available through every Regional Health Authority in Alberta without patient charges.
- 565.** Withdrawn.
- 566.** Withdrawn.
- 567.** Withdrawn.
- 568.** Withdrawn.
- 569.** Withdrawn.
- 570.** Mr. Lord to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to undertake a full and comprehensive review of the Securities Act.
- 571.** Mr. MacDonald to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to reduce Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy fees to more accurately reflect the equivalent costs of services charged in the private sector.
- 572.** Withdrawn.
- 573.** Mr. Danyluk to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to review its policies with regard to the manufacture of beer, wine, and cider so as to allow and promote a greater number of small or home-based manufacturers to produce value-added alcoholic beverages for the retail market in Alberta.
- 574.** Mr. Bonner to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to undertake the necessary regulatory and legislative initiatives to ensure that all vehicles requiring a log book be equipped with an electronic reader.
- 575.** Withdrawn.

- 576.** Dr. Massey 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 a student's debt to be repaid based on a percentage of the student borrower's annual income.
- 577.** Dr. Taft to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to re-establish and refer legislation and regulations for study to a Standing Committee on Laws and Regulations.
- 578.** Mr. Bonner to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to implement a policy whereby funding for gambling addiction programs and services would receive a percentage increase equal to the percentage increase in gambling revenue.
- 579.** Withdrawn.
- 580.** Mr. Masyk to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to establish learning centres using existing, unused inner-city schools where adults facing poverty can learn essential life skills such as budgeting.
- 581.** Withdrawn.
- 582.** Mr. Masyk to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to allocate a percentage of alcohol and tobacco tax revenues to fund addiction rehabilitation centres located in inner-cities and areas of the Province demonstrating a need for such services.
- 583.** Mr. Hutton to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to continue to innovate its methods, policies, and programs to work towards the prevention of Fetal Alcohol Syndrome and Fetal Alcohol Effects.
- 584.** Withdrawn.
- 585.** Withdrawn.
- 586.** Withdrawn.

587. Ms Carlson to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to pressure the Federal Government to require all foods and food products that are, or contain, genetically modified organisms to be so identified.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

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