



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

Day 31

ORDER PAPER

Second Session

Twenty-Fifth Legislature

Thursday, May 2, 2002

Prayers

ROUTINE

O Canada (First sitting day of each week)

Introduction of Visitors

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Oral Question Period

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Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees

Presenting Petitions

Notices of Motions

Introduction of Bills

Tabling Returns and Reports

Projected Government Business (Thursday)

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Motions

22. 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

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

Bill 26 Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 2002 — Hon. Mr. Dunford

Adjourned debate: Hon. Mrs. McClellan

Committee of the Whole

Bill 21 Alberta Personal Income Tax Amendment Act, 2002 — Hon. Mrs. Nelson

Bill 22 Tobacco Tax Amendment Act, 2002 — Hon. Mr. Melchin

Bill 23 Municipal Government Amendment Act, 2002 — Mr. VanderBurg

Bill 24 Child Welfare Amendment Act, 2002 (No. 2) — Hon. Ms Evans

Bill 25 Alberta Corporate Tax Amendment Act, 2002 — Hon. Mr. Melchin

Third Reading

Bill 2 Child and Family Services Authorities Amendment Act, 2002 — Hon. Ms Evans

Bill 4 Public Health Amendment Act, 2002 — Hon. Mr. Mar

Bill 5 Interjurisdictional Support Orders Act — Mr. Rathgeber

Bill 6 Student Financial Assistance Act (\$) — Hon. Dr. Oberg

Bill 7 Agriculture Financial Services Amendment Act, 2002 — Mr. Klapstein

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 14 Gaming and Liquor Amendment Act, 2002 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Stevens

- Bill 15 Dairy Industry Omnibus Act, 2002 (\$) — Hon. Mrs. McClellan
Bill 16 Racing Corporation Amendment Act, 2002 — Hon. Mr. Stevens
Bill 18 Social Care Facilities Review Committee Amendment Act, 2002 — Hon. Ms Evans
Bill 19 Veterinary Profession Amendment Act, 2002 — Mr. Danyluk
Bill 20 Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 2002 — Hon. Mr. Hancock

Bills Awaiting Royal Assent

- Bill 202 Environmental Protection and Enhancement (Clean-up Instructions) Amendment Act, 2002 — Mrs. Jablonski
Bill Pr1 Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton Amendment Act, 2002 — Mr. Maskell

Committee of Supply - 2002-2003 Main Estimates Consideration

- May 2 (aft.) (Day 23 of 24) Gaming (Designated)
May 7 (aft.) (Day 24 of 24) Municipal Affairs (Designated)

Written Questions

- WQ5.** Dr. Pannu to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 36):
As of April 1, 2002, what is the total number of employer health care premium accounts, the total number of individual/family health care premium accounts, and of the individual/family accounts, what percentage are seniors' accounts?
- WQ6.** Dr Pannu to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 36):
For each of the fiscal years 1999-00, 2000-01, and 2001-02, how many health care premium accounts were in arrears by one day or more, by three months or more, by one year or more; what is the total amount of those arrears in each of these three fiscal years, and what percentage were employer accounts, individual/family accounts, and seniors' accounts?
- WQ7.** Dr Pannu to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 36):
Upon completion of studies, what was the average debt load of post secondary students who had received assistance from the Student Finance Board in the fiscal years 1990-1991, 1995-1996 and 2000-2001?

WQ8. Dr Pannu to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 36):
What was the average waiting period from the filing of a complaint with the Human Rights Commission to conciliation in the fiscal years 1990-1991, 1995-1996, and 2000-2001, and what was the average waiting period from conciliation to investigation of a human rights complaint in these same fiscal years?

WQ9. Dr. Pannu to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 36):
Of the monies the Government received from health care premiums for the fiscal years 1999-2000, 2000-2001, and 2001-2002, what amount was remitted by employers, and of that amount, how much was paid by employers on behalf of employees?

Motions for Returns

MR9. Mr. Mason to propose the following motion (Due Day 32):
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Alberta Energy and Utilities Board data on natural gas venting for the fiscal years 1996, 1997, and 1998 broken down by company and field centre.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

507. Moved by Mr. Yankowsky (amended) (Time remaining: 51 minutes):
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 *such that it* no longer meets the standards *for noise suppression* set out in the Motor Vehicle Safety Act of Canada for that class of vehicle.

Debate adjourned: Dr. Taft speaking.

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.

528. Withdrawn.

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.

536. Withdrawn.

537. Withdrawn.

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.

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

Bill 207 Alberta Wheat and Barley Test Market Act — Mr. Hlady (Time remaining: 20 minutes)

Debate adjourned: Mr. Horner speaking.

Bill 208 Fiscal Stability Fund Calculation Act — Dr. Nicol

Bill 209 Electoral Fairness Commission Act — Dr. Pannu

Bill 210 Matrimonial Property (Division of Property on Death) Amendment Act, 2002 — Ms Graham

Bill 211 Marriage (Preparation Course) Amendment Act, 2002 — Mr. Yankowsky

Bill 212 Traffic Safety (Seizure of Vehicles in Prostitution Related Offences) Amendment Act, 2002 — Mr. Cenaiko

Designated Departments Under Standing Order 58(6)

Seniors

Government Services

Health and Wellness

Children's Services

Human Resources and Employment

Sustainable Resource Development

Energy

Environment

Justice

Revenue

Learning

Community Development

Finance

Gaming

Municipal Affairs

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

Day 54 WQ4, MR1.

Day 58 MR5, MR6, MR8.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Thursday, May 2, 2002