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Province of Alberta**

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Wednesday, February 19, 2003

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## ORDERS OF THE DAY

### Consideration of Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech

Mr. Jacobs to propose the following motion, seconded by Mr. VanderBurg:

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. 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.

5. Hon. Mr. Hancock to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that, when the Assembly adjourns to recess the Spring Sitting of the 3rd Session of the 25th Legislature, it shall stand adjourned until a time and date as determined by the Speaker, after consultation with the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

### Government Bills and Orders

#### Second Reading

Bill 1 Premier's Council on Alberta's Promise Act— Hon. Mr. Klein

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## NOTICES

### Leave to Introduce a Bill

Bill 2 Financial Statutes Amendment Act, 2003 (\$) — Hon. Mrs. Nelson

Bill 3 Electrical Utilities Act — Mr. Knight

Bill 4 Alberta Personal Income Tax Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Renner

Bill 5 Line Fence Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Goudreau

Bill 6 Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 2003 — Hon. Mr. Hancock

- Bill 7 Real Estate Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Graydon
- Bill 8 Health Foundations Act Repeal Act — Hon. Mr. Mar
- Bill 9 Mines and Minerals Amendment Act, 2003 — Hon. Mr. Cardinal
- Bill 11 Auditor General Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Yankowsky
- Bill 12 Financial Sector Statutes Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Magnus
- Bill 13 Government Organization Amendment Act, 2003 — Ms DeLong
- Bill 201 Emblems of Alberta (Grass Emblem) Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Tannas
- Bill 202 Workers' Compensation (Firefighters) Amendment Act, 2003 — Mr. Magnus

## **Written Questions**

**WQ1.** Mr. MacDonald to ask the Government the following question:

How much of the \$25.5 million under-expenditure from Income Support to Individuals and Families, \$621,000 under-expenditure from the Widows' Pension Program, and \$8.8 million under-expenditure from the Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped Program outlined in the 2001/02 Alberta Human Resources and Employment annual report was spent on homeless shelters, additional system development costs, and salary increases respectively?

**WQ2.** Mr. Bonner to ask the Government the following question:

What is the total amount of money the Department of Infrastructure has spent on un-tendered contracts between January 1, 2001 and December 31, 2002, what are the names of the individuals and companies who have received these un-tendered contracts, and what is the amount they each received as part of their contract?

**WQ3.** Mr. MacDonald to ask the Government the following question:

What is the total dollar amount, broken down individually by position, given as an achievement bonus to senior bureaucrats in the Alberta Human Resources and Employment Ministry for each fiscal year from April 1, 1996 to January 14, 2003 inclusive?

**WQ4.** Ms Blakeman to ask the Government the following question:

What is the breakdown of the money that will be used by the Government to match the Federal Government's \$67 million contribution to the affordable housing agreement signed in June 2002?

- WQ5.** Ms Blakeman to ask the Government the following question:  
What is the total dollar amount, broken down individually by position, given as an achievement bonus to senior bureaucrats in the Alberta Seniors Ministry for each fiscal year from April 1, 1996 to January 14, 2003 inclusive?
- WQ6.** Mr. MacDonald to ask the Government the following question:  
What is the total dollar amount, broken down individually by position, given as an achievement bonus to senior bureaucrats in the Alberta Government Services Ministry for each fiscal year from April 1, 1996 to January 14, 2003 inclusive?
- WQ7.** Ms Blakeman to ask the Government the following question:  
What is the current status of all integration of the Maintenance Enforcement case officers' computer systems and what is the plan for completing the integration?
- WQ8.** Ms Carlson to ask the Government the following question:  
What is the amount of each bonus and aggregate amount of all bonuses awarded to senior officials within the Ministry and Department of Sustainable Resource Development over the 2001/2002 fiscal year broken down by the identity of and amount paid to each official?
- WQ9.** Dr. Massey to ask the Government the following question:  
What were the total operational costs of the following committees: Review Committee on Outcomes, MLA Committee on Lifelong Learning, Task Force on Children at Risk, Committee on Francophone Education Governance, Alberta Vocational Colleges Governance Task Force, Private Schools Funding Task Force, School Facilities Task Force, and MLA Post-Secondary Funding Review Committee?
- WQ10.** Ms Carlson to ask the Government the following question:  
What is the amount of each bonus and aggregate amount of all bonuses awarded to senior officials within the Ministry and Department of Environment over the 2001/2002 fiscal year broken down by the identity of and amount paid to each official?

## Motions for Returns

**MR1.** Mr. MacDonald to propose the following motion:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
Copies of all studies and reports prepared by, or for, the Ministry of Government Services between September 12, 2001 and January 14, 2003 regarding the establishment of a new system for issuing drivers' licenses in Alberta.

**MR2.** Mr. Bonner to propose the following motion:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
Copies of documents showing a specific breakdown of how much of the \$346,511,000 received by people on Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped in the fiscal year 2001-2002 was given as cheques to recipients, how much was spent on medical costs, and how the remainder was spent.

**MR3.** Dr. Taft to propose the following motion:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
A detailed breakdown of expenses including, but not limited to, research fees, hosting fees, salaries, consulting fees, public relations, advertising costs, and meeting expenses for the following committees set up under the Report of the Premier's Advisory Council on Health: Committee on Collaboration and Innovation, Expert Advisory Panel to Review Publicly Funded Health Services, MLA Task Force on Health Care Funding and Revenue Generation, and the Health Reform Implementation Team.

**MR4.** Ms Blakeman to propose the following motion:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
A copy of the final report from the Correctional Services MLA Review Committee to the Solicitor General.

**MR5.** Ms Carlson to propose the following motion:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
All reports respecting the fish populations, including the populations of walleye and pike, and the general environmental health of Calling Lake prior to and after the April 1, 2002 start of the pilot project which allows approximately two-thirds of Calling Lake to be opened for the harvest of walleye and pike.

- MR6.** Dr. Taft to propose the following motion:  
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
A detailed breakdown of the bonuses paid to staff of Alberta Health and Wellness in each fiscal year from 1992/93 to 2001/02 indicating the amounts of individual bonuses paid each year as well as the position held by the recipients of those bonuses.
- MR7.** Dr. Taft to propose the following motion:  
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
Copies of the monthly statements for the credit cards used by the Deputy Minister of Health and Wellness, each of the Assistant Deputy Ministers, the Special Policy Advisor, and each of the Minister's Executive Assistants from April 1, 1997 to December 31, 2002.
- MR8.** Mr. Bonner to propose the following motion:  
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
Copies of any and all records prepared by, or for, the Government or its agents relating to the tendering process for any purchase or contract from or with Tecskor Software Inc., including the requests for proposals, since April 1, 1999.
- MR9.** Mr. Bonner to propose the following motion:  
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
A copy of the Department of Infrastructure policy on its contract management process.
- MR10.** Mr. MacDonald to propose the following motion:  
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
Copies of all documents prepared by, and for, Alberta Human Resources and Employment between May 2002 and January 30, 2003 concerning potential changes to the Supports for Income Program.
- MR11.** Mr. Bonner to propose the following motion:  
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
A copy of the Department of Transportation policy on its contract management process.

## **Motions Other Than Government Motions**

**501.** 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 to include all children in a family in order to bring equality between families with three or more children and families with two or less children.

**502.** Mrs. Jablonski to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to investigate and implement steps to strengthen Alberta's position within Confederation.

**503.** Mr. Shariff to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to establish a financial incentive program to encourage first time home ownership.

**504.** Mr. Griffiths to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to take the steps necessary to establish its own regional police service, including a regional police commissioner, by 2007.

**505.** Dr. Nicol to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to create an organization similar to the Clean Air Strategic Alliance for Alberta's water supply to ensure that Alberta's water supply is maintained at the highest standards possible.

**506.** 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.

**507.** Mr. Broda to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to sell or dispose of public lands that do not possess any economic potential for the Province.

**508.** 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.

**509.** Mrs. Ady to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to review the success of the policy of including mild to moderately disabled students in Alberta's classrooms and strike a committee to recommend whether there should be more choices made available for these students within Alberta's schools.

**510.** Mr. Masyk to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation requiring every gasoline service station in Alberta to have at least one full service bay to improve accessibility for the disabled and the elderly.

**511.** Mr. Johnson to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly institute an all-party Former Members' Association of the Legislative Assembly to focus on the interests of the membership and the good of parliamentary precinct, history, and process.

**512.** Mr. MacDonald to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to strike an all-party committee to study the rising premium rates for automobile insurance, insurance companies hand-picking clients, and increasing insurance claims in the Province.

**513.** Mr. Cao to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to implement market basket measures to determine social assistance rates as well as levels of financial assistance for Albertans who are in need.

**514.** Dr. Taft to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to bring in new conflicts of interest legislation to set out a code of conduct for elected officials in Alberta beyond purported financial impropriety and that the recommendations of the Tupper Report be taken into account when creating this legislation.

**515.** Mr. Herard to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to consider requiring five credits in fine arts as a condition for high school graduation in the Province.



- 516.** Ms DeLong to propose the following motion:  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to opt out of the Tax Collection Agreement with the Federal Government and allow the Finance Department the jurisdiction to collect all provincial tax monies.
- 517.** Mr. Bonner to propose the following motion:  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to support the banning of nitrous oxide engine modifications on private passenger and commercial vehicles in Alberta.
- 518.** Mr. Strang to propose the following motion:  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to develop a tourism levy to be dedicated to tourism advertising for the Province as a whole.
- 519.** Mr. Maskell to propose the following motion:  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to take measures to implement a \$500 tax credit for teachers who spend personal funds to purchase classroom supplies.
- 520.** Mr. Mason to propose the following motion:  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to phase out the use of surface water and potable groundwater for deep well injection by the energy industry and instead implement the use of alternatives such as carbon dioxide and other pollutants.
- 521.** 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.
- 522.** Mr. McFarland to propose the following motion:  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to review existing research on the benefits of increasing the age of majority.
- 523.** Ms Blakeman to propose the following motion:  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to develop and implement standards of care for all facilities and group homes for youth, seniors, and disabled persons.
- 524.** Withdrawn.

- 525.** Mr. McClelland to propose the following motion:  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to prohibit licensed establishments from selling liquor to women known to be pregnant.
- 526.** Withdrawn.
- 527.** Mr. McFarland to propose the following motion:  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to require a total review and financial audit of all charitable not-for-profit organizations with gross incomes exceeding \$100,000.
- 528.** Withdrawn.
- 529.** 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.
- 530.** Withdrawn.
- 531.** Mr. Rathgeber to propose the following motion:  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to consult with Albertans regarding the privatization of the Alberta Treasury Branches.
- 532.** Withdrawn.
- 533.** Withdrawn.
- 534.** Mr. Yankowsky to propose the following motion:  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to implement a voluntary marriage preparation course with appropriate incentives to increase awareness of the legal aspects of marriage, child-rearing responsibilities, as well as emotional and financial pressures.
- 535.** Dr. Massey to propose the following motion:  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to urge the Federal Government to create a GST exemption category for all school materials purchases and post-secondary textbook purchases.

**536.** 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 proceed with health care premium increases and instead cancel the scheduled reductions in corporate income taxes for fiscal year 2003-04 and subsequent years.

**537.** Mr. Cao to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to declare an official annual neighbours week, starting with Canada Day, to promote community spirits and neighbourhood safety in Alberta.

**538.** Mr. Marz to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to ensure that needles used in the treatment of diabetes and blood glucose monitoring strips are covered under Alberta Health Care.

**539.** Withdrawn.

**540.** Mr. Cenaiko to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to increase funding for the Community Housing Program.

**541.** Withdrawn.

**542.** Withdrawn.

**543.** Ms DeLong to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to review the obstacles that prevent full participation by both mothers and fathers in their children's lives.

**544.** Mr. VanderBurg to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to improve the outstanding job Alberta libraries have done with limited financial resources by funding the connection and maintenance of the Alberta Supernet to provide first class service to users.

**545.** Mrs. O'Neill to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to consider requiring motor vehicles to display both front and rear license plates.

- 546.** Rev. Abbott to propose the following motion:  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to take steps to ensure the reduction of automobile insurance fraud in Alberta.
- 547.** Ms Carlson to propose the following motion:  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to re-establish the Standing Committee on Laws and Regulations.
- 548.** Mr. MacDonald to propose the following motion:  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to install a metering device at each wellhead in the Province to measure the production of oil or gas to ensure Albertans are getting full value for their resources.
- 549.** Ms Carlson to propose the following motion:  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to encourage and work with the Federal Government to develop labelling for genetically modified organisms and food products that contain genetically modified organisms.
- 550.** Mr. Horner to propose the following motion:  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to initiate, with federal participation, an integrated, comprehensive pilot project, kindergarten through grade 12, for the prevention of substance abuse which would incorporate DARE (Drug Abuse and Resistance Education) and other similar programs into an integrated delivery model for all students.
- 551.** Mr. Lord to propose the following motion:  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to study the Earned Income Tax Credit concept as an alternative to raising the minimum wage.
- 552.** Withdrawn.
- 553.** Dr. Nicol to propose the following motion:  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to adopt a farm cost of production insurance program to ensure long term sustainability in the agriculture industry and stability for farmers in farm safety net programs.

**554.** Ms Kryczka to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to recognize the increasing number of older seniors and those with disabilities in the long term care system who have complex and chronic health care needs, and to work to develop a more appropriate funding formula, one which will enable Regional Health Authorities to adequately fund an enhanced level of long term care.

**555.** Mr. VanderBurg to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to re-institute the Provincial Resource Road Program in the Department of Transportation to assist northern development.

**556.** 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 so that mobile phone base stations, cell phone towers, and antennas are not placed in or within the vicinity of low density residential areas.

**557.** 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.

**558.** Mr. Lord to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to undertake implementation of the appropriate ISO (International Organization for Standardization) standards in order to promote consistency, continual self-improvement, efficiency, and effectiveness of government procedures and processes.

**559.** Withdrawn.

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**562.** 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.

**563.** Withdrawn.

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- 565.** Mr. Bonner to propose the following motion:  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government, in the interest of public safety, to ban the manufacture, sale, and installation of reused, rebuilt, recycled, or re-manufactured air bags in Alberta.
- 566.** Withdrawn.
- 567.** Mr. Vandermeer to propose the following motion:  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to implement a school voucher program to assist parents in paying for independent school tuition and to increase choice in education.
- 568.** Mrs. Ady to propose the following motion:  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to study the feasibility of developers building schools in newly developed, high growth communities.
- 569.** 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 awareness and interaction with other cultures around the world.
- 570.** Dr. Taft to propose the following motion:  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to prohibit the use of genetic information as a screening device for public and private sector profit and non-profit organizations and agencies.
- 571.** Dr. Massey to propose the following motion:  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to establish a funding arrangement between the provincial and local governments, boards, and authorities that would improve the distribution of revenues to communities to carry out their legislated mandate and ensure that an accountability process for this funding arrangement is in place.
- 572.** Rev. Abbott to propose the following motion:  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to study ways of reducing automobile insurance premiums for consumers in Alberta.
- 573.** Withdrawn.
- 574.** Withdrawn.

**575.** Mr. Mason to propose the following motion:

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

**576.** Withdrawn.

**577.** Ms Graham to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to work with the private sector to improve the number and quality of technology commercialization opportunities by fostering an entrepreneurial culture in the knowledge sector, improving linkages between innovators and managers, improving management skills, and encouraging market awareness among researchers and scientists.

**578.** 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 service.

**579.** Withdrawn.

**580.** Mr. Amery to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to institute a policy of labelling alcoholic beverages warning Albertans of the dangers of drinking similar to the health warning on cigarette packaging.

**581.** Withdrawn.

**582.** 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 class sizes to 17 students for kindergarten to grade 3 classes.

**583.** Withdrawn.

**584.** Withdrawn.

**585.** Mr. Vandermeer to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce a Personal Responsibility Act that would place more responsibility on Albertans for their own conduct and also work toward minimizing civil actions.

**586.** Mr. Masyk to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation requiring every propane service station in Alberta to charge the same price for propane, irrespective of whether the propane is for a vehicle or a barbeque tank.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,  
Speaker

Title: Wednesday, February 19, 2003