



**Legislative Assembly  
Province of Alberta**

Day 2

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Wednesday, February 18, 2004

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## ORDERS OF THE DAY

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

Mr. Griffiths to propose the following motion, seconded by Mr. Herard:

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. 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.

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

Be it resolved that, when the Assembly adjourns on Thursday, April 1, 2004, at the regular hour of 5:30 p.m., it shall stand adjourned until Monday, April 19, 2004, at 1:30 p.m.

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

Be it resolved that, when the Assembly adjourns to recess the Spring Sitting of the Fourth 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 Alberta Centennial Education Savings Plan Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Klein

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## NOTICES

### Leave to Introduce a Bill

- Bill 2 Black Creek Heritage Rangeland Trails Act — Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky
- Bill 3 Architects Amendment Act, 2004 — Mr. Marz
- Bill 4 Blind Persons' Rights Amendment Act, 2004 — Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky
- Bill 5 Family Support for Children with Disabilities Amendment Act, 2004 — Hon. Ms Evans
- Bill 6 Income and Employment Supports Amendment Act, 2004 — Mr. Lukaszuk
- Bill 7 Senatorial Selection Amendment Act, 2004 — Hon. Mr. Jonson
- Bill 8 Blue Cross Statutes Amendment Act, 2004 — Ms Graham
- Bill 9 Prevention of Youth Tobacco Use Amendment Act, 2004 — Ms Graham
- Bill 11 Alberta Personal Income Tax Amendment Act, 2004 — Mr. Danyluk
- Bill 201 Safety Codes (Barrier-free Design and Access) Amendment Act, 2004 — Mr. Lougheed
- Bill 202 Environmental Protection and Enhancement (Vapour Control Equipment) Amendment Act, 2004 — Mr. Masyk

### Written Questions

- WQ1.** Mr. MacDonald to ask the Government the following question:
- What increase in remuneration or salary and benefits is required for the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development to attract and maintain sufficient numbers of veterinary pathologists to meet requirements for timely testing of animals since the discovery of bovine spongiform encephalopathy in Alberta?
- WQ2.** Mr. MacDonald to ask the Government the following question:
- What public consultation on coalbed methane development in Alberta is currently underway?
- WQ3.** Ms Carlson to ask the Government the following question:
- What is the total number of orphaned wells, pipelines, and facilities in provincial parks and protected areas broken down by category as “abandoned,” “decontaminated,” and “reclaimed.”

- WQ4.** Ms Carlson to ask the Government the following question:  
What programs are being developed to aid elk ranchers who have suffered economic losses due to shrinking markets as well as the recent case of bovine spongiform encephalopathy?
- WQ5.** Ms Carlson to ask the Government the following question:  
What consultations are presently taking place between the Government and game farm operators regarding the future of the elk ranching industry in Alberta?
- WQ6.** Mr. MacDonald to ask the Government the following question:  
What is the total dollar amount of public property lost due to theft in the Department of Energy for the 2002-2003 fiscal year?
- WQ7.** Mr. MacDonald to ask the Government the following question:  
What is the total dollar amount of public property lost due to theft in the Department of Government Services for the 2002-2003 fiscal year?
- WQ8.** Mr. MacDonald to ask the Government the following question:  
What is the total dollar amount of public property lost due to theft in the Department of Human Resources and Employment for the 2002-2003 fiscal year?
- WQ9.** Mr. MacDonald to ask the Government the following question:  
What is the projected amount of royalty tax deductions for the 2003-2004 fiscal year?
- WQ10.** Mr. MacDonald to ask the Government the following question:  
What was the total amount of royalty tax deductions for the 2002-2003 fiscal year?
- WQ11.** Mr. MacDonald to ask the Government the following question:  
What is the total dollar amount of royalty credits that has been dispensed under the Carbon Dioxide Project Royalty Credit Program for the period May 16, 2003 to February 17, 2004?
- WQ12.** Mr. MacDonald to ask the Government the following question:  
What are the names and the number of oil and gas companies that have applied for royalty credits under the Carbon Dioxide Project Royalty Credit Program for the period May 16, 2003 to February 17, 2004?

- WQ13.** Mr. MacDonald to ask the Government the following question:  
What is the total dollar amount of royalty reductions under the Enhanced Recovery of Oil Royalty Reduction Regulation from April 1, 2002 to March 31, 2003?
- WQ14.** Mr. MacDonald to ask the Government the following question:  
What is the number of oil and gas companies that were eligible for royalty reductions under the Enhanced Recovery of Oil Royalty Reduction Regulation between April 1, 2002 and March 31, 2003?
- WQ15.** Mr. MacDonald to ask the Government the following question:  
How much was spent on division and branch restructuring initiatives within the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, broken down by initiative, for the fiscal year 2002-2003?
- WQ16.** Mr. MacDonald to ask the Government the following question:  
What is the total budget for the Utilities Consumer Advocate for the 2003-2004 fiscal year?
- WQ17.** Mr. MacDonald to ask the Government the following question:  
What is the total cost of the 2003 report from the Advisory Council on Electricity?
- WQ18.** Mr. MacDonald to ask the Government the following question:  
What is the total cost of the 2002 report from the Advisory Council on Electricity?
- WQ19.** Dr. Taft to ask the Government the following question:  
What measures has the Government taken to implement the Auditor General's recommendation that the Department of Health and Wellness improve its control processes for ensuring accountability for conditional grants?
- WQ20.** Ms Carlson to ask the Government the following question:  
What is the total dollar amount of public property lost due to theft in the Department of Sustainable Resource Development for the 2002-2003 fiscal year?
- WQ21.** Ms Carlson to ask the Government the following question:  
What is the total dollar amount of public property lost due to theft in the Department of Revenue for the 2002-2003 fiscal year?

- WQ22.** Ms Carlson to ask the Government the following question:  
What is the total dollar amount of public property lost due to theft in the Department of International and Intergovernmental Relations for the 2002-2003 fiscal year?
- WQ23.** Ms Carlson to ask the Government the following question:  
What is the total dollar amount of public property lost due to theft in the Department of Finance for the 2002-2003 fiscal year?
- WQ24.** Ms Carlson to ask the Government the following question:  
What is the total dollar amount of public property lost due to theft in the Department of Environment for the 2002-2003 fiscal year?

### **Motions for Returns**

- MR1.** Dr. Taft to propose the following motion:  
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
A copy of all reports and documentation issued by the Aboriginal Affairs facilitator, John McCarthy, to the Government between January 1, 2003 and February 17, 2004 inclusive pertaining to the discussions between First Nations bands and oil field contractors regarding access to Crown lands.
- MR2.** Mr. MacDonald to propose the following motion:  
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
A list of individuals and organizations that were consulted and provided input on automobile insurance to the Auto Insurance Reform Implementation Team.
- MR3.** Mr. MacDonald to propose the following motion:  
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
A breakdown of the Minister of Energy's expenses, including but not limited to, airfare, food, accommodation, and conference fees from March 1, 2001 to February 17, 2004.
- MR4.** Mr. MacDonald to propose the following motion:  
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
All documents, including but not limited to letters, faxes, e-mails, meeting materials, memos, reports, and notes pertaining to Alberta's participation in the Regional Transmission Organization (RTO) West from December 1, 2000 to February 17, 2004.

- MR5.** Mr. MacDonald to propose the following motion:  
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
A breakdown of all expenses including but not limited to travel, accommodation, food, and registration fees associated with Alberta delegates attending Regional Transmission Organization (RTO) West conferences from December 1, 2000 to February 17, 2004.
- MR6.** Mr. MacDonald to propose the following motion:  
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
The voting record for each member of the Workers' Compensation Board Appeals Commission for the calendar years 1997 through 2002.
- MR7.** Mr. MacDonald to propose the following motion:  
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
The data survey referred to in the Ministry of Energy's 2002-2003 Annual Report under the performance measure "Albertans' Understanding of Alberta's Energy and Mineral Resources and their Economic Significance."
- MR8.** Mr. MacDonald to propose the following motion:  
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
All documents, business plans, performance measures, and statistical data regarding the Government's deregulation of electricity from January 1, 2001 to February 17, 2004.
- MR9.** Mr. MacDonald to propose the following motion:  
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
The Environics West surveys commissioned by the Government referred to in the Ministry of Energy 2002-2003 Annual Report under the performance measures "Industry Satisfaction" and "Information Management."
- MR10.** Dr. Taft to propose the following motion:  
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
The total dollar amount spent by the Ministry of Health and Wellness on contracts for information technology services, broken down by company and total dollar amount for each, for the 2002-2003 fiscal year.
- MR11.** Dr. Taft to propose the following motion:  
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
The total dollar amount spent by the Chinook Regional Health Authority on contracts for information technology services, broken down by company and total dollar amount for each, for the 2002-2003 fiscal year.

- MR12.** Ms Carlson to propose the following motion:  
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
The total dollar amount spent by the Ministry of Economic Development on contracts for information technology services, broken down by company and total dollar amount for each, for the 2002-2003 fiscal year.
- MR13.** Ms Carlson to propose the following motion:  
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
The total dollar amount spent by the Ministry of Environment on contracts for information technology services, broken down by company and total dollar amount for each, for the 2002-2003 fiscal year.
- MR14.** Ms Carlson to propose the following motion:  
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
The total dollar amount spent by the Ministry of International and Intergovernmental Relations on contracts for information technology services, broken down by company and total dollar amount for each, for the 2002-2003 fiscal year.
- MR15.** Ms Carlson to propose the following motion:  
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
The total dollar amount spent by the Ministry of Sustainable Resource Development on contracts for information technology services, broken down by company and total dollar amount for each, for the 2002-2003 fiscal year.
- MR16.** Dr. Taft to propose the following motion:  
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
The current information technology services contract tendering policy and process for the Ministry and Department of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development.
- MR17.** Ms Carlson to propose the following motion:  
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
The current information technology services contract tendering policy and process for the Office of the Premier.
- MR18.** Ms Carlson to propose the following motion:  
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
The total dollar amount spent by the Office of the Premier on contracts for information technology services, broken down by company and total dollar amount for each, for the 2002-2003 fiscal year.



**MR19.** Dr. Massey to propose the following motion:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
The total number and costs of extra-provincial and international trips taken by Government Members of the Legislative Assembly who are not members of Executive Council between March 13, 2001 and February 17, 2004, broken down for each Member outlining the trip destination, the costs for meals, accommodations, entertainment, travel, telecommunications, dry cleaning, and gifts for each destination.

**MR20.** Ms Carlson to propose the following motion:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
The zoo plan for the Kneehill Animal Control and Rehabilitation Centre Ltd. (GuZoo).

**MR21.** Ms Carlson to propose the following motion:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
Any report received by the Government from the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals in calendar years 2003, 2002, 2001, and 2000 regarding the well-being of animals at the Kneehill Animal Control and Rehabilitation Centre Ltd. (GuZoo).

**MR22.** Ms Blakeman to propose the following motion:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
A copy of the cost-benefit analysis, any literature reviews, comparative reports and studies, and time table for the implementation of Alberta's provincial police force.

**MR23.** Mr. MacDonald to propose the following motion:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
The total number and costs of extra-provincial and international trips taken by the Minister of Energy between March 13, 2001 and February 17, 2004, broken down by the trip destination, meals, accommodations, entertainment, airfare/ground travel, telecommunications, dry cleaning, and gifts for each trip.

**MR24.** Mr. MacDonald to propose the following motion:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
All monthly business credit card statements for the fiscal year 2002-2003 issued to the Deputy Minister, all Assistant Deputy Ministers, Executive Directors, Directors, Branch Heads, Managers, and Unit Leaders for the Department of Government Services.

- MR25.** Mr. MacDonald to propose the following motion:
- That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
All monthly business credit card statements for the fiscal year 2002-2003 issued to the Deputy Minister, all Assistant Deputy Ministers, Executive Directors, Directors, Branch Heads, Managers, and Unit Leaders for the Department of Human Resources and Employment.
- MR26.** Ms Blakeman to propose the following motion:
- That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
All monthly business credit card statements for the fiscal year 2002-2003 issued to the Minister of Community Development and the Minister's Executive Assistant.
- MR27.** Ms Blakeman to propose the following motion:
- That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
All monthly business credit card statements for the fiscal year 2002-2003 issued to the Minister of Justice and Attorney General and the Minister's Executive Assistant.
- MR28.** Ms Blakeman to propose the following motion:
- That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
All monthly business credit card statements for the fiscal year 2002-2003 issued to the Minister of Seniors and the Minister's Executive Assistant.
- MR29.** Ms Blakeman to propose the following motion:
- That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
All monthly business credit card statements for the fiscal year 2002-2003 issued to the Solicitor General and the Solicitor General's Executive Assistant.
- MR30.** Ms Blakeman to propose the following motion:
- That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
All monthly business credit card statements for the fiscal year 2002-2003 issued to the Deputy Minister, all Assistant Deputy Ministers, Executive Directors, Directors, Branch Heads, Managers, and Unit Leaders for the Department of Seniors.
- MR31.** Mr. MacDonald to propose the following motion:
- That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
A breakdown, by Ministry, of the total number and total cost of items that were purchased during the 2002-2003 fiscal year in the following categories: televisions, flatware, wine glasses, beer glasses, golf balls, golf tees, alcoholic beverages, jams, jellies, preserves, games, and toys.

**MR34.** Mr. MacDonald to propose the following motion:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
A breakdown of the amount of each bonus and aggregate amount of all bonuses awarded to senior officials within the Ministry and Department of Energy over the 2002-2003 fiscal year broken down by the position of, and amount paid to, each official.

### **Motions Other Than Government Motions**

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

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to eliminate the education portion of property taxes and fund education through general revenue, thereby freeing up financial resources for municipalities to adequately provide required services.

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

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to eliminate seniors' health care premiums immediately and phase out premiums for all Albertans within three years.

**503.** Rev. Abbott to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation which would make special constables accountable to the Law Enforcement Review Board, and require special constables to take enhanced weapons training, thereby creating the appropriate conditions under which the Province could consider allowing the option of arming special constables with better defensive weapons such as tasers.

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

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to:

- a) continue to develop and implement strategies to reduce, and ultimately eliminate, alcohol consumption prior to and during pregnancy;
- b) develop and implement initiatives to support Albertans affected by Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD), and
- c) continue to work with all levels of Government, partners and stakeholders, and members of the public to create an environment that would address the systemic problem of women consuming alcohol while pregnant.

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

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to eliminate healthcare premiums.

**506.** Mr. Strang to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to take measures to establish a tourism levy to be dedicated to the Province's tourism marketing framework to promote the tourism industry in Alberta.

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

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to add a fish and wildlife surcharge onto existing fines and penalties related to illegal hunting and fishing practices, with the proceeds allocated directly to a conservation fund to support programs that restore and protect game species and species at risk in Alberta.

**508.** Mr. McFarland to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to raise the legal drinking age in Alberta to 19 as is the current requirement in the neighbouring Provinces of British Columbia and Saskatchewan.

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

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to take measures to establish a dedicated fund for the purpose of conducting research to develop scientifically credible information about the safety and effectiveness of complementary and alternative medicine (CAM), that will assist health care professionals, health policy-makers, and the public in making informed decisions.

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

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to consider doubling the fines for motorists who exceed the legal speed limit when passing workers on highways in posted construction zones.

**511.** 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.

**512.** Dr. Massey to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to implement an adequacy funding model for Alberta's primary and secondary education system.

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

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to increase the qualifying income thresholds to allow a greater number of seniors in need to qualify for benefits under the Alberta Seniors Benefit Program.

**514.** 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 that Albertans are getting full value for their resources.

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

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to encourage and increase access for parent volunteers wanting to engage in their children's school activities such as coaching, lunch activities, library services, field trips, and other classroom exercises.

**516.** Mr. Knight to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to review the feasibility and practicality of reinstating roadside provincial campsites in an effort to promote Alberta's natural landscapes as well as raise the Province's profile to attract Canadian and international motoring travellers.

**517.** Mr. Jacobs to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to strike a committee of representatives from the beef industry and Government to review processes in the feedlot and packing industry, including price discovery mechanisms and supply arrangements, that encourage ongoing investment required for a sustainable Alberta beef industry.

**518.** 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.

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

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to establish a mandatory driver's education program as part of Alberta's high school curriculum.

**520.** Dr. Pannu to propose the following motion:

Text submitted, waiting for final approval.

- 521.** Mr. Bonner to propose the following motion:  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to begin the process of developing a high speed train system between Edmonton and Calgary.
- 522.** Withdrawn.
- 523.** Withdrawn.
- 524.** Ms Blakeman to propose the following motion:  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to begin developing a plan to deal with the increasing problem of Internet gambling.
- 525.** Dr. Taft to propose the following motion:  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly declare the Legislature Building, Legislature Annex, constituency offices, and all precincts of the Legislative Assembly to be smoke free.
- 526.** Withdrawn.
- 527.** Mrs. O'Neill to propose the following motion:  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to assume an advocacy role for small businesses by establishing a mechanism to track those who repeatedly file for bankruptcy using different corporate names.
- 528.** Dr. Massey to propose the following motion:  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to provide school boards with resources that would allow average class sizes for students from kindergarten to grade 3 of 17, students from grades 4 to 9 of 25, and for students from grades 10 to 12 of 30 students.
- 529.** Mr. Griffiths to propose the following motion:  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to amend the Election Act by establishing fixed term election dates for provincial elections.
- 530.** Mr. Lougheed to propose the following motion:  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to provide all Albertans with an annual health benefit statement detailing what services and benefits have been paid by Alberta Health and Wellness on their behalf.

**531.** 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.

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

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to expand and promote teleworking opportunities as: a rural economic development initiative; a recruitment and retention strategy within the provincial Government workforce; a strategic component of the Alberta Advantage to private-sector employers; and a traffic reduction initiative with environmental, social, and economic benefits to municipalities.

**533.** Withdrawn.

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

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to mandate the labelling of alcoholic beverages warning Albertans of the dangers of drinking, similar to the health warnings on cigarette packages and other containers of tobacco products.

**535.** Mr. Yankowsky to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to increase funding for research and resources to improve awareness and screening for prostate cancer.

**536.** Withdrawn.

**537.** Withdrawn.

**538.** Withdrawn.

**539.** Withdrawn.

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

Text submitted, waiting for final approval.

**541.** Withdrawn.

**542.** Withdrawn.

- 543.** Ms Carlson to propose the following motion:  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to increase the number of environmental enforcement officers.
- 544.** 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.
- 545.** Mr. Johnson to propose the following motion:  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to continue leading Canada and the United States in the development of agricultural policies that benefit the North American beef market in the wake of the (BSE) bovine spongiform encephalopathy crisis.
- 546.** Withdrawn.
- 547.** Mr. MacDonald to propose the following motion:  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to implement a process whereby all Albertans on Supports for Independence and Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped receive an automatic cost of living increase upon notice of any increase in the annual consumer price index.
- 548.** Mr. Yankowsky to propose the following motion:  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to establish a Commission on the Status of Men to address issues associated with family breakup, cultural bias, and health and education problems prevalent among males.
- 549.** Mrs. Jablonski to propose the following motion:  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation banning Strategic Lawsuits Against Public Participation (SLAPP) to protect Albertans who speak publicly about issues of importance to them from expensive and frivolous lawsuits.
- 550.** Withdrawn.
- 551.** Withdrawn.
- 552.** Mr. McFarland to propose the following motion:  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to eliminate the education tax on privately-owned farmland in order to put these on the same tax level as other industrial properties.



- 553.** Withdrawn.
- 554.** Dr. Pannu to propose the following motion:  
Text submitted, waiting for final approval.
- 555.** Ms Carlson to propose the following motion:  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to monitor the quality of drinking water for all Albertans.
- 556.** 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.
- 557.** Mr. Ouellette to propose the following motion:  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation which would make it difficult for individuals to pursue frivolous lawsuits and thereby encourage all Albertans to take greater responsibility for their own actions.
- 558.** Mr. Masyk to propose the following motion:  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to employ measures that would increase the responsibility that engineers must take for their project costs which would include details and any inconsistencies with respect to cost over-runs.
- 559.** Mr. VanderBurg to propose the following motion:  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to review the Alberta Teachers' Pension Plan existing debt load with the intention to aggressively reduce the terms of repayment.
- 560.** 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 to enable Regional Health Authorities to adequately fund an enhanced level of long term care.

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

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to create an independent court of appeal body in the justice system to make legal binding judgments on disputed cases between injured workers and the Workers' Compensation Board.

**562.** Withdrawn.

**563.** Withdrawn.

**564.** Withdrawn.

**565.** Withdrawn.

**566.** Withdrawn.

**567.** Withdrawn.

**568.** Withdrawn.

**569.** 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 towards minimizing civil actions.

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

Text submitted, waiting for final approval.

**571.** 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 amongst researchers and scientists.

**572.** Withdrawn.

**573.** Withdrawn.

**574.** Withdrawn.

**575.** Rev. Abbott to propose the following motion:

Text submitted, waiting for final approval.

576. Withdrawn.

577. Withdrawn.

578. Mr. Masyk to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to work with provincial school boards and the Department of Government Services to ensure that all students receive and pass a driver training course prior to their being allowed to obtain a learner's licence.

579. Mr. Ouellette to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to move more quickly on regulatory reform in order to rid Alberta of frivolous, outdated, or cumbersome laws and regulations.

580. Withdrawn.

581. 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.

582. Withdrawn.

583. Withdrawn.

584. Mr. Cenaiko to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation to permit the policing community to utilize restraining orders based on probable cause for those individuals engaging with or manipulating minors to take part in criminal acts including, but not limited to, prostitution, drug trafficking, and gang involvement.

585. Mr. Bonner to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to reduce Workers' Compensation Board premiums for Alberta businesses.

586. Withdrawn.

587. Withdrawn.

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

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to support a review of the present remuneration system for teachers with the objective of compensating individual teachers based on surpassing standard performance expectations, education and training, and years of experience.

**589.** Withdrawn.

**590.** Withdrawn.

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

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to examine the feasibility of creating a trust fund for Alberta's post-secondary institutions to ensure that more post-secondary seats are made available for Alberta's students.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,  
Speaker

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