



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

Day 49

ORDER PAPER

First Session

Twenty-Sixth Legislature

Thursday, November 24, 2005

Prayers

ROUTINE

O Canada (First sitting day of each week)

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ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Motions

19. Moved by Hon. Mrs. McClellan:

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

Adjourned debate: Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky

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

1. Be it resolved that a Select Special Chief Electoral Officer Search Committee of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta be appointed, consisting of the following Members, namely:

Tarchuk (Chair)	Flaherty	Marz
Ducharme (Deputy Chair)	Griffiths	Pannu
Blakeman	Lougheed	Strang

for the purpose of inviting applications for the position of Chief Electoral Officer and to recommend to the Assembly the applicant it considers most suitable to this position.

2. The Chair and Members of the Committee shall be paid in accordance with the schedule of Category "A" Committees provided in the most current Members' Services Committee Allowances Order.
3. Reasonable disbursements by the Committee for advertising, staff assistance, equipment and supplies, rent, travel, and other expenditures necessary for the effective conduct of its responsibilities shall be paid, subject to the approval of the Chair.
4. In carrying out its responsibilities, the Committee may, with the concurrence of the head of the Department, utilize the services of members of the public service employed in that Department, and of the staff employed by the Assembly.
5. The Committee may, without leave of the Assembly, sit during a period when the Assembly is adjourned.
6. When its work has been completed, the Committee shall report to the Assembly if it is sitting. During a period when the Assembly is adjourned, the Committee may release its report by depositing a copy with the Clerk and forwarding a copy to each Member of the Assembly.

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

- Bill 43 Alberta Resource Rebate Statutes Amendment Act, 2005 (\$) — Hon. Mrs. McClellan
- Bill 44 Residential Tenancies Amendment Act, 2005 (No. 2) — Hon. Mr. Lund
- Bill 46 Criminal Notoriety Act — Mrs. Jablonski
- Bill 47 Alberta Association of Former MLAs Act — Mr. Johnson
- Bill 49 Police Amendment Act, 2005 (No. 2) — Hon. Mr. Cenaiko
- Bill 50 Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 2005 (No. 2) — Mr. Magnus
- Bill 53 Surface Rights Amendment Act, 2005 — Mr. Oberle

Third Reading

- Bill 45 Maternal Tort Liability Act — Mr. Oberle
- Bill 48 Justice of the Peace Amendment Act, 2005 — Hon. Mr. Stevens

Bills Awaiting Royal Assent

- Bill 9 Post-secondary Learning Amendment Act, 2005 — Hon. Mr. Hancock
- Bill 15 Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 2005 — Mr. Webber

Private Bills

Second Reading

- Bill Pr4 Brooklynn Hannah George Rewega Right of Civil Action Act — Mr. Oberle

Written Questions

- WQ43.** Dr. Taft to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 53):
- What is the total amount of each bonus and aggregate amount of all bonuses awarded to senior officials within the Ministry of Municipal Affairs in each of the 2003-04 and 2004-05 fiscal years, broken down by position and amount paid to each official?

WQ44. Mr. Bonko to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 53):

What is the total dollar amount collected by the Ministry of Sustainable Resource Development for timber royalties and fees, broken down by company and total dollar amount for each, for the 2003-04 and 2004-05 fiscal years?

WQ45. Mr. MacDonald to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 53):

What is the total amount of bonuses awarded to senior officials within the Ministry of Energy over each of the 2003-04 and 2004-05 fiscal years, broken down by position and amount paid to each official?

Motions for Returns

MR49. Mr. Flaherty to propose the following motion (Due Day 48):

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A copy of all reports, studies, papers, presentations, memos, correspondence or other Ministry documents pertaining to the plan to phase in a method for equating diploma examinations as referenced on page 28 of the Ministry of Learning's 2003-04 Annual Report.

MR50. Mr. Taylor to propose the following motion (Due Day 48):

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
All documents prepared or received by the Ministry of Advanced Education (formerly Learning) between January 1, 2002 and February 28, 2005, pertaining to the accreditation of post-secondary institutions granting baccalaureate degrees, the approval process for institutions seeking to grant baccalaureate degrees, and the establishment of the Campus Alberta Quality Council, including but not limited to correspondence between the Ministry and the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada on this issue.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

511. Withdrawn.

512. Mr. Griffiths to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to index the salaries of all Government employees to the average weekly earnings index and provide salary adjustments based on supply and demand pressures within one year following a provincial election.

513. Mr. Goudreau to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to require gas station owners to initiate land remediation within a reasonable time following closure of their businesses to ensure that the property can be used by subsequent property owners.

514. Dr. Morton to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to use all legal and political means possible to preserve the traditional definition of marriage as the lawful union of one man and one woman to the exclusion of all others.

515. 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.

516. Mr. Oberle to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to expedite the implementation of the recommendations of the Northern Alberta Development Council contained in their 2002 Northern Highways Strategy.

517. Mr. Miller to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to establish an independent commission to conduct a full review of all pension plans in which the Government has a continuing or outstanding financial obligation.

518. Dr. Miller to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce amendments to the Police Act to require that all critical internal police investigations be automatically assigned to an independent external special investigations body.

519. Mr. Pham to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to consider increasing funding for low income programs such as Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped and Alberta Works in proportion with increases in inflation rates.

520. Mr. McFarland to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to increase the mandatory school attendance age from 16 to 17 years of age and ensure that all able students in the Province abide by the attendance requirements.

521. Mr. Elsalhy to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to require all software suppliers whose products are available in Alberta to fully inform purchasers or users of the presence and effect of spyware included with their software and to provide them with an opportunity to explicitly consent before the spyware code is activated.

522. Withdrawn.

523. Mr. Eggen to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to establish an independent commission to examine the effects of the deregulation of Alberta's electricity industry including the export of power as well as potential and actual market manipulation.

524. Withdrawn.

525. Mr. Cao to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to create additional short-term internship positions within the Government for qualified immigrants who seek work experience for the first time in Canada, thereby encouraging private corporations and the Federal Government to do the same.

526. Ms Pastoor to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce amendments to the Protection for Persons in Care Act to include all continuing care residents.

527. Mr. Strang to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to require Albertans applying for any class of Alberta motor vehicle operator's licence to have a valid first aid certificate.

528. Mr. Flaherty to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to require school boards to eliminate primary and secondary school fees for basic educational services, including general school fees and other instructional fees for basic programs (such as physical education, music, and art) and to compensate school boards for all foregone revenue from these fees.

529. Mr. Taylor to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to establish a fully independent commission to conduct a comprehensive review of Alberta's post-secondary education system in accordance with recommendation #12 from the October 2003 report by the Alberta Commission on Learning.

530. Mrs. Mather to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation to make the Children's Advocate an Officer of the Legislature.

531. Mr. Martin to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation to establish a Seniors' Advocate who would be an Officer of the Legislature and whose office would be responsible for ensuring seniors receive the best possible services from the Government by investigating complaints of elder abuse and advocating legislative and policy changes to improve the quality of seniors' lives in Alberta.

532. Dr. Pannu to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to recognize the ongoing reality of domestic violence in Alberta, increase resources available to women leaving shelters so they are not forced back into abusive relationships, develop and implement counselling programs that specifically address intimate-partner violence, and create early-intervention programs targeted at children experiencing domestic violence.

533. Withdrawn.

534. Mr. VanderBurg to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to extend the natural gas rebate program, in its exact form, to span the entire year.

535. 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 of, and interaction with, other cultures around the world.

536. Mr. Chase to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to create two new provincial parks in memory of the Late, The Honourable Dr. Lois E. Hole and the Late, Honourable Ernest C. Manning to honour their service to Albertans.

537. Mr. Tougas to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to examine the relative percentage of casino revenue allocated to charitable organizations by urban and rural casinos and report back to the Legislative Assembly with the results.

538. Mr. Mason to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to remove the Public Affairs Bureau from the direct control of the Premier's Office and take steps to ensure the Public Affairs Bureau only provides non-partisan, objective communications services.

539. Mr. Ducharme to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Alberta College of Physicians and Surgeons to establish a public registry of physicians who have committed malpractice.

540. Mr. Agnihotri to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to consider doubling the annual funding for the Alberta Foundation for the Arts.

541. Withdrawn.

542. Mr. Bonko to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to establish regulations requiring strict reforestation timelines for forestry management agreements and timber licences, regular monitoring by provincial forest officers, and setting non-compliance penalties including reductions to, or suspensions of, harvesting privileges and substantial fines.

543. Mr. Cao to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to consider funding pollution cleanup in residential areas where the polluter has delayed doing so, with the costs fully recoverable from the polluter in addition to any fines that may be levied against the offender.

- 544.** Dr. Brown to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to consider strategies to increase the number of students who successfully complete the requirements for high school graduation.
- 545.** Withdrawn.
- 546.** Mr. VanderBurg to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to investigate the possibility of extending the electric utility sector's Regulated Rate Option, currently set to expire in June 2006, for another two years to allow the retail market further time to develop.
- 547.** Dr. Taft to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to begin the process of amending the Alberta Act to ensure the autonomy of municipalities in areas of exclusive municipal jurisdiction.
- 548.** Withdrawn.
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- 552.** 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 from 18 to 19 years of age.
- 553.** Mr. Johnson to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to investigate and introduce legislation to regulate the payday loans industry.
- 554.** Dr. Miller to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to strike a committee to review and make recommendations regarding procedures used to train provincial protection officers in tactical communications, non-violent crisis management techniques, and conflict resolution in order to enhance their ability to cope with potentially violent situations without resorting to the use of force.

- 555.** Ms Pastoor to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to index benefits under the Alberta Seniors Benefit Program to the Alberta Consumer Price Index.
- 556.** Withdrawn.
- 557.** Withdrawn.
- 558.** Withdrawn.
- 559.** Mr. Pham to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to increase the number of trade-related opportunities available to low income Albertans in career training institutions.
- 560.** Mrs. Jablonski to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to consider the advisability of implementing a \$6,000 annual tax exemption per child in a family as a means of lowering the tax burden for parents.
- 561.** Withdrawn.
- 562.** Mr. Lougheed to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to review the status of all individuals living in long-term care facilities in the Province to determine if community living would be more cost-effective to the health region and more beneficial to the individual.
- 563.** Withdrawn.
- 564.** Mr. Groeneveld to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to work with provincial governments and the Federal Government to standardize health and slaughter protocols for cattle across the country, thereby increasing interprovincial beef trade.
- 565.** Withdrawn.

566. Mr. Taylor to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to consider restoring its financial commitment to post-secondary education by providing proportional increases to the base operating grants of Alberta's public post-secondary institutions of \$100 million per year over the next three fiscal years.

567. Withdrawn.

568. Mr. Elsalhy to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to replace the Office of the Utilities Consumer Advocate with an independent, government-funded Utilities Consumer Ombudsman.

569. Rev. Abbott to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to consider increasing the per capita grant given to Alberta libraries by 50% in recognition of the Late, The Honourable Dr. Lois E. Hole to encourage library enhancement and increased participation in our public libraries.

570. 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 attract Canadian and international motoring travellers.

571. Withdrawn.

572. Withdrawn.

573. Withdrawn.

574. Mr. Flaherty to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to support safe and productive educational environments for teachers and students by reviewing its processes for assessing infrastructure renewal and maintenance needs of school divisions to avoid the accumulation of deferred infrastructure projects.

575. Withdrawn.

576. Dr. Morton to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to use all legal and political means possible to limit the impact of the Supreme Court of Canada's ruling in *R. v. Powley* from undermining the effective conservation of Alberta's fisheries and wild game animals, thereby protecting all Albertans' equal rights to hunt and fish regardless of race, religion, or colour of skin.

577. Withdrawn.

578. Mr. Hinman to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to implement a program to aggressively promote and develop value-added processing of Alberta beef using similar incentive programs such as those used to attract capital investment for the petroleum and mining industries.

579. Mr. Martin to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to take immediate steps to create a tribunal to review long-standing contentious claims with the Workers' Compensation Board as authorized by the Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 2002, but never implemented.

580. Mr. MacDonald to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to set standard licensing requirements for estheticians to protect the public from potentially dangerous and unhealthy practices.

581. Withdrawn.

582. Withdrawn.

583. Withdrawn.

584. Mr. Miller to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to improve the quality of life for Albertans earning less than \$29,000 annually by reducing personal income tax rates from ten per cent to nine per cent.

585. Dr. Swann to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to declare a moratorium on the development of coalbed methane until the surface and water impacts of its development are known and a plan is in place to protect agriculture, rangeland, and associated natural resources.

586. Rev. Abbott to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce amendments to the Election Act to require Elections Alberta to mail a non-partisan “vote at” card indicating the physical address of the polling station where each eligible voter may vote, at least two weeks prior to polling day in a provincial general election or by-election.

587. Ms DeLong to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to establish rules or guidelines for restraining orders, in particular ex parte orders, so that they do not unwarrantedly separate children from either of their contending parents.

588. Mr. Backs to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to provide a tax credit to parents or guardians for out-of-pocket costs related to their children’s organized, extra-curricular, physical, or cultural activities.

589. Withdrawn.

590. Mrs. Jablonski to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to develop, implement, and oversee regulations and standards for private not-for-profit and private for-profit long-term care facilities similar to those enacted for public long-term care facilities.

591. Withdrawn.

592. Dr. Brown to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to consider new initiatives to increase student participation rates within the Province’s post-secondary and training institutions.

593. Withdrawn.

594. Withdrawn.

595. Withdrawn.

596. Mr. Eggen to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to consider dedicating a portion of the funds annually spent on road construction and maintenance to the development of public transportation including the Edmonton LRT (light rail transit) expansion and the development of bicycle trails and pedestrian pathways.

597. Mr. Backs to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce whistleblower protection legislation to protect employees who speak out against wrongdoing in the workplace.

598. Mr. Griffiths to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to create a policy to enhance the development of an economy based on environmental issues.

599. Mr. Tougas to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to adopt a gambling awareness week based on the principles adopted in Nova Scotia.

600. Mrs. Mather to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to ensure that there is adequate and stable funding for programs to assist troubled teens.

601. Withdrawn.

602. Mr. Goudreau to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to examine the feasibility of providing enhanced home living assistance for seniors to allow them to remain in their homes, maintain their property, and sustain an above average standard of living.

603. Mr. Hinman to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to consider providing additional funding to rural school boards so that they can offer both enhanced academic and vocational educational curriculums similar to those offered in larger urban centres.

- 604.** Mr. Bonko to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to consider committing \$75 million, to be matched by industry and universities, to an Alberta technology venture fund to generate a venture capital industry in Alberta.
- 605.** Withdrawn.
- 606.** Ms Blakeman to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to include midwifery services as insured services under the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan.
- 607.** Dr. Taft to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to include municipalities in budgetary consultation processes to ensure that their needs are addressed and provide them with stable and adequate funding.
- 608.** Withdrawn.
- 609.** Mr. Groeneveld to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to continue developing an open grain marketing system for Alberta farmers to provide marketing options other than the Canada Wheat Board.
- 610.** 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.
- 611.** Mr. MacDonald to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce tax incentives for stay-at-home parents.
- 612.** Ms DeLong to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to establish regulations in cases where parents are living apart to encourage the active involvement of both parents in the lives of their children as equally effective as those currently used by the Government to encourage financial support.
- 613.** Withdrawn.
- 614.** Withdrawn

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

Bill 204 Pharmacy and Drug (Methamphetamine Limiting) Amendment Act, 2005
— Mr. Strang (Due Day 47)

NOTICES

Leave to Introduce a Bill

- Bill 51 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2005 (No. 2) (\$) — Hon. Mrs. McClellan
- Bill 52 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2005 (No. 2) — Hon. Mr. Stevens
- Bill 54 Alberta Centennial Education Savings Plan Amendment Act, 2005 — Hon. Mr. Hancock
- Bill 55 Post-secondary Learning Amendment Act, 2005 (No. 2) — Hon. Mr. Hancock
- Bill 56 Business Corporations Amendment Act, 2005 (No. 2) — Dr. Brown
- Bill 57 Apprenticeship and Industry Training Amendment Act, 2005 — Hon. Mr. Hancock
- Bill 210 School (Property Tax Reduction) Amendment Act, 2005 — Mr. Marz
- Bill 211 Alberta Commission on Energy Efficiency Act — Mr. Eggen
- Bill 213 Standing Committee on Continuing Care Standards Act — Ms Pastoor
- Bill 214 Water Protection and Conservation Statutes Amendment Act, 2005 — Dr. Swann
- Bill 218 Land Agents Licensing (Licence Requirement) Amendment Act, 2005 — Mr. Danyluk

Projected Government Business

Thursday, November 24 Aft. - **Introduction of Bills**
Bill 52
Government Bills and Orders
Committee of the Whole
Bill 45, 46, 49
And as per the Order Paper

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

Day 49 MR11, MR12, MR13.
Day 53 WQ17, WQ19, MR14, MR15, MR16, MR17, MR18, MR19, MR20, MR21,
MR22.
Day 57 MR25, MR26.
Day 61 WQ28, WQ30, MR27, MR35, MR36.
Day 76 WQ33, WQ34, WQ35, WQ37, WQ38, WQ40, WQ42, MR44, MR46,
MR48.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

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