



**Legislative Assembly
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Second Session

Twenty-Sixth Legislature

Thursday, February 23, 2006

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ORDERS OF THE DAY

Consideration of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech

Mr. Johnson to propose the following motion, seconded by Mr. Webber:

That an humble address be presented to His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor as follows:

To His Honour the Honourable Norman L. Kwong, CM, AOE, the 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 Your Honour for the gracious speech Your Honour has been pleased to address to us at the opening of the present session.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

Bill 1 Alberta Cancer Prevention Legacy Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Klein

NOTICES

Leave to Introduce a Bill

- Bill 2 Drug-endangered Children Act — Hon. Mrs. Forsyth
- Bill 3 Protection Against Family Violence Amendment Act, 2006 — Mrs. Jablonski
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- Bill 14 Health Professions Statutes Amendment Act, 2006 — Mr. Mitzel
- Bill 15 International Interests in Mobile Aircraft Equipment Act — Hon. Mr. Stelmach
- Bill 16 Peace Officer Act — Mr. Johnston
- Bill 17 Libraries Amendment Act, 2006 — Hon. Mr. Mar
- Bill 18 Wilderness Areas, Ecological Reserves, Natural Areas and Heritage Rangelands Amendment Act, 2006 — Hon. Mr. Mar
- Bill 201 Human Tissue Gift (Notification Procedure) Amendment Act, 2006 — Mr. Liepert
- Bill 202 Environmental Protection and Enhancement (Methamphetamine) Amendment Act, 2006 — Mr. Strang

Written Questions

WQ1. Mr. Mason to ask the Government the following question:

What is the total number of physicians who have opted out of the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan for each of the 2001 to 2005 fiscal years and from April 1, 2005 to February 22, 2006?

WQ2. Dr. Miller to ask the Government the following question:

What consultations, studies, research, or other information-gathering exercises pertaining to the use of Provincial Protection Officers for traffic safety enforcement on primary highways under the direction of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police were conducted by the Ministry of the Solicitor General and Public Security prior to the implementation of the pilot project?

WQ3. Mr. Agnihotri to ask the Government the following question:

For each of the fiscal years 2001-2002, 2002-2003, 2003-2004, and 2004-2005, how many grants awarded by the Wild Rose Foundation were subsequently investigated due to inadequate assurance that grant funds were used as intended?

WQ4. Mr. MacDonald to ask the Government the following question:

What was the total cost incurred by the Government for its response to the Acheson Acclaim sour gas blowout that occurred on December 12, 2004, broken down by department?

WQ5. Mr. MacDonald to ask the Government the following question:

What is the exact dollar amount paid to each group or individual by the Ministry of Energy pertaining to its latest royalty review?

- WQ6.** Mr. Taylor to ask the Government the following question:
For each of the fiscal years 2006-2007 through 2009-2010, how many additional spaces will be created in Alberta's medical schools?
- WQ7.** Mr. Taylor to ask the Government the following question:
For each of the fiscal years 2006-2007 through 2009-2010, how many additional spaces will be created in Alberta's nursing programs, broken down by institution and type of program?
- WQ9.** Ms Blakeman to ask the Government the following question:
How many of the patients who had qualified to be put on the list for surgery in the Alberta Hip and Knee Replacement Project were unable to have their surgery completed at the Health Resource Centre in Calgary due to other health issues that these patients had that could not be treated by this particular private clinic during the fiscal year 2004-2005?

Motions for Returns

- MR1.** Mr. Mason to propose the following motion:
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all submissions received by the Alberta Public Affairs Bureau Review Committee between May 26, 2005 and February 22, 2006.
- MR2.** Mr. Mason to propose the following motion:
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all minutes of the Alberta Public Affairs Bureau Review Committee meetings from May 26, 2005 to February 22, 2006.
- MR3.** Mr. Mason to propose the following motion:
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all correspondence (including e-mails), contracts, proposals, briefing notes, or memoranda prepared for or by the Government and/or the Calgary Health Region pertaining to the Health Resource Centre or Network Health Inc. between January 1, 2002 and February 22, 2006.
- MR4.** Mr. Mason to propose the following motion:
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copy of the report of the Alberta Public Affairs Bureau Review Committee announced on May 26, 2005.

- MR5.** Mr. Eggen to propose the following motion:
- That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all studies, briefing notes, backgrounders, feasibility studies, or environmental assessments prepared by or for the Ministry of Environment from January 1, 2003 to February 22, 2006 that analyze the injection of CO₂ for storage purposes.
- MR6.** Mr. Eggen to propose the following motion:
- That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all studies, briefing notes, backgrounders, feasibility studies, or environmental assessments prepared by or for the Ministry of Energy and/or the Ministry of Environment from January 1, 2003 to February 22, 2006 that analyze the injection of CO₂ for the extraction of oil.
- MR7.** Mr. Mason to propose the following motion:
- That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all documents, including legal opinions, briefing notes, backgrounders, or memoranda prepared by or for the Ministry of Health and Wellness from January 1, 2003 to February 22, 2006 that analyze whether the Government's Third Way initiative violates either existing provincial legislation or the Canada Health Act.
- MR8.** Mr. Mason to propose the following motion:
- That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of the results, data, and analysis of all public opinion polls, focus groups, surveys and questionnaires undertaken by or on behalf of the Ministry of Health and Wellness from January 1, 2004 to February 22, 2006.
- MR9.** Mr. Eggen to propose the following motion:
- That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all reports, briefing notes, backgrounders, or memoranda regarding grizzly bear populations in Alberta prepared by or for the Ministry of Sustainable Resource Development from January 1, 2004 to February 22, 2006.
- MR10.** Mr. Martin to propose the following motion:
- That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of the agenda and minutes of the February 20, 2004 meeting involving the Minister of Seniors and Community Supports and the MLA (Member of the Legislative Assembly) for Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo referenced on page 30 of the October 2005 Report of the Auditor General on Alberta Social Housing Corporation - Land Sales Systems.

- MR11.** Mr. Martin to propose the following motion:
- That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copy of the memo from the Deputy Minister to the Minister of Seniors and Community Supports referenced on page 30 of the October 2005 Report of the Auditor General on Alberta Social Housing Corporation - Land Sales Systems.
- MR12.** Mr. Miller to propose the following motion:
- That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copy of the final report submitted by the accounting firm KPMG to the Alberta Securities Commission (ASC) auditing ASC employee computer systems.
- MR13.** Mr. Miller to propose the following motion:
- That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copy of the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund ethical investment policy.
- MR14.** Mr. Taylor to propose the following motion:
- That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all documents including, but not limited to, studies, budgetary analyses, submissions, proposals, memos, and other correspondence related to the decision to increase the minimum debt level required for eligibility for the Alberta Student Loan Relief Program from \$5,000 to \$7,140 per annum.
- MR15.** Mr. Taylor to propose the following motion:
- That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all documents including, but not limited to, studies, reports, proposals, presentations, and correspondence related to the design, mandate, and implementation of the Campus Alberta Quality Council, including any correspondence between the Ministry of Advanced Education (formerly Learning) and the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada (AUCC) or other accreditation organizations.
- MR16.** Ms Blakeman to propose the following motion:
- That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Detailed breakdown of all expenses incurred by the Minister of Health and Wellness, her staff and/or designate on trips during the 2004-2005 fiscal year including, but not limited to, travel, accommodation, meals, receptions and hosting, as well as incidental and miscellaneous expenses.
- MR17.** Ms Blakeman to propose the following motion:
- That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copy of all cost-benefit analyses for the implementation of private insurance for non-emergency health services.

MR18. Ms Blakeman to propose the following motion:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:

For each of the fiscal years 2003-2004 and 2004-2005, a list of all groups and individuals representing either specific private health care related companies or any association, group, or organization representing the interests of the private health care industry who have met with the Premier, the Minister of Health and Wellness, the Assistant Deputy Ministers of Health and Wellness, or any Alberta Standing Policy Committee.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

501. Mr. Backs to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to develop an electric high-speed rail system by 2012 with a route that would include Edmonton city centre, Edmonton International Airport, Calgary International Airport, and Calgary city centre.

502. Mr. MacDonald to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to eliminate patronage appointments and increase openness and accountability of Government institutions and agencies by establishing new principles and procedures for recruiting, training, and evaluating boards of directors as outlined by Recommendations No. 1 and No. 2 of the Annual Report of the Auditor General of Alberta, 2004-2005.

503. Mr. Danyluk to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government, municipal governments, and community organizations to develop mechanisms to formally consult the youth of Alberta on issues that affect their future.

504. Rev. Abbott to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation to require municipalities to provide a minimum standard of fire and rescue services.

505. Mr. Webber to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to protect the rights of grandparents by introducing legislation to make it less onerous and burdensome for them to gain access to their grandchildren.

506. Mr. Mitzel to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to promote the use of Highway 41, up to and including Highway 63, from Wildhorse to Fort McMurray, as an alternate north-south transportation corridor from the United States.

507. Dr. Taft to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to support improved health, educational, and social outcomes for children by providing increased, dedicated funding for school nutrition programs for at-risk children in Alberta.

508. Dr. Morton to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation requiring fixed election dates every 4 years or whenever the Government loses the confidence of the Assembly.

509. Mr. Knight to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to reinvest in Alberta provincial park campsites and roadside rest areas.

510. Mr. Rogers to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to increase the supply of stable and reliable electricity to meet the demands of advanced manufacturing throughout the province, specifically in areas such as the Nisku Industrial Business Park and the Leduc Business Park, by increasing investment in transmission and associated infrastructure.

511. Dr. Swann to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to immediately commission and regularly update an inventory of all ground and surface (including glacial) water supplies in order to responsibly manage and sustain this resource in the public interest.

512. 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.

513. Mr. Bonko to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation to create an industrial site reclamation fund, supported by industry, to ensure that all industrial sites, downstream oil and gas operations, and oil sands operations are reclaimed and remediated at industry expense and never default to public liability.

514. Mr. Griffiths to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation to ensure that all budget surpluses or unbudgeted revenue from a given fiscal year be held in a holding account until its allocation is debated by the Legislative Assembly the following fiscal year.

515. Mr. Martin to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation to amend the Labour Relations Act to provide for binding first contract arbitration and to prohibit the use of replacement workers during legal strikes and lockouts.

516. Withdrawn

517. Mr. Eggen to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to ensure that any resources allocated for developing carbon dioxide sequestration match those allocated for an absolute reduction in the production of carbon dioxide.

518. Mr. Lindsay to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation to restrict the use of cellular phones by motor vehicle operators to hands-free units.

519. Mr. Shariff to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to consider the advisability of increasing funding of the International Development Program in an effort to enhance Alberta's role in the global economy and more accurately reflect the generosity of our citizens and the prosperity of our province.

520. Mr. VanderBurg to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to pool the proceeds from all charity casinos held in the province in order to ensure that both rural- and urban-based charities have equitable access to the proceeds.

521. Mr. Flaherty to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation to support skilled labour training in Alberta by partnering with industry and small business to develop, implement, and fund an alternative high school diploma in vocational arts.

522. Dr. Brown to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to adopt a comprehensive watershed-based management strategy in order to protect the sources of domestic water from contamination and to ensure future water quality.

523. 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.

524. 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 family law matters, particularly when granted on an ex parte basis, so that they do not unwarrantedly separate children from either of their contending parents.

525. Withdrawn

526. Withdrawn

527. Withdrawn

528. Mr. Chase to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to designate the 1,040 square kilometre Castle Wilderness as the Andy Russell I'tai sah kop Wildland Provincial Park/Provincial Park.

529. Withdrawn

530. Withdrawn

531. Rev. Abbott to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation to increase the speed limit on every provincial highway by an increment of 10 kilometres per hour.

532. Ms Blakeman to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to work with community coalitions, public health educators, medical professionals, police services, and the Alberta Motor Association to implement a strategy aimed at preventing injuries, disability, and premature death caused by motor vehicle accidents.

533. Mr. Lougheed to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to send Alberta Health Care statements to all Albertans in order to ensure that every individual within the province is aware of his or her use of the health care system.

534. Withdrawn

535. Withdrawn

536. Mrs. Mather to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to amend the Family and Community Support Services Act to include youth shelters as a preventative service in order to ensure they receive predictable, stable, long-term funding.

537. Dr. Brown to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to proclaim in force and implement the provisions of the School (Compulsory Attendance) Amendment Act, 2003.

538. Mr. Strang to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation that would allocate rural students more space in universities as recommended by the Alberta College of Physicians and Surgeons and Alberta Faculties of Medicine.

539. Mr. Agnihotri to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to consider immediately implementing and funding a sport plan for Alberta, as recommended by Alberta's Sport Plan Task Force, with the goal of promoting a healthier population.

540. Withdrawn

541. Mr. Groeneveld to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to continue pursuing initiatives to establish an open grain marketing system for Alberta farmers in order to provide marketing options other than the Canada Wheat Board.

542. Mr. Agnihotri to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to expedite immigrants' transition into the workforce by establishing a comprehensive provincial Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition Program.

543. Mr. Chase to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to commence twinning Highway 63 immediately.

544. Mr. McFarland to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to ban high intensity discharge (HID) technology, also known as xenon lighting, from vehicle headlights in Alberta.

545. 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.

546. Withdrawn

547. Dr. Pannu to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to request the Federal Government to not cancel existing commitments to child care in Alberta and to consider enhancing funding for high quality, licensed, not-for-profit child care centres.

548. 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 Driver's Licence to have a valid first aid certificate.

549. Withdrawn

550. Mr. Elsahy to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to establish an independent, publicly accountable commission with a mandate to determine fair, market-value compensation for land owners whose property is being expropriated for public purposes.

551. Mr. Hinman to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce right of recall legislation to ensure that elected representatives are accountable to the electorate.

552. Withdrawn

553. Mr. Mason to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to maintain the current prohibition against physicians who have opted into the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan from billing patients for services covered by that plan.

554. Mr. Miller to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to enter immediately into negotiations with the Alberta Teachers' Association regarding the unfunded liability in the Alberta Teachers' Retirement Fund to ensure Alberta teachers' pension contributions are reduced to the national average.

555. Withdrawn

556. Withdrawn

557. Withdrawn

558. Mr. Flaherty to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to develop province-wide standards for the provision of essential student support services including minimum numbers of guidance counsellors, vocational counsellors, and psychologists.

559. Mr. Backs to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation to establish a children's recreation tax credit to encourage families, especially those who are disadvantaged, to enroll their children in physical and cultural extracurricular activities.

560. Ms DeLong to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to consider limiting ex parte orders granted on an ex parte basis in family law cases to 14 days.

561. Mr. Danyluk to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to dedicate the necessary resources to the development of supportive, long-term, and low-cost transitional housing for youth across Alberta.

562. 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 long-term care facilities that do not receive public funding, similar to those in place for long-term care facilities that do receive public funding.

563. Mr. Prins to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to examine the funding formula for kindergarten to grade 12 accredited independent schools and independent post-secondary institutions with the intent of moving towards a more equitable funding formula, similar to the one used in Alberta's public education system.

564. Mr. Rodney to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to extend the provincial continuum of youth treatment services to ensure young Albertans experiencing problems with crystal-methamphetamine, other drugs, tobacco, and gambling have easy access to appropriate programs and resources.

565. Withdrawn

566. Mr. Rodney to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to institute an aggressive awareness and action campaign targeting youth and young adults who engage in binge drinking and are at high risk for negative physical, mental, emotional, and societal consequences.

567. Withdrawn

568. Dr. Miller to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to establish diversion programs within the criminal justice system in order to accommodate the specific social, legal, and health needs of mentally ill prisoners.

- 569.** 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.
- 570.** Mr. Hinman to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to cap future budget expenditures at the 2005/2006 spending level with an index for inflation and population growth.
- 571.** Withdrawn
- 572.** Mr. Elsalhy to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to establish an independent, publicly accountable board, consisting of environmental experts and other qualified scientists, to advise the Government on all policy decisions with possible environmental implications.
- 573.** Withdrawn
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- 576.** Mr. Bonko to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to place a moratorium on grizzly bear hunting in Alberta until an independent, scientific survey of the bear population is completed and demonstrates that a viable population can be maintained.
- 577.** 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.
- 578.** Mr. MacDonald to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation to extend the minimum length of vacation time for full-time employees who have worked 12 consecutive months for the same employer from two weeks to three weeks per year.

579. Mr. Taylor to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to support quality, accessibility, and affordability within the public post-secondary education system by introducing legislation that would eliminate the current \$3 billion limit on the value of the Access to the Future Fund.

580. Mr. Cao to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce amendments to the Occupational Health and Safety Act to place the punitive fines awarded in cases of death or severe disability into a trust fund which would benefit the dependent partner and/or children of the victim, rather than placing the funds into the General Revenue Fund or a non-government organization.

581. Withdrawn

582. Mr. Snelgrove to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to encourage the formation of a Canadian association of provincial legislators.

583. Withdrawn

584. Mr. Tougas to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to institute a five-year moratorium on new casino development.

585. Ms Pastoor to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation to require that all contracts between Regional Health Authorities and all continuing care service providers be made public.

586. Mr. Mason to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation to strengthen the prohibition against private payment for services covered under the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan and to prohibit de-listing services from the plan without broad consultation from health care stakeholders.

587. Dr. Pannu to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to recognize that income contingent loan repayment policies have demonstrably led to higher tuition and higher rates of student debt and prohibit the introduction of such forms of tuition financing in Alberta.

588. Withdrawn

589. 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.

590. 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.

591. Mr. Taylor to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to improve the affordability of public post-secondary educational opportunities by converting the Alberta Student Loan Program into a needs-based bursary program so that students graduate with no provincial student loan debt.

592. Dr. Morton to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to request Alberta's current unelected Senators to resign their positions immediately to allow Alberta's four elected Senators to be appointed.

593. Withdrawn

594. Mr. Griffiths to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to conduct an audit of all Government regulations in order to eliminate those that unnecessarily impede business development and growth.

595. 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.

596. 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 independent Officer of the Legislature.

597. Withdrawn

598. Ms Pastoor to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to improve the availability of palliative care to families throughout Alberta by declaring palliative care a core health service to be provided by all Health Regions without additional patient charges.

599. Withdrawn

600. Withdrawn

601. Withdrawn

602. Withdrawn

603. Dr. Swann to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to establish enforceable regulations, including strict timelines, for the reclamation of abandoned oil and gas wells to reduce the public's environmental risk and liability.

604. Dr. Taft to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to establish clear, written policies to prohibit any inappropriate interference by MLAs (Member of the Legislative Assembly), including by Ministers of the Crown, with enforcement cases at the Alberta Securities Commission.

605. Withdrawn

606. Mr. Eggen to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to prevent exposing Alberta consumers to California electricity markets by prohibiting the bulk export of electricity out of the country.

607. Withdrawn

608. Mr. Miller to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation to prohibit the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund from holding any investments in the tobacco industry.

609. Dr. Miller to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to hire more specialized Crown Prosecutors to work directly with police services throughout the process of investigating and prosecuting gang-related crimes.

610. Withdrawn

611. Mr. Tougas to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to establish an independent committee comprised of health experts, Aboriginal leaders, and other stakeholders, to develop a specialized health plan for Aboriginal peoples with a particular focus on diabetes, substance abuse, HIV (human immunodeficiency virus), and low-weight births.

612. Mr. Lindsay to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to limit the availability of taxpayer funded abortions to one per Albertan except in situations where the pregnancy is the result of an unlawful act or the abortion is medically necessary.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

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