



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

Day 5

ORDER PAPER

Third Session

Twenty-Sixth Legislature

Wednesday, March 14, 2007

1:00 p.m.

Prayers

ROUTINE

O Canada (First sitting day of each week)

Oral Question Period (1:30 p.m. daily)

Introduction of Visitors

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Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees

Presenting Petitions

Notices of Motions

Introduction of Bills

Tabling Returns and Reports

Tablings to the Clerk

Projected Government Business (Thursday)

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Consideration of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech

(Day 3)

Moved by Mr. Ducharme and seconded by Mr. Johnston:

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.

Adjourned debate: Ms Blakeman

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

- Bill 1 Lobbyists Act — Hon. Mr. Stelmach
- Bill 3 Climate Change and Emissions Management Amendment Act, 2007 — Hon. Mr. Renner
- Bill 4 Child Care Licensing Act — Hon. Ms Tarchuk
- Bill 5 Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2007 — Mr. Rodney
- Bill 6 Post-secondary Learning Amendment Act, 2007 — Mr. Dunford
- Bill 7 Private Vocational Schools Amendment Act, 2007 — Mr. Webber
- Bill 8 Vital Statistics Act — Mr. VanderBurg
- Bill 9 Tourism Levy Amendment Act, 2007 (\$) — Hon. Dr. Oberg
- Bill 10 Horned Cattle Purchases Act Repeal Act — Mr. Mitzel
- Bill 12 Income and Employment Supports Amendment Act, 2007 — Hon. Ms Evans
- Bill 13 Access to the Future Amendment Act, 2007 — Mr. Rodney
- Bill 14 Pandemic Response Statutes Amendment Act, 2007 — Mrs. Jablonski
- Bill 15 Protection of Children Involved in Prostitution Amendment Act, 2007 — Mrs. Forsyth

Written Questions

- WQ1.** Mr. Miller to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 18):
What is the total projected cost to taxpayers of the Government's current schedule for paying off the unfunded liabilities of public sector pension plans, broken down by plan?
- WQ2.** Ms Pastoor to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 17):
What was the total number of funding applications and the total number of applications approved under the Assistance to Persons with Developmental Disabilities program and the Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped program in fiscal years 2004-2005 and 2005-2006?
- WQ3.** Mr. MacDonald to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 17):
For each of the fiscal years 1997-1998 through 2005-2006, what is the total value of all reductions to Crown royalties under the following categories of "allowed costs" as referenced in Appendix "L" of the Alberta Oil Sands Royalty Guidelines: bonuses paid; corporate; environmental monitoring; hosting and entertainment; municipal taxes; stock option plans?
- WQ4.** Mr. Miller to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 17):
What was the total value of all Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund investments in tobacco-based companies at the end of fiscal years 2000-2001 through 2005-2006, and for the period April 1, 2006, to March 7, 2007?
- WQ5.** Mr. Martin to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 17):
For each of the fiscal years 2002-2003, 2003-2004, 2004-2005, 2005-2006, and for the period April 1, 2006, to March 6, 2007, what was the total value of psychiatric services contracted by Regional Health Authorities (RHAs), broken down by RHA, and what was the total value of psychiatric services contracted by the Alberta Mental Health Board?
- WQ6.** Mr. Martin to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 17):
For each of the fiscal years 2002-2003, 2003-2004, 2004-2005, 2005-2006, and for the period April 1, 2006, to March 6, 2007, what was the total number of psychiatrists contracted to provide clinical services for Regional Health Authorities (RHAs), broken down by RHA, and what was the total number contracted to provide clinical services by the Alberta Mental Health Board?

- WQ7.** Mr. Martin to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 17):
For each of the fiscal years 2002-2003, 2003-2004, 2004-2005, and 2005-2006, how many days of sick leave were taken by registered nurses, broken down by Regional Health Authorities?
- WQ8.** Mr. Martin to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 17):
For each of the fiscal years 2002-2003, 2003-2004, 2004-2005, and 2005-2006, how many days of sick leave were taken by licensed practical nurses employed by Regional Health Authorities (RHAs), broken down by RHA?

Motions for Returns

- MR1.** Mr. MacDonald to propose the following motion (Due Day 17):
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A copy of all documents relating to the Government's review of royalties that concluded in 2006, as referenced by the former Minister of Energy in the Calgary Herald on July 15, 2006, including a list of groups, organizations, companies, or individuals consulted, and the total amount of money paid to each group, organization, company, or individual for their involvement.
- MR2.** Mr. Flaherty to propose the following motion (Due Day 17):
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all feasibility reports, studies, proposals, cost-benefit analyses, correspondence, e-mails, and memos regarding the use of public-private partnership (P3) funding arrangements for school construction conducted from fiscal year 2002-2003 to 2005-2006, and for the period April 1, 2006, to March 7, 2007.
- MR3.** Ms Blakeman to propose the following motion (Due Day 18):
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A copy of all long-term capital plans for infrastructure related to health facilities approved in fiscal years 2004-2005 to 2005-2006, and for the period April 1, 2006, to March 7, 2007.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

- 502.** Mr. Lukaszuk to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to examine the feasibility of establishing an endowment fund and other incentives, including legislative and policy changes, to encourage the Alberta energy industry to research, implement, and commercialize alternative energy technologies.

503. Mr. Flaherty to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to recognize the unfunded liability in the Teachers' Pension Plan as a public debt that should be addressed as soon as possible in order to reduce the unfairly high contribution rates of Alberta teachers and increase the resources available for classroom services.

504. Mr. Hinman to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to consider the advisability of investing 50 percent of the budget surplus into the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund and reimbursing the remaining 50 percent to Albertans as a percentage of their personal income taxes and/or property taxes.

505. Mr. Amery to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to establish a plan with municipalities to phase out the education portion of property taxes for seniors.

506. Mr. Mason to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to adopt a made-in-Alberta energy policy to be developed through public consultation and debate in the Legislative Assembly and founded on the economic and energy interests of Alberta and Canada rather than those of the United States.

507. Dr. Taft to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to immediately begin assembling land and/or negotiating rights-of-way for a high-speed electric rail line between Edmonton and Calgary, with additional stops as warranted.

508. Mr. Mason to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation to amend section 2 of the Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act to make donations to leadership campaigns subject to the same contribution limits and disclosure requirements as other political donations.

- 509.** Mr. Agnihotri to propose the following motion:
- Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to immediately enter into negotiations with the Federal Government to expand the Provincial Nominee Program into a reliable and permanent source of skilled labour for Alberta, thereby reducing the demand for temporary foreign workers.
- 510.** Mr. Chase to propose the following motion:
- Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce amendments to the Election Act to lower the minimum age of electors in provincial elections from 18 years to 16 years.
- 511.** Mr. Chase to propose the following motion:
- Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to improve service for families involved in legal proceedings by implementing a fully effective unified family court, as called for by the Unified Family Court Task Force Report.
- 512.** Withdrawn
- 513.** Mr. Elsalhy to propose the following motion:
- Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce amendments to the Residential Tenancies Act to protect tenants by prohibiting rent increases during a tenant's first 12 months of occupancy and limiting subsequent rent increases to a maximum of once per year.
- 514.** Mr. Tougas to propose the following motion:
- Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation that will set minimum drink prices in licensed establishments, as recommended in the 2006 Report of the Alberta Roundtable on Violence In and Around Licensed Premises, which will help curb the over-consumption of alcohol that may lead to violence.
- 515.** Mr. Mitzel to propose the following motion:
- Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to recognize the tradition of hunting and fishing for all Albertans.
- 516.** Withdrawn

- 517.** Mr. Griffiths to propose the following motion:
- Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to consider the advisability of placing all revenue derived from natural resources in the province into a fund to develop a sustainable and environmentally sound economy for future generations.
- 518.** Mr. Johnston to propose the following motion:
- Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to work with the Federal Government to provide job security for members of the Canadian Forces Reserves who may get called to active duty for extended periods of time.
- 519.** Dr. Miller to propose the following motion:
- Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to reinstate the Designated Community School Program that enables schools to partner with other public and voluntary sector organizations and continue to serve as the hub of vibrant communities.
- 520.** Withdrawn
- 521.** Mr. Marz to propose the following motion:
- Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to establish a committee consisting of representatives from the Provincial Government, land owners, and the energy industry to review surface rights compensation.
- 522.** Mr. Backs to propose the following motion:
- Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to proclaim into force the Alberta Personal Income Tax (Tools Credit) Amendment Act, 2001, in order to encourage new apprentices in the trades, help Alberta tradesmen defray the high cost of tools, and foster economic and skills development in Alberta.
- 523.** Ms Blakeman to propose the following motion:
- Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to ban all point of purchase tobacco advertising displays known as power walls.
- 524.** Withdrawn

- 525.** Mr. MacDonald to propose the following motion:
- Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to establish a provincial land bank of unused and available Crown land to ensure the orderly development of affordable housing required to accommodate Alberta's growth.
- 526.** Withdrawn
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- 528.** Mr. Rodney to propose the following motion:
- Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to enter into an agreement with the Federal Government, First Nations governments, and the City of Calgary for a southwest Calgary ring road with construction to begin in the first six months of 2008.
- 529.** Rev. Abbott to propose the following motion:
- Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation requiring any information collected by an automobile event data recorder during a collision to be made available to the public.
- 530.** Withdrawn
- 531.** Mr. Taylor to propose the following motion:
- Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to consider increasing support for students in financial need by extending eligibility to the third and fourth years of study, and increasing the amount of non-repayable aid provided through the Alberta Opportunities Bursary.
- 532.** Withdrawn
- 533.** Dr. Swann to propose the following motion:
- Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation to require the establishment of an industry-supported clean up fund for downstream oil and gas operations, abandoned gas stations, and other contaminated industrial sites throughout Alberta.
- 534.** 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.

535. Withdrawn
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537. Mr. Johnston to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to demonstrate leadership to the private sector and other levels of government by installing hands-free mobile communication devices in all government and private vehicles used for government purposes.
538. Mr. Amery to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to eliminate health care premiums to benefit all Albertans.
539. 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.
540. Ms DeLong to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to create a provincial certification for neutral centres that can, in cases of separation or divorce, be assigned by the courts to document parental compliance with access orders.
541. 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 general election.
542. Withdrawn
543. 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 providing a clear timeline for priority school construction and maintenance projects.

- 544.** Dr. Pannu to propose the following motion:
- Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation to reduce tuition to 1999-2000 levels, reduce the interest on student loans to prime, limit increases of mandatory fees, and increase the number of guidance counsellors in high schools in order to affirm the importance of post-secondary education as a long-term personal and economic investment.
- 545.** Mrs. Mather to propose the following motion:
- Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to consider increasing financial support for Family and Community Support Services.
- 546.** Mr. Loughheed to propose the following motion:
- Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to consider the needs of persons with disabilities when developing or revising government services, programs, legislation, and policies.
- 547.** Withdrawn
- 548.** Withdrawn
- 549.** Withdrawn
- 550.** 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 to qualify for benefits under the Alberta Seniors Benefit Program.
- 551.** Mr. Tougas to propose the following motion:
- Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation to amend the Gaming and Liquor Act to define the carrying of a knife within a licensed premises as conduct detrimental to the orderly operations of the premises, thereby making such individuals subject to arrest and prosecution.
- 552.** 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.

- 553.** Mr. Miller to propose the following motion:
- Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to consider providing immediate one-time funding for a traffic interchange at 23rd Avenue and Gateway Boulevard in Edmonton to increase the commercial vitality, safety, and quality of life in affected communities.
- 554.** 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 in the province is aware of his or her use of the health care system.
- 555.** Mrs. Jablonski to propose the following motion:
- Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to permit Alberta's credit unions to open general insurance broker subsidiaries, as Alberta is the only province which prohibits credit unions from owning a general insurance broker.
- 556.** Withdrawn
- 557.** Withdrawn
- 558.** Mr. Elsahy to propose the following motion:
- Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly recognize the principle that everyone needs a home by urging the Government to establish an interest-free loan program for qualified homeless and hard-to-house individuals that would cover the cost of a damage deposit and/or first month's rent.
- 559.** Mrs. Mather to propose the following motion:
- Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to double the number of youth addiction treatment beds over the next five years.
- 560.** Mr. Martin to propose the following motion:
- Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to adopt a contracting policy similar to the one recently adopted by the City of Calgary to ensure that all organizations receiving government contracts pay their employees a living wage in order to compensate for the rising cost of living.

- 561.** Dr. Swann to propose the following motion:
- Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to enable industry efforts to increase the supply of wind and other renewable power supplies so that every Alberta home and farm can run on renewable or green energy within 10 years.
- 562.** Dr. Miller to propose the following motion:
- Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to lobby the Federal Government for legislative amendments that will ensure that individuals charged under the child pornography provision (section 163.1) of the Criminal Code are denied bail.
- 563.** Dr. Taft to propose the following motion:
- Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce amendments to the Election Act to require photo identification to vote in provincial elections.
- 564.** Withdrawn
- 565.** Mr. Eggen to propose the following motion:
- Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to take immediate steps to make fully funded and regulated junior kindergarten and full-day kindergarten accessible to parents who choose to give their children the broad benefits of early childhood education.
- 566.** Mr. Agnihotri to propose the following motion:
- Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to consider doubling the funding of the Alberta Foundation for the Arts in order to support the innovative individuals and institutions required to sustain and expand Alberta's economic and cultural vitality.
- 567.** Rev. Abbott to propose the following motion:
- Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to consider the feasibility of hiring additional police officers and special constables to reduce theft, vandalism, and other crimes in rural Alberta.
- 568.** Mr. Johnson to propose the following motion:
- Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to consider covering contractors working on farms under the Alberta Occupational Health and Safety Code.
- 569.** Withdrawn

- 570.** 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.
- 571.** Withdrawn
- 572.** Mr. Backs to propose the following motion:
- Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to consider the advisability of taxing all bitumen produced in Alberta at a level that will encourage the full processing of this resource in Alberta.
- 573.** Mr. Eggen to propose the following motion:
- Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to table a detailed plan to significantly increase the number of high quality, licensed, not-for-profit child care spaces in the province in order to reduce the burden placed on Alberta families faced with lengthy wait lists and the high cost of child care.
- 574.** Mr. Martin to propose the following motion:
- Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to table a clear plan to relieve infrastructure pressures facing municipalities, school boards, and health regions using traditional financing methods to avoid the cost over-runs, lack of public oversight, and sub-standard quality associated with many P3 projects.
- 575.** Mr. Bonko to propose the following motion:
- Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to consider providing additional resources to community policing services, including linking funding to population growth rates, in order to create safer and more cohesive communities.
- 576.** 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.
- 577.** Mr. MacDonald to propose the following motion:
- Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce amendments to the Employment Standards Code to increase the minimum vacation time for full-time employees from two weeks to three weeks per year.

- 578.** Withdrawn
- 579.** Mr. Cao to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to work toward accepting the Canadian Forces' vehicle operators' certificates and trades qualifications in order to allow these individuals to enter the workforce in an expedient manner after discharge.
- 580.** Withdrawn
- 581.** Mr. Eggen to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to implement measures to ensure that the approval of all major industrial projects is conditional on a cumulative impact assessment which would determine and mitigate each project's impact on health infrastructure, municipal infrastructure, housing, the environment, and the overall economy.
- 582.** Mr. Hinman to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to consider the advisability of returning 10 percent of provincial income and corporate taxes to the municipalities they were collected from.
- 583.** Ms Pastoor to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to create an independent advocacy centre for dependent adults to provide information, and legal and advocacy services for residents of continuing care facilities and their families.
- 584.** Ms Pastoor to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to increase the number of, and resources available to, those workers who help provide Alberta's homeless citizens with critical social services, including housing.
- 585.** Withdrawn
- 586.** 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.

- 587.** Mr. Bonko to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to consider dedicating a percentage of all provincial gaming and tobacco tax revenues to alcohol, drug, and tobacco addiction and cessation programs.
- 588.** Mr. Rodney to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to begin construction of the South Calgary Hospital by 2008, with a completion date of 2010, which will serve to decrease hospital wait times to 60 minutes and decrease the number of EMS (Emergency Medical Services) red alerts in Calgary.
- 589.** Withdrawn
- 590.** Mr. Taylor to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce amendments to the Municipal Government Act to encourage preservation of the original character of historically significant or heritage neighbourhoods.

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

Bill 202 Consumer Advocate Act — Mr. Elsalhy

NOTICES

Leave to Introduce a Bill

- Bill 2 Conflicts of Interest Amendment Act, 2007 — Dr. Brown
- Bill 11 Telecommunications Act Repeal Act — Hon. Ms Evans
- Bill 16 Police Amendment Act, 2007 — Hon. Mr. Lindsay
- Bill 17 Limitation Statutes Amendment Act, 2007 — Dr. Brown
- Bill 18 Judicature Amendment Act, 2007 — Hon. Mr. Stevens
- Bill 19 Appeal Procedures Statutes Amendment Act, 2007 — Dr. Brown
- Bill 20 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2007 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Snelgrove
- Bill 203 Service Dogs Act — Mr. Lougheed

Projected Government Business

Wednesday, March 14

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of Supply

Interim Supply Estimates
(Day 1 of 2)

Address in Reply to the Speech
from the Throne (Day 3 of 10)

And as per the Order Paper

Thursday, March 15

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

Bill 4 and Appropriation Bill

Committee of Supply

Interim Supply Estimates
(Day 2 of 2)

Address in Reply to the Speech
from the Throne (Day 4 of 10)

And as per the Order Paper

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Wednesday, March 14, 2007