



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

Day 22

ORDER PAPER

Third Session

Twenty-Sixth Legislature

Monday, April 30, 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

Introduction of Guests

Ministerial Statements

Members' Statements

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

Government Motions

17. Moved by Hon. Dr. Oberg:

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

Adjourned debate: Ms Blakeman

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

- Bill 2 Conflicts of Interest Amendment Act, 2007 — Dr. Brown
- Bill 11 Telecommunications Act Repeal Act — Mr. Dunford
- Bill 23 Unclaimed Personal Property and Vested Property Act (\$) — Hon. Dr. Oberg
- Bill 24 Real Estate Amendment Act, 2007 — Mr. Rogers
- Bill 26 Municipal Government Amendment Act, 2007 — Hon. Mr. Danyluk
- Bill 29 Farm Implement Amendment Act, 2007 — Rev. Abbott
- Bill 30 Disaster Services Amendment Act, 2007 — Mr. Prins
- Bill 31 Mental Health Amendment Act, 2007 — Rev. Abbott
- Bill 32 Animal Health Act — Hon. Mr. Groeneveld

Committee of the Whole

- Bill 1 Lobbyists Act — Hon. Mr. Stelmach
- 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 13 Access to the Future Amendment Act, 2007 — Mr. Rodney
- Bill 14 Pandemic Response Statutes Amendment Act, 2007 — Mrs. Jablonski
- Bill 17 Limitation Statutes Amendment Act, 2007 — Dr. Brown
- Bill 18 Judicature Amendment Act, 2007 — Hon. Mr. Stevens

Third Reading

- Bill 5 Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2007 — Mr. Rodney
Bill 10 Horned Cattle Purchases Act Repeal Act — Mr. Mitzel
Bill 12 Income and Employment Supports Amendment Act, 2007 — Hon. Ms Evans

Private Bills

Referred to Private Bills Committee

- Bill Pr1 CyberPol - The Global Centre for Securing Cyberspace Act — Mr. Cenaiko
Bill Pr2 Crest Leadership Centre Act — Mr. Marz

Bills Awaiting Royal Assent

- Bill 3 Climate Change and Emissions Management Amendment Act, 2007 — Hon. Mr. Renner
Bill 4 Child Care Licensing Act — Hon. Ms Tarchuk
Bill 6 Post-secondary Learning Amendment Act, 2007 — Mr. Dunford
Bill 15 Protection of Children Involved in Prostitution Amendment Act, 2007 — Mrs. Forsyth
Bill 16 Police Amendment Act, 2007 — Hon. Mr. Lindsay
Bill 19 Appeal Procedures Statutes Amendment Act, 2007 — Dr. Brown
Bill 21 Securities Amendment Act, 2007 — Mr. Pham
Bill 22 Alberta Investment Management Corporation Act (\$) — Hon. Dr. Oberg
Bill 27 Emblems of Alberta Amendment Act, 2007 — Hon. Mr. Goudreau
Bill 28 Provincial Court Amendment Act, 2007 — Hon. Mr. Stevens

Written Questions

- WQ9.** Dr. Pannu to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 27):
How many long-term care facilities and beds were operating in Alberta on December 31 for the years 2001 to 2006 inclusive, broken down by regional health authority and whether the facility is owned/operated publicly, privately, or on a voluntary basis, an example of which appears on page 19 of the Report of the Auditor General on Seniors Care and Programs 2005?

- WQ10.** Dr. Pannu to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 27):
- How many supportive living facilities (including assisted living facilities, lodges, enhanced lodges, seniors complexes, and group homes) and related number of beds were operating in Alberta for each of the fiscal years 2001-02 to 2005-06, and for April 1, 2006 to March 19, 2007, broken down by regional health authority and by whether the facility is owned/operated publicly, privately, or on a voluntary basis?
- WQ11.** Mr. Eggen to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 27):
- What is the total number of barley producers whose information was sent to the accounting firm KPMG for the purpose of assembling the list of eligible voters for the 2007 barley plebiscite of the Canadian Wheat Board?
- WQ12.** Mr. Miller to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 33):
- For each of the fiscal years 2001-2002 through 2005-2006, what percentage of requests for information under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act were met within 30 days of the initial request?
- WQ13.** Mr. Miller to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 33):
- As of April 11, 2007, what is the total cost of efforts to recover cheques that were sent to people who did not qualify for the Alberta 2005 Resource Rebate program?
- WQ14.** Mr. Miller to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 33):
- What was the total cost associated with administering the Alberta 2005 Resource Rebate program?

Motions for Returns

- MR4.** Mr. Miller to propose the following motion (Due Day 33):
- That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A copy of all ministerial expense claims, broken down by Minister, submitted between December 1, 2006, and March 1, 2007.
- MR5.** Mr. Bonko to propose the following motion (Due Day 33):
- That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all documents, including studies, reports, and environmental or economical impact assessments, relating to the effects of the presence of mountain pine beetles in Alberta forests from fiscal years 2002-2003 through 2006-2007.

MR6. Mrs. Mather to propose the following motion (Due Day 33):

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

A detailed breakdown of all expenses relating to advertising and promotional campaigns encouraging Albertans to become foster parents in each of the fiscal years 2002-2003 through 2006-2007.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

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
- 527.** Withdrawn
- 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
- 536.** Withdrawn
- 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. Elsalhy 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 205 Environmental Protection and Enhancement (Conservation and Reclamation) Amendment Act, 2007 — Mr. Strang (Time remaining: 82 minutes)

Debate adjourned: Mr. Martin speaking.

Bill 207 Child Care Accountability and Accessibility Act — Mrs. Mather

Bill 208 School (Restrictions on Fees and Fund-raising) Amendment Act, 2007 — Mr. Flaherty

Committee of the Whole

Bill 203 Service Dogs Act — Mr. Lougheed (Due Day 19)

NOTICES

Leave to Introduce a Bill

Bill 33 Town of Bashaw and Village of Ferintosh Water Authorization Act — Mr. Prins

Projected Government Business

Tuesday, May 1

Government Motions

Motion 17

Opposition Response

And as per the Order Paper

Wednesday, May 2

Committee of Supply (Hours 1 to 3)

Health and Wellness

And as per the Order Paper

Thursday, May 3

Committee of Supply (Hours 4 to 6)

Energy, Children's Services

And as per the Order Paper

**Due Dates Under Standing Order 34(5) for
Written Questions Accepted and Motions for Returns Agreed to**

Day 48 WQ1, WQ2, WQ4.

**Written Questions and Motions for Returns
for Consideration Monday, April 30, 2007**

Written Questions: Stand and retain their places.

Motions for Returns: Stand and retain their places.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Monday, April 30, 2007