



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

Day 60

ORDER PAPER

Third Session

Twenty-Sixth Legislature

Thursday, November 29, 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: Mr. Backs

35. Oral notice having been given, Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that pursuant to Standing Order 4, the Legislative Assembly convene, if called, for evening sittings beginning at 8:00 p.m. on December 3, December 4, and December 5, 2007, for consideration of Government Business.

36. Oral notice having been given, Hon. Mr. Hancock, Government House Leader, to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that when further consideration of Government Motion 35 regarding evening sittings on December 3, December 4, and December 5, 2007, is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration to the motion at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the motion shall be put forthwith.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

Bill 42 Insurance Amendment Act, 2007 — Mr. Rodney

Bill 46 Alberta Utilities Commission Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Knight

Debate adjourned, Mrs. Mather speaking.

Bill 47 Livestock Commerce and Animal Inspection Statutes Amendment Act, 2007 — Mr. Mitzel

Bill 48 Health Facilities Accountability Statutes Amendment Act, 2007 — Hon. Mr. Hancock

Bill 49 Traffic Safety Amendment Act, 2007 — Mr. Johnston

Bill 52 Corrections Amendment Act, 2007 — Mr. Johnston

Adjourned debate: Mr. Cenaiko

Committee of the Whole

- Bill 23 Unclaimed Personal Property and Vested Property Act (\$) — Hon. Dr. Oberg
- Bill 31 Mental Health Amendment Act, 2007 — Rev. Abbott (reported from Standing Committee on Community Services — Sessional Paper 690/2007)
- Bill 38 Government Organization Amendment Act, 2007 — Ms DeLong
- Bill 41 Health Professions Statutes Amendment Act, 2007 — Hon. Mr. Hancock
- Bill 50 Health Professions Statutes Amendment Act, 2007 (No. 2) — Mrs. Jablonski
- Bill 53 Teachers' Pension Plans Amendment Act, 2007 — Hon. Mr. Liepert
- Bill 54 County of Westlock Water Authorization Act — Hon. Mr. Renner
- Bill 55 East Central Regional Water Authorization Act — Mr. Hayden
- Bill 56 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2007 (No. 2) (\$) — Hon. Mr. Snelgrove

Third Reading

- Bill 1 Lobbyists Act — Hon. Mr. Stelmach
- Bill 2 Conflicts of Interest Amendment Act, 2007 — Dr. Brown
- Bill 9 Tourism Levy Amendment Act, 2007 (\$) — Hon. Dr. Oberg
- Bill 11 Telecommunications Act Repeal Act — Mr. Dunford
- Bill 13 Access to the Future Amendment Act, 2007 — Mr. Rodney
- Bill 24 Real Estate Amendment Act, 2007 — Mr. Rogers
- Bill 35 Alberta Personal Income Tax Amendment Act, 2007 — Mr. Rogers
- Bill 36 Alberta Corporate Tax Amendment Act, 2007 — Mr. Rogers
- Bill 40 Personal Directives Amendment Act, 2007 — Hon. Mrs. Ady

Private Bills

Committee of the Whole

- Bill Pr1 CyberPol - The Global Centre for Securing Cyberspace Act — Mr. Cenaiko

Bills Awaiting Royal Assent

- Bill 7 Private Vocational Schools Amendment Act, 2007 — Mr. Webber
- Bill 8 Vital Statistics Act — Mr. VanderBurg

- Bill 37 Tobacco Tax Amendment Act, 2007 — Hon. Dr. Oberg
- Bill 45 Smoke-free Places (Tobacco Reduction) Amendment Act, 2007 — Hon. Mr. Hancock

Written Questions

WQ17. Ms Pastoor to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 70):

What were the salaries of contracted employees and/or consultants employed by the Ministry and Department of Seniors and Community Supports during the 2006-2007 fiscal year, broken down by amount and position title?

WQ18. Ms Pastoor to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 70):

What was the total cost of implementing the InterRAI MDS system for continuing care facilities and home care, including hardware systems and software technical installation and staff training between January 1, 2002, and November 15, 2007, broken down annually and by health region?

Motions for Returns

MR9. Mr. Martin to propose the following motion (Due Day 66):

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A copy of the independent audit of the financing method being used for the construction of schools in Calgary which the Minister of Education referred to in the Assembly during Oral Question Period on Wednesday, November 7, 2007.

MR10. Ms Pastoor to propose the following motion (Due Day 68):

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A copy of all documents including, but not limited to reports, studies, economic analyses, correspondence, presentations, and evaluations pertaining to the indexing of Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped (AISH) benefits to the average weekly earnings as reported by Statistics Canada.

MR11. Ms Pastoor to propose the following motion (Due Day 68):

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A copy of all documents including, but not limited to reports, studies, statistical data, correspondence, presentations, and evaluations pertaining to the July 2006 elimination of the Persons' with Developmental Disabilities Provincial Board.

MR12. Mr. MacDonald to propose the following motion (Due Day 68):

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A complete list of individuals and organizations consulted by the Deputy Premier, Hon. Mr. Stevens, regarding the royalty review process and the Alberta Royalty Review Panel's recommendations, and the total cost incurred by the Government for those meetings.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

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. Withdrawn

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. Lougheed 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 214 Healthy Futures Act — Ms Blakeman (Time remaining: 17 minutes)

Debate adjourned, Mr. Coutts speaking.

Bill 215 School (Canadian History Content) Amendment Act, 2007 — Mr. Cao

Bill 216 Water Protection and Conservation Statutes Amendment Act, 2007 —
Dr. Swann

Bill 218 Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (Repeal of Ministerial
Briefing Exemption) Amendment Act, 2007 — Mr. Agnihotri

Bill 222 Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund (Tobacco Investment Elimination)
Amendment Act, 2007 — Mr. Miller

Referred to Standing Committee on Government Services

Bill 213 Regulatory Accountability and Transparency Act — Mr. Backs

Third Reading

Bill 212 Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods Act — Mr. Johnston (Due Day 61)

NOTICES

Leave to Introduce a Bill

Bill 51 Government Organization Amendment Act, 2007 (No. 2) — Hon. Mr. Snelgrove

Bill 57 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2007 (No. 2) — Hon. Mr. Stevens

Projected Government Business

Thursday, November 29

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

Bill 46

As per the Order Paper

Third Reading

Bill 13, 35, 36, 40, 56

As per the Order Paper

And as per the Order Paper

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

Day 64 MR4.

Time Remaining for Consideration of Private Members' Business Pursuant to Standing Order 8(3), on Thursday, November 29, 2007

No time remaining.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Thursday, November 29, 2007