



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

Day 12

ORDER PAPER

First Session

Twenty-Seventh Legislature

Thursday, May 1, 2008

Prayers

ROUTINE

O Canada (First sitting day of each week)

Oral Question Period (1:50 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

Consideration of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech (Day 9)

Moved by Mrs. Leskiw and seconded by Mr. Bhullar:

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: Mr. Chase

Government Motions

10. Moved by Hon. Ms Evans:

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

Adjourned debate: Mr. Mason

11. Hon. Mr. Stelmach to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne be engrossed and presented to His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor by such Members of the Assembly as are Members of Executive Council.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

Bill 1 Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement Implementation Statutes Amendment Act, 2008 — Hon. Mr. Stelmach

Adjourned debate: Mr. Mason

Bill 2 Travel Alberta Act — Hon. Mrs. Ady

Bill 3 Fiscal Responsibility Amendment Act, 2008 — Hon. Mr. Snelgrove

Bill 4 Alberta Enterprise Corporation Act — Hon. Mr. Horner

Bill 7 Post-secondary Learning Amendment Act, 2008 — Mr. Bhullar

Bill 8 Climate Change and Emissions Management Amendment Act, 2008 —
Hon. Mr. Renner

Bill 11 Insurance Amendment Act, 2008 — Hon. Ms Evans

Bill 12 Teachers' Pension Plans Amendment Act, 2008 — Hon. Ms Evans

Committee of the Whole

Bill 6 Appropriation (Interim Supply) Act, 2008 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Snelgrove

Bills Awaiting Royal Assent

Bill 5 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2008 (\$) — Hon.
Mr. Snelgrove

Committee of Supply - 2008 Main Estimates Schedule

(Time remaining after Committee of Supply consideration on April 30, 2008:
44.5 hours)

May 1 (aft.) Agriculture and Rural Development

May 5 (eve.) Service Alberta

May 6 (aft.) Culture and Community Spirit

May 6 (eve.) Infrastructure

May 7 (aft.) Tourism, Parks and Recreation

May 7 (eve.) Justice

May 8 (aft.) Advanced Education and Technology

May 12 (eve.) International and Intergovernmental Relations

May 13 (aft.) Executive Council

May 13 (eve.) Health and Wellness

May 14 (aft.) Transportation

May 14 (eve.) Children and Youth Services

May 15 (aft.) Sustainable Resource Development

May 20 (aft.) Municipal Affairs

May 20 (eve.) Housing and Urban Affairs

May 21 (aft.) Solicitor General and Public Security

May 21 (eve.) Finance and Enterprise / Treasury Board

Written Questions

- WQ1.** Ms Pastoor to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 19):
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?
- WQ2.** Ms Pastoor to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 19):
What was the total cost of implementing the InterRAI MDS (Minimum Data Set) system for continuing care facilities and home care, including hardware, software technical installation, and staff training between January 1, 2002, and December 31, 2007, broken down annually and by health region?
- WQ3.** Mr. Hehr to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 21):
What percentage of the 15 percent surcharge collected from provincial statutory offences has the Victims of Crime Fund received from the Ministry of Solicitor General and Public Security since its inception to February 4, 2008?
- WQ4.** Mr. Hehr to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 21):
What is the total number of successful claimants who requested compensation through the Victims of Crime Fund since its inception to February 4, 2008?
- WQ5.** Mr. Hehr to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 21):
What is the total number and value of any overpayments made by the Ministry of Solicitor General and Public Security from the Victims of Crime Fund from its inception to February 4, 2008?
- WQ6.** Mr. Hehr to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 21):
What is the total number of litigants, broken down by year, dealt with by the Calgary Mental Health Diversion Project since its inception in April 2001 to February 4, 2008, and what is the total amount of annual funding provided to the Calgary Mental Health Diversion Project by the Alberta Health and Wellness Health Innovation Fund from April 1, 2004, to February 4, 2008?

- WQ7.** Mr. Taylor to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 24):
Which hospitals had to shut down (temporarily or indefinitely) wards due to staff shortages between April 1, 2006, and March 31, 2007, and which wards were shut down?
- WQ8.** Mr. Taylor to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 24):
How many hours of overtime have been paid to registered nurses in the Capital Health and Calgary Health Regions between April 1, 2006, and March 31, 2007?
- WQ9.** Mr. Taylor to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 24):
What is the current ratio of full-time registered nurses to part-time registered nurses in the Capital Health and Calgary Health Regions?
- WQ10.** Mr. Taylor to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 24):
How many sick hours have registered nurses logged in the Capital Health and Calgary Health Regions between April 1, 2006, and March 31, 2007?

Motions for Returns

- MR1.** Ms Pastoor to propose the following motion (Due Day 19):
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 indexing Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped (AISH) benefits to the average weekly earnings as reported by Statistics Canada.
- MR2.** Ms Pastoor to propose the following motion (Due Day 19):
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.
- MR3.** Dr. Taft to propose the following motion (Due Day 19):
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A copy of all documents used by the Government to project that royalties will increase by approximately \$1.4 billion in 2010 as forecasted by the New Royalty Framework.

MR4. Dr. Taft to propose the following motion (Due Day 19):

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

A complete list of attendees from government and industry at all meetings regarding potential changes to the Crown agreements with Suncor and Syncrude.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

503. Mr. Johnston to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce amendments to the Traffic Safety Act to allow a vehicle to be seized if a driver is charged with racing on a highway.

504. Mr. Rogers to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to provide support, in conjunction with its federal and municipal counterparts, to Port Alberta at the Edmonton International Airport with the aim to foster economic growth in the Capital Region and Alberta.

505. Withdrawn

506. Withdrawn

507. Mr. Johnston to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to enhance the protection of animals by reviewing the relevant penalties under provincial legislation.

508. Mr. Amery to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to implement innovative methods of crime reduction, such as mass media advertising and mandated educational programs, for use in the province.

509. Mr. Fawcett to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to consider the feasibility of establishing an urban infrastructure planning organization for the Calgary region to assist local municipalities, boards, and authorities in planning for common needs, cooperating for mutual benefit, and coordinating for sound urban planning of transportation and social infrastructure.

510. Ms DeLong 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.

- 511.** Ms Blakeman to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation to establish a ceiling for the daily accrual of interest on payday loans.
- 512.** 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.
- 513.** Mrs. Sarich to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to establish resident family councils to provide residents, families, and staff involved in the continuing care system with an opportunity to raise concerns and have them addressed in the facility.
- 514.** Dr. Taft to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to make rodeo Alberta's official sport.
- 515.** Mrs. McQueen to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to pursue initiatives which would eliminate the sale of energy intense appliances, lights, and electronics when an energy efficient alternative is available.
- 516.** Ms Woo-Paw to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to implement the framework for the Alberta Non-profit/Voluntary Sector Initiative (ANVSI), in partnership with the non-profit voluntary sector, to ensure a strong and sustainable voluntary sector that provides service and support to Alberta's communities.
- 517.** Withdrawn
- 518.** Mr. Elniski to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to assist senior citizens by encouraging family-managed care options and ensuring competitive compensation to attract and retain persons working with elderly clients.

519. Mr. Hehr to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce amendments to the Municipal Government Act to provide municipalities with the authority to institute temporary rent controls and a moratorium on condominium conversions.

520. Mr. Dallas to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to consider supporting a canal system in the Riverlands area of downtown Red Deer as part of the Greater Downtown Action Plan to boost tourism, diversify the economy, and create more jobs in the community.

521. Ms Calahasen to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to explore the various methods and technologies available to heat and power Alberta homes and buildings and put a program in place to assist Albertans who choose to use appropriate alternative energy forms.

522. Withdrawn

523. Withdrawn

524. Mr. VanderBurg to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to explore the feasibility of allowing seniors' centres to apply for funding through existing grant structures to cover the costs of utilities.

525. Mr. Horne to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to further enhance its commitment to Alberta's environment by considering the implementation of emission standards for automobile exhaust.

526. Mr. MacDonald to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation requiring all school boards to establish and maintain an anaphylactic policy that includes: strategies to reduce exposure to anaphylactic causative agents, information on life-threatening allergies, annual first-aid training on dealing with life-threatening allergies, and a requirement for every school principal to develop a plan for each pupil affected by an anaphylactic allergy, including the maintenance of a file for each anaphylactic pupil.

- 527.** Mr. Hehr to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce amendments to the Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Act to include sexual orientation among the prohibited grounds of discrimination.
- 528.** Withdrawn
- 529.** 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 provide municipalities with the authority to institute inclusionary zoning to create additional affordable housing.
- 530.** Mr. Kang to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation to require the provincial vehicle fleet to be adapted to “green” fuel sources to minimize fossil fuel emissions.
- 531.** Withdrawn
- 532.** Withdrawn
- 533.** Dr. Swann to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to commit to a comprehensive waste management strategy that promotes integrated curbside recycling, centralized municipal composting, and enhanced capacity for electronics recycling and provide funds for the development of waste reduction technologies.
- 534.** Withdrawn
- 535.** Withdrawn
- 536.** Mr. Allred to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to work with the Federal Government to increase efficiency and transparency in the process of bringing temporary foreign workers to Alberta.
- 537.** 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.

- 538.** Mrs. Sarich to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to consult with a broad cross section of stakeholders to develop a comprehensive approach to early childhood learning in Alberta.
- 539.** Withdrawn
- 540.** Withdrawn
- 541.** Withdrawn
- 542.** Ms Woo-Paw to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to declare the month of May as Asian Heritage Month in Alberta.
- 543.** Withdrawn
- 544.** Mr. VanderBurg to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to expand the definition of emergency vehicle in the Traffic Safety Act to include tow trucks so that flashing red lights can be installed to enhance safety on Alberta's highways.
- 545.** Withdrawn
- 546.** 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.
- 547.** Mr. Xiao to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to construct overpasses on the west section of Anthony Henday Drive and ensure construction is completed on time.
- 548.** Withdrawn
- 549.** Mr. Chase to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to take all action necessary to create additional affordable housing on university campuses.

- 550.** 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.
- 551.** Mrs. McQueen to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to explore the feasibility of reducing the provincial fuel tax in order to decrease the financial pressures experienced by Albertans.
- 552.** Withdrawn
- 553.** Dr. Taft to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to guarantee safe drinking water is available for all Alberta communities.
- 554.** Withdrawn
- 555.** Ms Notley to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to prepare and table in the Assembly a clear plan to limit fees for child care while ensuring child care providers have funding available to provide high quality care.
- 556.** Mr. Campbell to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to ensure that the Willmore Wilderness Park is promoted to encourage traditional usage such as outfitting, trapping, hunting, and fishing.
- 557.** Withdrawn
- 558.** Mr. Kang to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to establish full-day kindergarten programs as proposed by Alberta's Commission on Learning in its report and recommendations of October 2003.
- 559.** Withdrawn
- 560.** Dr. Brown o propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to take further steps to ensure that natural habitats on public lands in the province are preserved for wildlife and for the enjoyment of future generations of Albertans.

- 561.** Ms Calahasen to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to recognize the month of June as Aboriginal History Month in Alberta.
- 562.** Withdrawn
- 563.** Withdrawn
- 564.** Mr. Rodney to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to continue to study, plan, and implement the construction and funding of a high-speed electric rail line between Edmonton and Calgary.
- 565.** Mr. Doerksen to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to consider introducing mandatory drug testing for individuals suspected of impaired driving in situations involving traffic fatalities.
- 566.** Withdrawn
- 567.** Mr. Mason to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly establish an all-party committee on oil and gas royalties.
- 568.** Withdrawn
- 569.** Withdrawn
- 570.** Withdrawn
- 571.** Mr. Prins to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to consider pursuing right-to-farm legislation, which will ensure that farmers are able to conduct standard agricultural practices and receive reasonable protection from the consequences of adjacent industrial, commercial, and residential development.
- 572.** Withdrawn
- 573.** Withdrawn

574. Ms Pastoor to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to index Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped (AISH) benefits to the average weekly earnings for Albertans, as established by Statistics Canada, and commit to conducting an annual review.

575. Mr. Elniski to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to investigate public complaints where the equity, openness, and disclosure in the awarding of construction contracts involving unionized labour is questioned.

576. Mr. Bhullar to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to recognize the great contribution seniors have made to the development and success of Alberta by exploring methods to eliminate or reduce the education portion of their property taxes.

577. Withdrawn

578. Mr. Weadick to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to examine the feasibility of providing core funding for seniors' centres.

579. Withdrawn

580. Withdrawn

581. Mr. Chase to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation to ensure privately contracted care providers receive remuneration equivalent to that paid to employees in the public health care sector.

582. Withdrawn

583. Withdrawn

584. Mr. Sandhu to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to require Albertans to make an explicit election regarding organ donation on the back of their Alberta Personal Health Card.

- 585.** Mr. Quest to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to amend the definition of “qualified person” in the Condominium Property Regulation and create a registry of qualified professionals who can complete a reserve fund study, report, and plan as required under the Condominium Property Act.
- 586.** Withdrawn
- 587.** Dr. Brown to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to expand home care health and support services in order to enable seniors to maintain their independent lifestyles whenever possible.
- 588.** Withdrawn
- 589.** Withdrawn
- 590.** Withdrawn
- 591.** Withdrawn
- 592.** Ms Pastoor to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to increase the number of dental procedures covered by the Dental Assistance for Seniors program.
- 593.** Withdrawn
- 594.** Withdrawn
- 595.** Withdrawn
- 596.** Mr. Bhullar to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to continue its strong commitment to Alberta’s environment by introducing incentives to promote a decrease in the consumer use of plastic bags.
- 597.** Ms Notley to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to move wind energy projects that are currently on the Alberta Electric System Operator queue onto the grid.
- 598.** Withdrawn

- 599.** Mr. Xiao to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to work with municipalities to increase the patrol capacity of police officers for new and fast growing neighbourhoods.
- 600.** Withdrawn
- 601.** Mr. Olson to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to explore initiatives which would further the ability of seniors to age in place and continue living close to their families.
- 602.** Withdrawn
- 603.** Mrs. Forsyth to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation to protect Alberta's children from exploitation by implementing a mandatory reporting requirement when a person reasonably believes that a representation is, or might be, child pornography, including online material, books, photographs, or other visual representations.
- 604.** Withdrawn
- 605.** Mr. Amery to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to address tax burdens faced by nurses willing to work overtime hours as a result of health care labour shortages.
- 606.** Withdrawn
- 607.** Withdrawn
- 608.** Mr. Dallas to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to consider the benefits of investing in and supporting gasification technology as a tool for waste management in Alberta.
- 609.** Withdrawn
- 610.** Mr. Sandhu to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to take measures under the Traffic Safety Act to allow operators of commercial transporters with unevenly distributed non-reducible loads to be issued an overload permit when the axle unit is not overloaded by more than 10 percent.

611. Withdrawn

612. Mr. Olson to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to explore initiatives to allow greater input from landowners in the decision-making process when dealing with questions of orphaned wells and land reclamation.

613. Withdrawn

614. Dr. Swann to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation to make watershed management planning mandatory for all seven of Alberta's major river basins.

615. Withdrawn

616. Mr. Taylor to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to provide free tuition to students in Alberta medical schools in exchange for their commitment to practise in Alberta for 10 years upon graduation.

617. Withdrawn

618. Mr. Mason to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to investigate a bulk buying plan for pharmaceuticals and use any savings to reduce the cost of prescription drugs for Alberta seniors.

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

Bill 203 Election Statutes (Fixed Election Dates) Amendment Act, 2008 —
Mr. Allred (Time remaining: 31 minutes)

Adjourned debate: Mr. Oberle

Bill 204 Traffic Safety (Hand-Held Communication Devices) Amendment Act, 2008
— Mr. Johnston

Committee of the Whole

Bill 201 Hunting, Fishing and Trapping Heritage Act — Mr. Mitzel (Due Day 13)

NOTICES

Leave to Introduce a Bill

- Bill 9 Land Agents Licensing Amendment Act, 2008 — Mr. Mitzel
Bill 10 Security Services and Investigators Act — Mr. Anderson
Bill 205 Traffic Safety (Used Vehicle Inspection) Amendment Act, 2008 —
Mr. Bhardwaj
Bill 206 Alberta Personal Income Tax (Physical Activity Credit) Amendment Act,
2008 — Mr. Rodney

Projected Government Business

Thursday, May 1 Aft. - **Government Bills and Orders**
Committee of Supply
Main Estimates
Agriculture and Rural
Development
And as per the Order Paper

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Thursday, May 1, 2008