



**Legislative Assembly  
Province of Alberta**

Day 36

**ORDER PAPER**

First Session

Twenty-Seventh Legislature

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Wednesday, October 22, 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**

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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

## 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

## Government Bills and Orders

### Second Reading

Bill 27 Funeral Services Amendment Act, 2008 — Mr. Johnson

Adjourned debate: Mr. Chase

Bill 28 Jury Amendment Act, 2008 — Hon. Ms Redford

Adjourned debate: Ms Pastoor

Bill 29 Alberta Capital Finance Authority Amendment Act, 2008 (\$) — Hon. Ms Evans

Adjourned debate: Dr. Swann

Bill 31 Financial Administration Amendment Act, 2008 — Hon. Mr. Snelgrove

Adjourned debate: Ms Pastoor

Bill 32 Meat Inspection Amendment Act, 2008 — Mr. Griffiths

Adjourned debate: Ms Pastoor

Bill 33 Agriculture Financial Services Amendment Act, 2008 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Groeneveld

Adjourned debate: Mr. MacDonald

Bill 34 Employment Pension Plans Amendment Act, 2008 — Dr. Brown

Adjourned debate: Ms Blakeman

Bill 35 Government Organization Amendment Act, 2008 — Hon. Mr. Hayden

Adjourned debate: Mr. MacDonald

Bill 36 Land Titles Amendment Act, 2008 — Dr. Brown

Adjourned debate: Dr. Brown

Bill 38 Securities Amendment Act, 2008 — Mr. Fawcett

Bill 39 Court Statutes Amendment Act, 2008 — Mr. Denis

## **Committee of the Whole**

Bill 30 Alberta Evidence Amendment Act, 2008 — Mr. Bhullar

## **Third Reading**

Bill 9 Land Agents Licensing Amendment Act, 2008 — Mr. Mitzel

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

Bill 20 Agriculture Statutes Repeal Act, 2008 — Mr. Griffiths

## **Bills Referred to Standing Committees**

### **Referred to Standing Committee on Community Services**

Bill 18 Film and Video Classification Act — Hon. Mr. Blackett

Referred: following First Reading on May 21, 2008

Report by: fourth week of October 2008

### **Referred to Standing Committee on the Economy**

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

Referred: during Second Reading consideration on May 26, 2008

### **Referred to Standing Committee on Health**

Bill 24 Adult Guardianship and Trusteeship Act — Hon. Mrs. Jablonski

Referred: following First Reading on June 2, 2008

Report by: fourth week of October 2008

### **Referred to Standing Committee on Public Safety and Services**

Bill 10 Security Services and Investigators Act — Mr. Anderson

Referred: during Second Reading consideration on May 21, 2008

Report by: fourth week of October 2008

### **Referred to Standing Committee on Resources and Environment**

Bill 23 Weed Control Act — Mr. Mitzel

Referred: following First Reading on June 2, 2008

Report by: fourth week of October 2008

## **Bills Awaiting Royal Assent**

- Bill 7 Post-secondary Learning Amendment Act, 2008 — Mr. Bhullar
- Bill 8 Climate Change and Emissions Management Amendment Act, 2008 — Hon. Mr. Renner
- Bill 14 Court of Queen's Bench Amendment Act, 2008 — Hon. Ms Redford
- Bill 15 Family Law Amendment Act, 2008 — Hon. Ms Redford
- Bill 16 Municipal Government Amendment Act, 2008 — Hon. Mr. Danyluk
- Bill 19 First Nations Sacred Ceremonial Objects Repatriation Amendment Act, 2008 — Hon. Mr. Blakett
- Bill 21 Heating Oil and Propane Rebate Act — Mr. Griffiths
- Bill 25 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2008 — Hon. Ms Redford

## **Written Questions**

- WQ21.** Dr. Taft to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 36):  
What are the costs for the Department of Agriculture's Farm Fuel Benefit Program from April 1, 1997, to May 8, 2008, including the grant costs as well as estimates of the tax exemption costs?
- WQ22.** Mr. Hehr to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 37):  
What is the percentage, broken down by year, of litigants dealt with by the Edmonton Drug Treatment and Community Restoration Court since its commencement on December 7, 2005, to May 14, 2008, who have re-offended for a possession-related offence?
- WQ23.** Mr. Hehr to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 37):  
What is the total amount of funding, broken down by year, provided to every Legal Aid Society in the province from May 1, 2005, to May 14, 2008?
- WQ24.** Mr. Hehr to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 37):  
What is the total number of litigants, broken down by year, dealt with by the Edmonton Drug Treatment and Community Restoration Court since its commencement on December 7, 2005, to May 14, 2008, and what is the total amount of annual funding provided by the province to the Edmonton Drug Treatment and Community Restoration Court for that same period?

## Motions for Returns

**MR18.** Mr. Hehr to propose the following motion (Due Day 36):

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

A copy of any and all documents that provide an economic forecast regarding the costs relative to increasing the Ministry's capacity to deal with complex legal issues such as public-private partnerships and the British Columbia-Alberta Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement (TILMA) as outlined in strategy 5.3 on page 209 of the 2008-11 Business Plan for the Ministry of Justice.

**MR19.** Mr. Hehr to propose the following motion (Due Day 36):

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

A copy of any and all documents that illustrate how Alberta's court system will be made more accessible by rewriting the Alberta Rules of Court as outlined in strategy 2.9 on page 206 of the 2008-11 Business Plan for the Ministry of Justice.

**MR20.** Mr. Hehr to propose the following motion (Due Day 36):

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

A copy of any and all recommendations proposed that illustrate how Alberta's court system will be made more accessible by rewriting the Alberta Rules of Court as outlined in strategy 2.9 on page 206 of the 2008-11 Business Plan for the Ministry of Justice.

**MR21.** Mr. Hehr to propose the following motion (Due Day 36):

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

A copy of any and all recommendations proposed that illustrate how early, effective, and affordable resolutions of civil disputes, such as an apology, will streamline the Ministry's operations as outlined in strategy 2.3 on page 205 of the 2008-11 Business Plan for the Ministry of Justice.

**MR22.** Mr. Hehr to propose the following motion (Due Day 36):

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

A copy of any and all recommendations proposed that illustrate how Alberta's succession statutes can be reformed or modernized to ensure they are consistent with current social values and will facilitate efficient handling of Albertans' estates as outlined in strategy 2.2 on page 205 of the 2008-11 Business Plan for the Ministry of Justice.

## Motions Other Than Government Motions

**510.** Ms DeLong to propose the following motion (Amended):

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to *provide* 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.** Withdrawn

**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 (Amended):

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to *encourage family-managed care options by improving support services for families who care for elderly relatives.*

**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 to 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 207 Young Albertans' Advisory Council Act — Mr. Fawcett

### **Committee of the Whole**

Bill 205 Traffic Safety (Used Vehicle Inspection) Amendment Act, 2008 —  
Mr. Bhardwaj (Due Day 36)

Bill 206 Alberta Personal Income Tax (Physical Activity Credit) Amendment Act,  
2008 — Mr. Rodney (Due Day 42)

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## NOTICES

### Government Motions

19. Hon. Mr. Hancock to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly concur in the report of the Select Special Ethics Commissioner Search Committee and recommend that Neil Wilkinson be appointed as Ethics Commissioner for the Province of Alberta.

### Leave to Introduce a Bill

Bill 208 Alberta Affordable Mortgage Protection Act — Mr. Weadick

Bill 209 Traffic Safety (Driver Disqualification and Seizure of Vehicles Arising From Drug Offences) Amendment Act, 2008 — Mr. Quest

### Projected Government Business

Wednesday, October 22	Aft.	- <b>Government Bills and Orders</b> <b>Second Reading</b> Bill 36, 38, 39 <b>Committee of the Whole</b> Bill 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35 <b>Third Reading</b> As per the Order Paper And as per the Order Paper
	Eve.	- <b>Government Bills and Orders</b> <b>Second Reading</b> Bill 36, 38, 39 <b>Committee of the Whole</b> Bill 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35 <b>Third Reading</b> As per the Order Paper And as per the Order Paper



Thursday, October 23

Aft.

- **Government Bills and Orders**

**Second Reading**

Bill 36, 38, 39

**Committee of the Whole**

Bill 29, 30, 31

**Third Reading**

Bill 27, 28, 32, 33, 34, 35

And as per the Order Paper

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

Day 47 WQ1, WQ3, WQ4, WQ5, MR1, MR2.

Day 58 WQ11, WQ12, WQ18, WQ19.

Day 64 WQ20, MR9, MR10, MR11, MR16.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,  
Speaker

Title: Wednesday, October 22, 2008