



**Legislative Assembly  
Province of Alberta**

Day 48

**ORDER PAPER**

First Session

Twenty-Seventh Legislature

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Wednesday, November 19, 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 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

21. Hon. Mr. Snelgrove to move the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Message from His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, the 2008-09 Supplementary Supply Estimates for the General Revenue Fund and the Lottery Fund, and all matters connected therewith, be referred to Committee of Supply.

22. Hon. Mr. Snelgrove to move the following motion:

Be it resolved that, pursuant to Standing Order 61(9), the number of days that Committee of Supply will be called to consider the 2008-09 Supplementary Supply Estimates for the General Revenue Fund and the Lottery Fund shall be one day.

### Government Bills and Orders

#### Second Reading

- Bill 40 Child, Youth and Family Enhancement Amendment Act, 2008 — Mr. Dallas

Adjourned debate: Mr. Dallas

- Bill 47 Mines and Minerals (New Royalty Framework) Amendment Act, 2008 — Mr. Webber

Adjourned debate: Dr. Swann

- Bill 48 Alberta Corporate Tax Amendment Act, 2008 (\$) — Hon. Ms Evans

Adjourned debate: Mr. Chase

- Bill 49 Traffic Safety Amendment Act, 2008 — Mr. Berger

Adjourned debate: Ms Notley

- Bill 50 Victims Restitution and Compensation Payment Amendment Act, 2008 (\$) — Hon. Ms Redford

Adjourned debate: Mr. Chase

## **Committee of the Whole**

- Bill 41 Municipal Government Amendment Act, 2008 (No. 2) — Hon. Mr. Danyluk  
Bill 44 Pharmacy and Drug Amendment Act, 2008 — Mr. Denis  
Bill 45 Statistics Bureau Amendment Act, 2008 — Hon. Mr. Goudreau  
Bill 46 Health Professions Amendment Act, 2008 — Mr. Anderson

## **Third Reading**

- Bill 29 Alberta Capital Finance Authority Amendment Act, 2008 (\$) — Hon. Ms Evans  
Bill 42 Health Governance Transition Act — Hon. Mr. Liepert  
Bill 43 Emergency Health Services Act — Mr. Anderson

## **Bills Awaiting Royal Assent**

- Bill 10 Security Services and Investigators Act — Mr. Anderson  
Bill 18 Film and Video Classification Act — Hon. Mr. Blackett  
Bill 23 Weed Control Act — Mr. Mitzel  
Bill 24 Adult Guardianship and Trusteeship Act — Hon. Mrs. Jablonski  
Bill 27 Funeral Services Amendment Act, 2008 — Mr. Johnson  
Bill 32 Meat Inspection Amendment Act, 2008 — Mr. Griffiths  
Bill 33 Agriculture Financial Services Amendment Act, 2008 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Groeneveld  
Bill 39 Court Statutes Amendment Act, 2008 — Mr. Denis  
Bill 206 Alberta Personal Income Tax (Physical Activity Credit) Amendment Act, 2008 — Mr. Rodney

## **Written Questions**

- WQ25.** Dr. Taft to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 59):  
How many investigations of violations of zoo standards were conducted and completed by the Department of Sustainable Resource Development between January 1, 2003, and October 31, 2008?
- WQ26.** Mr. Hehr to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 59):  
What is the percentage, broken down by year, of clients who graduated from the Calgary Drug Treatment Court since its commencement on May 10, 2007, to May 16, 2008, who have subsequently been convicted of a possession-related offence?

**WQ27.** Dr. Taft to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 61):

How many penalties, and their aggregate value, for violations of zoo standards were issued by the Department of Sustainable Resource Development between January 1, 2003, and October 31, 2008?

### **Motions for Returns**

**MR25.** Mr. Chase to propose the following motion (Due Day 61):

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
A copy of reviews, reports, and recommendations from the Department of Education regarding the usefulness of provincial achievement tests and diploma examinations from January 1, 2007, to October 31, 2008.

**MR26.** Mr. Hehr to propose the following motion (Due Day 61):

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
A copy of documents showing the departmental procedures and guidelines for enforcement of zoo standards from January 1, 2003, to October 31, 2008.

### **Motions Other Than Government Motions**

**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 208 Alberta Affordable Mortgage Protection Act — Mr. Weadick

Adjourned debate: Mr. McFarland (Time remaining: 49 minutes)

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

Bill 210 School (Enhanced Protection of Students and Teachers) Amendment Act, 2008 — Mrs. Forsyth

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## NOTICES

### Leave to Introduce a Bill

- Bill 51 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2008 (No. 2) (\$) — Hon. Mr. Snelgrove
- Bill 212 Agricultural Operation Practices (Confined Feeding Operations Approvals) Amendment Act, 2008 — Mr. McFarland
- Bill 213 Environmental Protection and Enhancement (Fines for Littering on Public Lands and Highways) Amendment Act, 2008 — Ms Calahasen
- Bill 215 Tobacco Reduction (Protection of Youth from Second-hand Smoke in Vehicles) Amendment Act, 2008 — Dr. Sherman

### Projected Government Business

- Wednesday, November 19
- Aft. - **Government Bills and Orders**  
**Committee of Supply**  
Supplementary Supply Estimates  
(Day 1 of 1)  
And as per the Order Paper
- Eve. - **Government Bills and Orders**  
**Second Reading**  
Bill 49, 50  
**Committee of the Whole**  
Bill 46, 47, 48  
**Third Reading**  
Bill 41, 43, 44, 45  
And as per the Order Paper
- Thursday, November 20
- Aft. - **Government Bills and Orders**  
**Committee of the Whole**  
Bill 49, 50  
**Third Reading**  
Bill 46, 47, 48  
And as per the Order Paper

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

Day 58 WQ11, WQ12, WQ18, WQ19

Day 64 WQ20, MR10, MR11, MR16

Day 68 WQ22, WQ23, WQ24, MR18, MR21, MR22

Hon. Ken Kowalski,  
Speaker

Title: Wednesday, November 19, 2008