



**Legislative Assembly  
Province of Alberta**

Day 56

**ORDER PAPER**

First Session

Twenty-Seventh Legislature

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Wednesday, December 3, 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

## 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

### Referred to Standing Committee on Health

Bill 52 Health Information Amendment Act, 2008 — Mr. Rogers

Referred: following Second Reading on November 27, 2008

### Third Reading

Bill 51 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2008 (No. 2) (\$) — Hon. Mr. Snelgrove

## Bills Awaiting Royal Assent

Bill 53 Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2008 (No. 2) — Hon. Ms Redford

## 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

**MR23.** Mr. Chase to propose the following motion (Due Day 65):

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 increasing funding to private schools from January 1, 2006, to October 31, 2008.

**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

**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 211 Documentation of Child Access Exchange Act — Ms DeLong

Debate adjourned, Ms. Woo-Paw speaking. (Time remaining: 84 minutes)

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

### **Committee of the Whole**

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 215 Tobacco Reduction (Protection of Youth from Second-hand Smoke in Vehicles) Amendment Act, 2008 — Dr. Sherman

Bill 216 Seniors' Advocate Act — Mrs. Sarich

Bill 217 Traffic Safety (Heavy Vehicle Lane Limitation) Amendment Act, 2008 — Mr. Lukaszuk

### Projected Government Business

Wednesday, December 3      Aft.      - **Government Bills and Orders**  
**Third Reading**

Bill 51

And as per the Order Paper

Thursday, December 4      Aft.      - **Government Bills and Orders**  
As per the Order Paper

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

Day 64    WQ20, MR10, MR11, MR16

Hon. Ken Kowalski,  
Speaker

Title: Wednesday, December 3, 2008