



**Legislative Assembly  
Province of Alberta**

Day 18

**ORDER PAPER**

Second Session

Twenty-Seventh Legislature

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Thursday, March 19, 2009

**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

### 11. Hon. Mr. Hancock to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that a Select Special Chief Electoral Officer Search Committee of the Legislative Assembly be appointed, consisting of the following Members, namely:

Mitzel (Chair)	Campbell	Marz
Lund (Deputy Chair)	Horne	Notley
Bhullar	Lukaszuk	Webber
Blakeman	MacDonald	

for the purpose of inviting applications for the position of Chief Electoral Officer and to recommend to the Assembly the applicant it considers most suitable to this position.

1. The Chair and members of the Committee shall be paid in accordance with the schedule of Category A Committees provided in the most current Members' Services Committee Allowances Order.
2. Reasonable disbursements by the Committee for advertising, staff assistance, equipment and supplies, rent, travel, and other expenditures necessary for the effective conduct of its responsibilities shall be paid, subject to the approval of the Chair.
3. In carrying out its responsibilities, the Committee may, with the concurrence of the head of the department, utilize the services of members of the public service employed in that department, and of the staff employed by the Assembly.
4. The Committee may, without leave of the Assembly, sit during a period when the Assembly is adjourned.
5. When its work has been completed, the Committee shall report to the Assembly if it is sitting. During a period when the Assembly is adjourned, the Committee may release its report by depositing a copy with the Clerk and forwarding a copy to each Member of the Assembly.

## Government Bills and Orders

### Second Reading

Bill 4 Post-secondary Learning Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Bhullar

Adjourned debate: Ms Notley

Bill 6 Protection of Children Abusing Drugs Amendment Act, 2009 — Mrs. Forsyth

Adjourned debate: Hon. Mr. Hancock

- Bill 7 Public Health Amendment Act, 2009 — Hon. Mr. Liepert  
Adjourned debate: Dr. Swann
- Bill 9 Government Organization Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Campbell  
Adjourned debate: Hon. Mr. Hancock
- Bill 10 Supportive Living Accommodation Licensing Act — Mr. Dallas  
Adjourned debate: Ms Pastoor
- Bill 11 Fisheries (Alberta) Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. VanderBurg  
Adjourned debate: Mr. Hehr
- Bill 12 Surface Rights Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Berger  
Adjourned debate: Mr. Hehr
- Bill 13 Justice of the Peace Amendment Act, 2009 — Hon. Ms Redford  
Adjourned debate: Mr. Hehr
- Bill 14 Carbon Capture and Storage Funding Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Knight  
Adjourned debate: Dr. Taft
- Bill 16 Peace Officer Amendment Act, 2009 — Hon. Mr. Lindsay  
Adjourned debate: Mr. Hehr
- Bill 17 Securities Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Fawcett  
Adjourned debate: Mr. Fawcett
- Bill 19 Land Assembly Project Area Act — Hon. Mr. Hayden  
Adjourned debate: Hon. Mr. Hayden
- Bill 20 Civil Enforcement Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Denis
- Bill 23 Municipal Government Amendment Act, 2009 — Hon. Mr. Danyluk
- Bill 24 Animal Health Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Griffiths
- Bill 25 Teachers' Pension Plans Amendment Act, 2009 (\$) — Hon. Ms Evans
- Bill 26 Wildlife Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Mitzel
- Bill 27 Alberta Research and Innovation Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Horner
- Bill 28 Energy Statutes Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. McFarland
- Bill 29 Family Law Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Denis
- Bill 30 Traffic Safety Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Drysdale
- Bill 31 Rules of Court Statutes Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Denis
- Bill 32 Alberta Public Agencies Governance Act — Mr. Horne

## **Committee of the Whole**

- Bill 1 Employment Standards (Reservist Leave) Amendment Act, 2009 — Hon. Mr. Stelmach
- Bill 2 Lobbyists Amendment Act, 2009 — Hon. Ms Redford
- Bill 3 Credit Union Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Berger
- Bill 5 Marketing of Agricultural Products Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Griffiths
- Bill 8 Feeder Associations Guarantee Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Groeneveld
- Bill 15 Dunvegan Hydro Development Act — Mr. Oberle
- Bill 18 Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement Implementation Statutes Amendment Act, 2009 — Hon. Mr. Stevens

## **Private Bills**

### **Referred to Standing Committee on Private Bills**

- Bill Pr1 Beverly Anne Cormier Adoption Termination Act — Mr. Anderson
- Bill Pr2 Caritas Health Group Statutes Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Elniski
- Bill Pr3 Les Filles de la Sagesse Act Repeal Act — Mr. Dallas

## **Bills Referred to Standing Committees**

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

- Bill 202 Municipal Government (Municipal Auditor General) Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Johnston
- Referred: during Second Reading consideration on March 16, 2009

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

- Bill 52 Health Information Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Rogers
- Referred: following Second Reading on March 17, 2009

## **Bills Awaiting Royal Assent**

- Bill 21 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2009 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Snelgrove
- Bill 22 Appropriation (Interim Supply) Act, 2009 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Snelgrove

## **2009-10 Main Estimates Consideration**

- April 8 (eve.) Aboriginal Relations (Committee Room A)
- April 14 (eve.) International and Intergovernmental Relations (Committee Room A)  
Employment and Immigration (Committee Room B)
- April 15 (aft.) Executive Council (Chamber)
- April 15 (eve.) Seniors and Community Supports (Committee Room A)  
Service Alberta (Committee Room B)
- April 20 (eve.) Transportation (Committee Room A)  
Culture and Community Spirit (Committee Room B)
- April 21 (eve.) Infrastructure (Committee Room A)  
Tourism, Parks and Recreation (Committee Room B)
- April 22 (eve.) Justice (Committee Room A)  
Finance and Enterprise (Committee Room B)
- April 27 (eve.) Sustainable Resource Development (Committee Room A)  
Municipal Affairs (Committee Room B)
- April 28 (eve.) Advanced Education and Technology (Committee Room A)  
Treasury Board (Committee Room B)
- April 29 (eve.) Education (Committee Room A)  
Energy (Committee Room B)
- May 4 (eve.) Health and Wellness (Committee Room A)  
Agriculture and Rural Development (Committee Room B)
- May 5 (eve.) Environment (Committee Room A)  
Housing and Urban Affairs (Committee Room B)
- May 6 (eve.) Children and Youth Services (Committee Room A)  
Solicitor General and Public Security (Committee Room B)

## **Written Questions**

- WQ1.** Mr. Mason to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 17):  
For the fiscal years 2003/2004 to 2007/2008, what was the average cost per resident per month at a designated long-term care facility?

- WQ2.** Mr. Mason to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 17):  
For the fiscal years 2003/2004 to 2007/2008, what was the average cost per resident per month at a designated assisted living facility?
- WQ3.** Mr. Mason to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 17):  
For each of the fiscal years 2006/2007 and 2007/2008, what was the total value of psychiatric services contracted by Regional Health Authorities (RHA), broken down by RHA, and what was the total value of psychiatric services contracted by the Alberta Mental Health Board?
- WQ5.** Mr. Mason to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 17):  
What was the number of physicians working in Alberta towns for each of the fiscal years 2005/2006 to 2007/2008?
- WQ6.** Mr. Mason to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 30):  
Which hospitals had to shut down wards (temporarily or indefinitely) due to staff shortages between April 1, 2006, and January 31, 2009, which wards were shut down and for how long?
- WQ7.** Ms Notley to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 17):  
For each of the fiscal years 2004/2005 to 2007/2008, for Alberta students with student loans, what was the average size of their student loan debt at the time they left their respective post-secondary institution?
- WQ8.** Ms Notley to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 17):  
For each of the fiscal years 2005/2006 to 2007/2008, what was the average amount of time taken by Children and Youth Services to find permanent placements for children in permanent government care?
- WQ9.** Ms Notley to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 17):  
How many people have been charged under the Protection of Children Involved in Prostitution Act since its implementation?
- WQ10.** Mr. Mason to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 17):  
What were the total government subsidies provided to long-term care facilities and what were the total operating expenditures for those same facilities for the fiscal years 2003/2004 to 2007/2008?
- WQ11.** Mr. Mason to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 17):  
What were the total government subsidies provided to assisted living facilities and what were the total operating expenditures for those same facilities for the fiscal years 2003/2004 to 2007/2008?

- WQ12.** Mr. Mason to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 17):  
How many long-term care facilities and their respective bed complement were operating in Alberta on March 31 for the years 2007 and 2008, broken down by Regional Health Authority and whether the facility and service providers are/were owned/operated publicly, privately, or on a voluntary basis?
- WQ13.** Mr. Mason to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 17):  
For each of the fiscal years 2006/2007 and 2007/2008, what was the total number of psychiatrists contracted to provide clinical services for Regional Health Authorities (RHA), broken down by RHA, and what was the total number contracted to provide clinical services by the Alberta Mental Health Board?
- WQ14.** Mr. Mason to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 17):  
How much money has been spent on the "Alberta's brand campaign" in the United States in the fiscal year 2007/2008 and from April 1, 2008, to February 10, 2009?
- WQ16.** Ms Notley to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 17):  
For each of the fiscal years 2004/2005 to 2007/2008, on how many occasions were approved legal aid services not provided due to unavailability of counsel?
- WQ17.** Ms Notley to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 17):  
For each of the fiscal years 2004/2005 to 2007/2008, what was the average income of people accessing legal aid?
- WQ18.** Ms Notley to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 17):  
For each of the fiscal years 2004/2005 to 2007/2008, how long did the average person with Alberta student loans take to pay the loans off, and how much interest did they pay on the loans?
- WQ19.** Ms Notley to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 17):  
For each of the fiscal years 2004/2005 to 2007/2008, what was the average hourly rate paid by the Government when it contracted out to the legal community for government legal services, excluding legal aid services?

**WQ20.** Ms Notley to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 17):

How many supportive living facilities (including assisted living facilities, lodges, enhanced lodges, seniors' complexes, and group homes) and related number of beds were operating in Alberta for each of the fiscal years 2006/2007 and 2007/2008, broken down by Regional Health Authority and by whether the facility is/was owned/operated publicly, privately, or on a non-profit basis?

### **Motions for Returns**

**MR1.** Mr. Mason to propose the following motion (Due Day 17):

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
A copy of all 2007-2009 utilization plans for the Mazankowski Heart Institute and any records of how many wards and beds are currently vacant in the Institute.

**MR2.** Mr. Mason to propose the following motion (Due Day 17):

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
Copies of all reports or plans prepared between January 1, 2007, and February 10, 2009, regarding the future creation or expansion of assisted living facilities.

**MR3.** Mr. Mason to propose the following motion (Due Day 17):

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
Copies of all letters received by the Ministry of Health and Wellness, the Ministry of Seniors and Community Supports, and the Premier between October 1, 2008, and February 10, 2009, regarding the province's new pharmaceutical plan for seniors.

**MR4.** Mr. Mason to propose the following motion (Due Day 17):

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
Copies of the current job descriptions for all positions in the Public Affairs Bureau.

**MR5.** Mr. Mason to propose the following motion (Due Day 17):

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
Copies of all current protocols surrounding the proposal and selection process for approving Ministers' foreign travel plans.



- MR6.** Mr. Mason to propose the following motion (Due Day 17):  
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
Copies of the results, data, and analyses of all public opinion polls, focus groups, surveys, and questionnaires undertaken by, or on behalf of, the Ministry of Health and Wellness between January 1, 2007, and February 10, 2009, regarding the elimination or replacement of regional health boards with the Alberta Health Services Board.
- MR7.** Mr. Mason to propose the following motion (Due Day 17):  
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
A list of facilities in Alberta whose designation changed from "long-term care facility" to "assisted living facility" between April 1, 2001, and December 31, 2008.
- MR8.** Mr. Mason to propose the following motion (Due Day 17):  
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
A copy of the final report and recommendation of the Coalbed Methane/Natural Gas in Coal Multi-Stakeholder Advisory Committee.
- MR9.** Mr. Mason to propose the following motion (Due Day 17):  
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
A copy of the agreement signed by the Premier on January 16, 2009, at the First Ministers' Meeting regarding amendments to the Agreement on Internal Trade.
- MR10.** Ms Notley to propose the following motion (Due Day 17):  
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
For the period January 1, 2005, to December 31, 2008, a copy of all complaints filed on behalf of temporary foreign workers with the Ministry of Employment and Immigration regarding working conditions.
- MR11.** Ms Notley to propose the following motion (Due Day 17):  
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
Copies of all reports, briefing notes, backgrounders, and memoranda regarding grizzly bear, wolf, and woodland caribou populations in Alberta prepared by, or for, the Ministry of Sustainable Resource Development between January 1, 2004, and February 10, 2009.

**MR12.** Ms Notley to propose the following motion (Due Day 17):

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

A copy of the initial proposal submitted by Babcock & Brown Public Partnerships Limited to the Ministry of Education for the construction of 18 Alberta schools, the findings of the selection process that resulted in Babcock & Brown Public Partnerships Limited winning a contract, the research that concluded that \$118 million would be saved by constructing schools through P3s instead of through traditional methods, and the agreement signed between the Government and Babcock & Brown Public Partnerships Limited to design, build, finance, and maintain these schools.

**MR13.** Mr. Mason to propose the following motion (Due Day 17):

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

Copies of all plans made in the fiscal year 2007-2008 and from April 1, 2008, to February 10, 2009, for future investments in the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund.

**MR14.** Mr. Mason to propose the following motion (Due Day 17):

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

Copies of all correspondence sent to the Government between January 1, 2008, and February 10, 2009, from businesses and non-governmental organizations regarding the Government's funding of carbon capture and storage technology.

**MR15.** Mr. Mason to propose the following motion (Due Day 17):

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

Copies of all correspondence between Bruce Power and the Government regarding proposals for nuclear power in Alberta for the time period between January 1, 2006, and February 10, 2009.

**MR17.** Ms Notley to propose the following motion (Due Day 17):

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

A copy of the independent audit of the financing method being used for the construction of schools in Calgary referred to in the Assembly by the Minister of Education during Oral Question Period on Wednesday, November 7, 2007.

**MR18.** Mr. Mason to propose the following motion (Due Day 17):

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

Copies of all proposals, project timelines, and government objectives relating to the Green Transit Incentives Program (Green TRIP) initiative for the time period of January 1, 2008, to February 10, 2009.

- MR19.** Mr. Mason to propose the following motion (Due Day 17):  
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
Copies of all government research on technologies designed to reduce carbon emissions that were conducted between January 1, 2006, and February 10, 2009.
- MR20.** Mr. Mason to propose the following motion (Due Day 17):  
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
Copies of all government plans to increase the number of midwives practising in Alberta between February 1, 2008, and February 10, 2009.
- MR21.** Mr. MacDonald to propose the following motion (Due Day 20):  
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
A list of all hosting expenses under \$600 in the Ministry of Executive Council itemized by event and amount for each for the fiscal years 2004-05, 2005-06, 2006-07, and 2007-08.
- MR22.** Mr. MacDonald to propose the following motion (Due Day 20):  
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
A list of all hosting expenses under \$600 in the Ministry of Sustainable Resource Development itemized by event and amount for each for the fiscal years 2004-05, 2005-06, 2006-07, and 2007-08.
- MR23.** Mr. MacDonald to propose the following motion (Due Day 20):  
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
A list of all hosting expenses under \$600 in the Ministry of Energy itemized by event and amount for each for the fiscal years 2004-05, 2005-06, 2006-07, and 2007-08.
- MR24.** Mr. MacDonald to propose the following motion (Due Day 20):  
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
A list of all hosting expenses under \$600 in the Ministry of Finance itemized by event and amount for each for the fiscal years 2004-05, 2005-06, 2006-07, and 2007-08.

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

- 504.** Mr. Quest to propose the following motion:  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to immediately investigate the feasibility of constructing underground transmission lines to determine if they are a safe and viable option for transmitting high voltage power.

- 505.** Mr. Elniski to propose the following motion (Amended):  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce amendments to the Traffic Safety Act to permit the use of low-speed vehicles on roads with a posted speed limit of *up to* 60 kilometres per hour.
- 506.** Mr. Berger to propose the following motion (Amended):  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to use site-specific native grasses and forbs in all future land reclamation projects *on native landscapes* to ensure the preservation and integrity of our plant ecosystem.
- 507.** 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 and Culture Month in Alberta.
- 508.** Mr. Bhullar to propose the following motion (Amended):  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to *develop a policy framework* to ensure our kindergarten to grade 12 education system is innovative and competency-based by exploring incentives to encourage early graduation and by promoting real world learning opportunities and programs that help engage elementary students facing difficulties.
- 509.** Mrs. Forsyth to propose the following motion:  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to require all electricity providers to notify local authorities of spikes in home utility usage that may indicate the electricity is being used to power the operations of an illegal drug facility.
- 510.** Dr. Swann to propose the following motion:  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce amendments to the Occupational Health and Safety Act to protect paid farm workers while continuing to exempt family members and other unpaid labourers.
- 511.** Mr. Vandermeer to propose the following motion:  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to review how complaints are addressed by the Alberta Human Rights and Citizenship Commission to ensure a fair process for both complainants and respondents.
- 512.** Mr. Rodney to propose the following motion:  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to finalize an agreement with the appropriate levels of government by 2010 regarding the construction of the southwest Calgary ring road with construction to begin before 2011.

- 513.** Mr. Kang to propose the following motion:  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to require that all vehicles purchased through the executive vehicle allowance be low-emission vehicles.
- 514.** Withdrawn
- 515.** Mr. Lukaszuk to propose the following motion:  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce amendments to the Municipal Government Act so that firefighters or those providing fire-related services are not liable for damages incurred while performing their duties.
- 516.** Mr. Cao to propose the following motion:  
*Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to recognize the qualifications, skills, knowledge, and personal development that military personnel gain from training and service while in the Canadian Forces as equivalent to civilian qualifications.*
- 517.** Withdrawn
- 518.** Mr. Weadick to propose the following motion:  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to consider exempting seniors from paying the education portion of property taxes.
- 519.** Ms Notley to propose the following motion:  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to table in the Assembly a clear plan to set a maximum fee for child care at a rate affordable for low- and middle-income families while ensuring child care providers have funding available to provide high quality care.
- 520.** 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.
- 521.** Withdrawn
- 522.** Mr. Hehr to propose the following motion:  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation to eliminate the use of plastic bags by Alberta retailers.

**523.** Mr. Denis 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 whereby those who are found to have filed frivolous and vexatious complaints with the Human Rights and Citizenship Commission (including complaints that are found to unreasonably challenge the rights of freedom of speech, freedom of association, freedom of peaceful assembly, and freedom of conscience and religion) be required to pay a portion of the respondent's procedural costs.

**524.** Withdrawn

**525.** Withdrawn

**526.** Mr. VanderBurg to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to pool the proceeds from all charity casinos held in the province to ensure that both rural- and urban-based charities have equal access to charity casino proceeds.

**527.** 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.

**528.** 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.

**529.** Mr. Mason to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to investigate private health clinics in Alberta that charge user fees to ensure they conform with the Canada Health Act.

**530.** Mr. Blakeman 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.

**531.** Mr. Notley to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to encourage energy efficiency by establishing a fund to provide interest-free loans to municipalities, school districts, Alberta Health Services, and other public bodies for projects that reduce energy use.

- 532.** Mr. Hehr to propose the following motion:  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to establish a civilian oversight body, modelled on the Law Enforcement Review Board, to investigate public complaints lodged against provincial sheriffs.
- 533.** Withdrawn
- 534.** Dr. Sherman to propose the following motion:  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to discuss the establishment of a comprehensive early childhood development policy to ensure that from birth, Alberta's children receive the supports necessary to become the healthiest and brightest children in the world.
- 535.** Mr. Allred to propose the following motion:  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to require that any temporary or permanently buried facilities, such as pipelines, communication conduits, wellheads, or others that may potentially cause serious property damage or public harm if accidentally uncovered or inadvertently struck, be buried at least one metre below the surface of the earth and have their locations recorded in a public repository.
- 536.** 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.
- 537.** Mrs. Sarich to propose the following motion:  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to consider the advisability of developing a comprehensive approach to providing assistance to organizations to better support basic numeracy and literacy in the workplace.
- 538.** Withdrawn
- 539.** Mr. Fawcett to propose the following motion:  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce amendments to the Municipal Government Act to enhance the fiscal ability of large municipalities, such as Edmonton and Calgary, to raise revenues and allocate expenditures for municipal administration and service delivery, including economic development, infrastructure, transportation, and law enforcement.
- 540.** Withdrawn

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- 542.** Mrs. Sarich to propose the following motion:  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to consider expanding the scope and resources for family literacy programs to provide increased support for parents fostering early learning in the home.
- 543.** Mr. Denis to propose the following motion:  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation to reduce personal and corporate income tax by one percentage point each.
- 544.** Mr. Chase to propose the following motion:  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to develop an affordable student residency strategy that would require students to pay no more than 30 percent of their annual income for on-campus accommodation.
- 545.** Mr. Anderson to propose the following motion:  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation that limits year-over-year actual increases in spending by government to the rate of inflation plus real Gross Domestic Product growth with the exception of funds spent from the provincial Capital Account.
- 546.** Mr. Kang to propose the following motion:  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to develop a high-speed rail system linking Edmonton, Calgary, and the international airports in each municipality by 2015.
- 547.** Mr. Mitzel to propose the following motion:  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to establish a "made in Alberta" brand that identifies value added products in order to enhance their marketability.
- 548.** Mr. Xiao to propose the following motion:  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to ban all industrial mining in the Edmonton river valley.
- 549.** Dr. Taft to propose the following motion:  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce amendments to the Condominium Property Act to provide consumer protection for life lease purchasers.
- 550.** Withdrawn



- 551.** Mr. Fawcett to propose the following motion:  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to consider the feasibility of modifying the current in-year surplus allocation policy to disallow in-year surplus spending.
- 552.** Withdrawn
- 553.** Withdrawn
- 554.** Withdrawn
- 555.** Withdrawn
- 556.** Mr. Mason to propose the following motion:  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to oppose proposals for nuclear power plants in Alberta and pursue renewable energy alternatives to coal-fired electricity generation.
- 557.** Dr. Sherman to propose the following motion:  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to promote health and wellness in both new and old communities by creating environments that are conducive to active and healthy lifestyles.
- 558.** Mr. MacDonald to propose the following motion:  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to propose a tax credit for citizens who volunteer for community crime prevention patrols.
- 559.** 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.
- 560.** Mr. Chase to propose the following motion:  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly establish an all-party committee to consider methods of exempting/eliminating the education portion of property taxes for students in post-secondary residences.
- 561.** Withdrawn
- 562.** Withdrawn
- 563.** Withdrawn
- 564.** Withdrawn

**565.** Mrs. Forsyth to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to consider the feasibility of consulting with financial institutions, producers from the oil and gas industry, other governments, and the public to review the royalty structure.

**566.** Withdrawn

**567.** Withdrawn

**568.** Withdrawn

**569.** Ms Woo-Paw to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to develop a comprehensive strategy to effectively and proactively address gang violence in collaboration with stakeholder institutions, community groups, service organizations, and those most impacted.

**570.** Dr. Brown to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation to establish an objective review process which would ensure that Crown lands are not sold or transferred when it is determined that they contain significant natural wildlife habitat.

**571.** Ms Blakeman to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation that would direct a percentage of non-renewable resource revenue to be deposited annually into the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund.

**572.** 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.

**573.** Dr. Brown to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to explore means of expanding home care health and support services to enable seniors to maintain independent lifestyles whenever possible.

**574.** Withdrawn

**575.** Withdrawn

- 576.** Mr. Xiao to propose the following motion:  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to consider the advisability of tax incentives to encourage the use of energy efficient light bulbs.
- 577.** Withdrawn
- 578.** Withdrawn
- 579.** Withdrawn
- 580.** 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.
- 581.** Ms DeLong to propose the following motion:  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to develop a property tax deferral program for seniors to aid them financially.
- 582.** Withdrawn
- 583.** 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 practice in Alberta for 10 years upon graduation.
- 584.** Withdrawn
- 585.** Withdrawn
- 586.** Withdrawn
- 587.** Mr. Sandhu to propose the following motion:  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce amendments to the Traffic Safety Act to ensure vehicular axle weight restrictions allow for loose load shifts that may occur during transportation.
- 588.** Withdrawn
- 589.** Dr. Swann to propose the following motion:  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to support public transportation in Alberta municipalities by introducing legislation to fund the development, enhancement, and maintenance of transit systems.

**590.** Mr. Quest to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce amendments to the Traffic Safety Act to require construction companies to cover their "speed fines double" and "begins" signs when workers and dangers to motorists are not present.

**591.** Withdrawn

**592.** Dr. Taft to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to conduct a public review of standards and protocols concerning Lyme disease testing, diagnosis, and treatment with a specific focus on meeting accepted international standards.

**593.** Withdrawn

**594.** Mr. Anderson to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation banning smoking in any public area within 200 metres of school property.

**595.** Withdrawn

**596.** 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.

**597.** Withdrawn

**598.** 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 highways.

**599.** Withdrawn

**600.** Withdrawn

**601.** Ms DeLong to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to adopt zero-based budgeting to better evaluate, monitor, and control government spending.

602. Withdrawn

603. Withdrawn

604. Withdrawn

605. Withdrawn

## **Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders**

### **Second Reading**

Bill 203 Local Authorities Election (Finance and Contribution Disclosure)  
Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Johnson (Time remaining: 51 minutes)

Debate adjourned: Mr. Horne speaking.

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## **NOTICES**

### **Leave to Introduce a Bill**

Bill 204 Provincial-Municipal Tax Sharing Act — Ms Blakeman

### **Projected Government Business**

Thursday, March 19

#### **Government Bills and Orders**

##### **Second Reading**

Bill 17, 19, 20, 24, 25, 26

##### **Committee of the Whole**

Bill 7, 8, 12, 13, 15

##### **Third Reading**

Bill 1, 2, 3, 5

And as per the Order Paper

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

Day 45 WQ4, WQ15

Hon. Ken Kowalski,  
Speaker

Title: Thursday, March 19, 2009