



**Legislative Assembly  
Province of Alberta**

Day 31

**ORDER PAPER**

Third Session

Twenty-Seventh Legislature

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Wednesday, April 21, 2010

**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

5. Moved by Hon. Dr. Morton:

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

Adjourned debate: Hon. Mr. Hancock

### Government Bills and Orders

#### Second Reading

Bill 16 Traffic Safety (Distracted Driving) Amendment Act, 2010 — Mr. Johnston

#### Bills Awaiting Royal Assent

Bill 7 Election Statutes Amendment Act, 2010 — Hon. Ms Redford

Bill 9 Local Authorities Election Statutes Amendment Act, 2010 — Mr. Johnson

Bill 10 Victims Restitution and Compensation Payment Amendment Act, 2010 (\$) — Hon. Ms Redford

Bill 11 Witness Security Act — Mr. Drysdale

Bill 12 Body Armour Control Act — Mr. Quest

Bill 13 Securities Amendment Act, 2010 — Hon. Dr. Morton

Bill 14 Traffic Safety Amendment Act, 2010 — Hon. Mr. Ouellette

Bill 201 Workers' Compensation (Firefighters) Amendment Act, 2010 — Mr. Rogers

Bill 202 Mandatory Reporting of Child Pornography Act — Mrs. Forsyth

Bill Pr1 Community Foundation of Lethbridge and Southwestern Alberta Act — Mr. Weadick

Bill Pr2 Canada Olympic Park Property Tax Exemption Amendment Act, 2010 — Ms DeLong

Bill Pr3 Lamont Health Care Centre Act — Mr. Horne

## **Bills Referred to Standing Committees**

### **Standing Committee on Community Services**

Bill 203 Municipal Government (Local Access and Franchise Fees) Amendment Act, 2010 — Mr. Fawcett

Referred: during Second Reading consideration on April 19, 2010

Report by: October 28, 2010

### **Written Questions**

**WQ40.** Mr. Taylor to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 33):  
How much gas has been released as a result of the sour gas blowout near Hythe that occurred on February 24, 2010?

**WQ41.** Mr. Taylor to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 33):  
What is the total amount of royalty revenue the province expects to lose because of the sour gas blowout near Hythe that occurred on February 24, 2010?

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

**509.** Dr. Sherman to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to formally adopt Canada's Child and Youth Health Charter sponsored by the Canadian Medical Association, the Canadian Paediatric Society, and the College of Family Physicians of Canada.

**510.** Mr. Dallas to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to enhance supports available to community stakeholders who engage in delivering education programs that develop entrepreneurial skills and promote the value of entrepreneurship in our society.

**511.** 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 all public complaints lodged against provincial sheriffs.

**512.** Mr. Vandermeer to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to consider implementing a vehicle inspection and maintenance program requiring vehicles to undergo regular inspections and repairs when necessary to reduce automobile-generated emissions.

**513.** Withdrawn

**514.** 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.

**515.** 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.

**516.** Mr. Xiao to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to study the feasibility of imposing a ban on mining activities in the Edmonton river valley.

**517.** Mr. Prins to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to consider the feasibility of exempting from municipal property taxes farmland that is within 50 metres on either side of the midpoint of new overhead transmission line rights-of-way or easements.

**518.** 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.

**519.** Withdrawn

**520.** 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.

**521.** Mrs. Sarich to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to develop a program targeted at increasing the protection of seniors from financial abuse.

**522.** Mr. Kang to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation requiring the use of protective headgear when operating all-terrain vehicles on both public and private land.

- 523.** Mr. Xiao to propose the following motion:  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to study methods of encouraging greater voter participation in general elections, including mandatory voting.
- 524.** Mr. Cao to propose the following motion:  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to explore setting a mandatory amount of Canadian history instruction in the high school curriculum.
- 525.** Mr. Prins to propose the following motion:  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to explore implementing environmental standards for the drilling of geothermal boreholes in Alberta.
- 526.** Mr. Benito to propose the following motion:  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to adopt a general stream program for skilled workers within the Alberta Immigrant Nominee Program.
- 527.** Mr. McFarland to propose the following motion:  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to consider the feasibility of disallowing any religious business that generates more than \$50,000 gross annual revenue from being able to incorporate as a charitable, not-for-profit organization under the Companies Act.
- 528.** Mr. Vandermeer to propose the following motion:  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to continue to invest in the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund at a rate equal to inflation.
- 529.** 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.
- 530.** Withdrawn
- 531.** 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 of the program.

- 532.** 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.
- 533.** Mrs. Forsyth to propose the following motion:  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to limit withdrawals from the Sustainability Fund to ensure that the percentage of funds withdrawn does not exceed the percentage of decline in provincial revenues.
- 534.** Mr. Hinman to propose the following motion:  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to decentralize the health care bureaucracy and give back the administrative authority to local areas.
- 535.** Mr. Johnson to propose the following motion:  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to establish and operate emergency and medical response sites in strategic locations along the Fort McMurray traffic corridors.
- 536.** Withdrawn
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- 542.** Dr. Sherman to propose the following motion:  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to consider the feasibility of creating a patients' bill of rights.
- 543.** Ms Notley to propose the following motion:  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to establish 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.
- 544.** Withdrawn

- 545.** Mr. Kang to propose the following motion:  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to consider providing sustainable funding for construction of the Calgary airport trail access tunnel.
- 546.** 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.
- 547.** Ms Notley 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 sustainable alternatives to coal-fired electricity generation.
- 548.** Mr. Campbell to propose the following motion:  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to consider the advisability of returning surplus money previously requested from school boards back to them as soon as it is financially feasible.
- 549.** Mr. Bhullar to propose the following motion:  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to ensure effective, efficient, and prudent program spending by creating a program review whereby government supported programs are continually assessed based on their need, their value to both those in need and Albertans as a whole, the availability of alternative delivery options, as well as their overall effectiveness and cost.
- 550.** Dr. Brown to propose the following motion:  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to implement a pollution testing program for vehicles older than 10 years and that an incentive program be implemented to encourage Albertans to replace inefficient, high-polluting vehicles.
- 551.** Withdrawn
- 552.** Dr. Taft to propose the following motion:  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to consider providing increased and dedicated funding for school nutrition programs to ensure that no child in Alberta goes hungry at school, thereby providing improved social, medical, and educational outcomes to children in Alberta schools.

**553.** Mr. Weadick to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to increase the minimum monthly disposable income specified under the Supplementary Accommodation Benefit for seniors from \$265 to \$400 per month and that it be indexed to the Consumer Price Index hence forth.

**554.** Withdrawn

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**556.** Mr. Johnson to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to give preference for public service jobs that are advertised to the public to the surviving spouses of public service employees who have died in the course of fulfilling their duties.

**557.** 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.

**558.** Dr. Swann to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to promote fairness and accountability in the operation of the Workers' Compensation Board (WCB) by establishing an independent review board to examine long-standing and contentious WCB claims, as outlined in Part 8.1 of the Workers' Compensation Act.

**559.** Withdrawn

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

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to eliminate the \$2 billion carbon capture and storage fund initiative and return any funds previously allocated to this initiative back to the General Revenue Fund for the purpose of balancing the budget.

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

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to consider making it mandatory for users of off-highway vehicles to wear helmets on public land.

**562.** Withdrawn



- 563.** Mr. Rodney to propose the following motion:  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce hands-free mobile device legislation in order to reduce the instances of distracted driving.
- 564.** Withdrawn
- 565.** Mr. Weadick to propose the following motion:  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to examine the feasibility of instituting core funding for senior centres that operate at least five days per week.
- 566.** Withdrawn
- 567.** Ms Woo-Paw to propose the following motion:  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to update the current analysis to verify the need for additional public health care services in northwest Calgary.
- 568.** Withdrawn
- 569.** Mr. Sandhu to propose the following motion:  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation that will create a tax credit to recognize the contributions of community volunteers.
- 570.** Mr. Bhullar to propose the following motion:  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to continue to work with community stakeholders to expand and develop programs that offer support to persons with developmental disabilities while continuing to ensure that these programs are relevant and offer needed support to individuals and their families in the most efficient manner.
- 571.** Withdrawn
- 572.** Dr. Swann to propose the following motion:  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to study the increase in mercury levels in fish inhabiting Alberta's water bodies and commit to protecting Alberta's ecology by taking action to prevent further increases in mercury contamination.
- 573.** Ms Blakeman to propose the following motion:  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce amendments to include workplace bullying in the Alberta Human Rights Act.

**574.** Mr. Amery to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to mandate the labelling of alcoholic beverages warning Albertans of the dangers of drinking, similar to health warnings on cigarette packages and other containers of tobacco products.

**575.** Withdrawn

**576.** Mr. Hinman to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to initiate discussion with the Federal Government about the transfer of tax points in order to correct the fiscal imbalance.

**577.** Mr. Benito to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation allowing all temporary foreign workers to qualify for the Alberta Immigrant Nominee Program after six months of continuous employment.

**578.** Ms Calahasen to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to examine the role of commercial fishing in the overall strategy of fisheries management in the province.

**579.** 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.

**580.** 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 population growth.

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

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to implement a policy that provincial offence summonses issued in Alberta be written in both English and French.

Il est résolu que l'Assemblée législative demande au gouvernement de mettre en œuvre une politique où les assignations pour une infraction provinciale émises en Alberta soient écrites en anglais et en français.

- 582.** 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.
- 583.** Mr. Cao to propose the following motion:  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to fund private and non-profit organizations to build sufficient, affordable, and subsidized independent living housing units to meet the present and future needs of seniors in Alberta.
- 584.** Mr. Bhardwaj to propose the following motion:  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to establish an equitable pay grid in recognition of teachers who have received vocational diplomas from technical schools such as NAIT or SAIT, that would provide them with salaries on par with teachers who have received graduate degrees.
- 585.** Mr. Allred to propose the following motion:  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation abolishing the common law doctrine of adverse possession in Alberta and all statutory references to adverse possession in Alberta legislation.
- 586.** Withdrawn
- 587.** Withdrawn
- 588.** Mr. Taylor to propose the following motion:  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to reinstate a needs assessment process for consumer-funded electrical transmission infrastructure that is independent of government.
- 589.** Mrs. Sarich to propose the following motion:  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to encourage cooperation and collaboration among ministries in the interest of promoting a comprehensive approach to health and learning in Alberta's schools and school systems.
- 590.** Withdrawn
- 591.** Mr. Bhardwaj to propose the following motion:  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to continue its policy to reduce classroom size when resources are available.

- 592.** Mr. Chase to propose the following motion:  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation requiring post-secondary tuition increases that exceed the rate of inflation be approved by a vote of the Legislative Assembly.
- 593.** Mr. Rodney to propose the following motion:  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to reach an agreement with applicable levels of government regarding the southwest portion of the Calgary ring road in 2010 with construction to begin in 2011.
- 594.** 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.
- 595.** Mr. Mason 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.
- 596.** Withdrawn
- 597.** Mr. Dallas to propose the following motion:  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to accelerate initiatives to reduce and simplify the burden of regulations on small businesses.
- 598.** Ms Blakeman to propose the following motion:  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to institute specific actions regarding the reclamation of land used for oil sands development.
- 599.** Withdrawn
- 600.** Mr. McFarland to propose the following motion:  
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to raise the minimum age for compulsory attendance at school from 16 to 17 years by proclaiming into force the School (Compulsory Attendance) Amendment Act, 2003.

601. Mr. Hehr to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce amendments to the Employment Standards Code to extend maternity leave eligibility to full-time and part-time employees who have been employed by an employer for at least 20 consecutive weeks.

602. Withdrawn

603. Withdrawn

604. Withdrawn

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

### **Second Reading**

Bill 204 Fiscal Responsibility (Spending Limit) Amendment Act, 2010 —  
Mr. Anderson

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## **NOTICES**

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

Bill 205 Scrap Metal Dealers and Recyclers Act — Mr. Quest

### **Projected Government Business**

Wednesday, April 21

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

#### **Third Reading**

Bill 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14

And as per the Order Paper

Thursday, April 22

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

#### **Third Reading**

Bill 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14

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, WQ2, WQ3, WQ4, WQ5, WQ6, WQ7, WQ8, WQ9, WQ10, WQ11,  
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WQ22, WQ23, WQ24, WQ25, WQ26, WQ28, WQ29, WQ31, WQ32,  
WQ33, WQ34, WQ35, WQ36, WQ37, WQ38, WQ39, MR1, MR6, MR10,  
MR11

Hon. Ken Kowalski,  
Speaker

Title: Wednesday, April 21, 2010