



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

Day 50

ORDER PAPER

Third Session

Twenty-Seventh Legislature

Thursday, December 2, 2010

Prayers

ROUTINE

O Canada (First sitting day of each week)

Oral Question Period (1:50 p.m. daily)

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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

21. Oral notice having been given, Hon. Mr. Hancock to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Assembly waive Standing Order 3(4)(b) and extend the Fall sitting as provided for under Standing Order 3(9).

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

Bill 29 Alberta Parks Act (\$) — Hon. Mrs. Ady

Bills Awaiting Royal Assent

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

Bill 17 Alberta Health Act — Hon. Mr. Zwozdesky

Bill 18 Government Organization Amendment Act, 2010 — Hon. Ms Evans

Bill 19 Fuel Tax Amendment Act, 2010 — Mr. Griffiths

Bill 20 Class Proceedings Amendment Act, 2010 — Mr. Drysdale

Bill 21 Wills and Succession Act — Mr. Olson

Bill 22 Family Law Statutes Amendment Act, 2010 — Hon. Ms Redford

Bill 23 Post-secondary Learning Amendment Act, 2010 — Mr. Weadick

Bill 24 Carbon Capture and Storage Statutes Amendment Act, 2010 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Liepert

Bill 25 Freehold Mineral Rights Tax Amendment Act, 2010 — Hon. Mr. Liepert

Bill 26 Mines and Minerals (Coalbed Methane) Amendment Act, 2010 — Hon. Mr. Liepert

Bill 27 Police Amendment Act, 2010 — Hon. Mr. Oberle

Bill 28 Electoral Divisions Act — Hon. Ms Redford

Written Questions

- WQ42.** Ms Pastoor to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 48):
What was the percentage increase in applications for both the Persons with Developmental Disabilities program and the Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped program for the years 2007, 2008, and 2009, and what percentage of those applications were rejected?
- WQ43.** Mr. Kang to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 48):
For the fiscal years 2007-2008 and 2008-2009, what percentage of requests for information under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act were met within 30 days of the initial request?
- WQ44.** Mr. Kang to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 48):
For the fiscal years 2007-2008 and 2008-2009, what total number of requests for information under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act were met within 30 days of the initial request?
- WQ45.** Mr. Kang to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 48):
For each of the fiscal years 2006-2007, 2007-2008, and 2008-2009, what was the average fee estimate for requests for information under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, excluding requests for personal information?
- WQ46.** Mr. Kang to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 48):
For each of the fiscal years 2006-2007, 2007-2008, and 2008-2009, what percentage of requests for information under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act were abandoned following the initial fee estimate?
- WQ47.** Mr. Kang to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 48):
What was the total value of Community Facility Enhancement Program funds and Community Initiatives Program funds granted to organizations with the terms “golf” or “country club” in their legal name during the fiscal years 2007-2008 through 2009-2010?
- WQ48.** Mr. Taylor to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 48):
What was the total amount spent by the Ministry of Health and Wellness on health care infrastructure in Calgary for the fiscal years 1996-97 through 2009-10?

Motions for Returns

MR12. Dr. Swann to propose the following motion (Due Day 48):

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A list of all hosting expenses under \$600 for the Ministry of Energy itemized by event and amount for each of the fiscal years 2004-05, 2005-06, 2006-07, 2007-08, and 2008-09.

MR13. Dr. Swann to propose the following motion (Due Day 48):

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A list of all hosting expenses under \$600 for the Ministry of Executive Council itemized by event and amount for each of the fiscal years 2004-05, 2005-06, 2006-07, 2007-08, and 2008-09.

MR16. Mr. MacDonald to propose the following motion (Due Day 48):

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A list of all hosting expenses under \$600 for the Ministry of Employment and Immigration itemized by event and amount for each of the fiscal years 2004-05, 2005-06, 2006-07, 2007-08, and 2008-09.

MR17. Mr. MacDonald to propose the following motion (Due Day 48):

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A list of all hosting expenses under \$600 for the Ministry of Finance and Enterprise itemized by event and amount for each of the fiscal years 2004-05, 2005-06, 2006-07, 2007-08, and 2008-09.

MR18. Mr. Kang to propose the following motion (Due Day 48):

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A list of all hosting expenses under \$600 for the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs itemized by event and amount for each of the fiscal years 2004-05, 2005-06, 2006-07, 2007-08, and 2008-09.

MR19. Mr. Kang to propose the following motion (Due Day 48):

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A list of all hosting expenses under \$600 for the Ministry of Infrastructure itemized by event and amount for each of the fiscal years 2004-05, 2005-06, 2006-07, 2007-08, and 2008-09.

MR20. Mr. Kang to propose the following motion (Due Day 48):

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A list of all hosting expenses under \$600 for the Ministry of Service Alberta itemized by event and amount for each of the fiscal years 2004-05, 2005-06, 2006-07, 2007-08, and 2008-09.

- MR21.** Mr. Kang to propose the following motion (Due Day 48):
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A list of all hosting expenses under \$600 for the Ministry of Transportation itemized by event and amount for each of the fiscal years 2004-05, 2005-06, 2006-07, 2007-08, and 2008-09.
- MR22.** Mr. Kang to propose the following motion (Due Day 48):
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 September 10, 2010.
- MR23.** Ms Pastoor to propose the following motion (Due Day 48):
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A list of all hosting expenses under \$600 for the Ministry of Seniors and Community Supports itemized by event and amount for each of the fiscal years 2004-05, 2005-06, 2006-07, 2007-08, and 2008-09.
- MR24.** Ms Pastoor to propose the following motion (Due Day 48):
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A list of all hosting expenses under \$600 for the Ministry of International and Intergovernmental Relations itemized by event and amount for each of the fiscal years 2004-05, 2005-06, 2006-07, 2007-08, and 2008-09.
- MR25.** Ms Pastoor to propose the following motion (Due Day 48):
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A copy of all government commissioned reports or studies relating to farm worker safety and farm worker safety standards.
- MR26.** Ms Blakeman to propose the following motion (Due Day 57):
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A copy of all reports, environmental assessments, records, statistics, or other documentation provided to or compiled by Alberta Environment regarding the chemical release at the Suncor Refinery west of Sherwood Park on March 15, 2010.
- MR27.** Mr. Kang to propose the following motion (Due Day 57):
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A copy of all detailed information, including flight records, final destinations, duration of stay, unscheduled stops, and a list of occupants on each flight, however recorded, stored, or archived, by electronic means or otherwise, that relate to the operation and usage of any provincially leased or owned aircraft from January 1, 2009, to November 15, 2010.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

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. Withdrawn

517. Withdrawn

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

555. Withdrawn

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 208 Recall Act — Mr. Hinman (Time remaining: 74 minutes)

Debate adjourned.

Bill 217 Election Statutes (Electoral Reform) Amendment Act, 2010 — Dr. Taft

Bill 220 Tailings Ponds Reclamation Statutes Amendment Act, 2010 —
Ms Blakeman

Bill 230 Anti-Idling Act — Mr. Taylor

Committee of the Whole

Bill 205 Scrap Metal Dealers and Recyclers Act — Mr. Quest (Due Day 48)

NOTICES

Leave to Introduce a Bill

Bill 223 Health Statutes (Canada Health Act Reaffirmation) Amendment Act, 2010

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Thursday, December 2, 2010