



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

Day 27

ORDER PAPER

Fourth Session

Twenty-Seventh Legislature

Thursday, April 21, 2011

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

8. Moved by Hon. Mr. Snelgrove:

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

Debate adjourned.

12. Hon. Mr. Olson to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that:

1. The Standing Committee on Public Safety and Services be deemed to be the special committee of the Assembly for the purpose of conducting a comprehensive review of the Lobbyists Act, as provided for in section 21 of that Act;
2. The committee must commence its review of the Lobbyists Act no later than September 28, 2011, and must submit its report to the Assembly within one year of commencing its review including any amendments recommended by the committee;
3. No additional remuneration shall be provided to the members of the committee for the purpose of conducting this review.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

Bill 16 Energy Statutes Amendment Act, 2011 — Mrs. McQueen

Adjourned debate: Mrs. McQueen

Committee of the Whole

Bill 1 Asia Advisory Council Act — Hon. Mr. Stelmach

Bill 4 Securities Amendment Act, 2011 — Dr. Brown

Bill 8 Missing Persons Act — Mr. VanderBurg

Bill 10 Alberta Land Stewardship Amendment Act, 2011 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Knight

Bill 11 Livestock Industry Diversification Amendment Act, 2011 — Mr. Prins

Bill 15 Victims of Crime Amendment Act, 2011 — Hon. Mr. Oberle

Third Reading

- Bill 5 Notice to the Attorney General Act — Mr. Rogers
- Bill 6 Rules of Court Statutes Amendment Act, 2011 — Hon. Mr. Olson
- Bill 7 Corrections Amendment Act, 2011 — Hon. Mr. Oberle
- Bill 12 Alberta Investment Management Corporation Amendment Act, 2011 — Mr. Dallas
- Bill 14 Wills and Succession Amendment Act, 2011 — Mr. Drysdale

Private Bills

Referred to Standing Committee on Private Bills

- Bill Pr1 Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties Amendment Act, 2011 — Mr. Rogers
- Bill Pr2 Galt Scholarship Fund Transfer Act — Ms Pastoor
- Bill Pr3 Auburn Bay Residents Association Tax Exemption Act — Mr. Johnston
- Bill Pr4 Cranston Residents Association Tax Exemption Act — Mr. Johnston
- Bill Pr5 New Brighton Residents Association Tax Exemption Act — Mr. Johnston
- Bill Pr6 Tuscany Residents Association Tax Exemption Act — Mr. Johnston
- Bill Pr7 Hull Child and Family Services Amendment Act, 2011 — Mr. Rodney

Bills Awaiting Royal Assent

- Bill 201 Health Insurance Premiums (Health Card Donor Declaration) Amendment Act, 2011 — Mr. Sandhu

Written Questions

- WQ14.** Mr. Hehr to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 30):
How many appeals were filed in Alberta concerning the assessments and supports provided to special needs students in each of the years 2005-2010 and how many of these appeals were successful?
- WQ15.** Ms Pastoor to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 30):
As of March 11, 2011, how many people qualify for supports under the Persons with Developmental Disabilities program but are unable to access these supports?

- WQ16.** Dr. Swann to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 30):
In 2010 how many days were the University of Alberta Hospital, the Royal Alexandra Hospital, the Misericordia Community Hospital, the Grey Nuns Community Hospital, and the Stollery Children's Hospital operating at over 100 percent occupancy, broken down by hospital?
- WQ17.** Dr. Swann to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 30):
What is the average cost per procedure of privately delivered hip or knee procedures and the average cost per procedure of a publicly delivered hip or knee procedure?
- WQ18.** Dr. Swann to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 30):
What is the number of people on wait lists for continuing care in Alberta, broken down by zone, with individual lists of how many are waiting in acute care beds and how many are waiting in the community?
- WQ19.** Ms Blakeman to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 30):
As of March 11, 2011, what is the current status of the Alberta Creative Hub that the Minister of Culture and Community Spirit announced in June 2010 and which had received \$1.4 million from his Ministry's budget?
- WQ20.** Dr. Taft to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 34):
How many post-secondary spaces in Government of Alberta priority areas were created by funding from the Enrolment Planning Envelope before the funding became a part of the Campus Alberta Fresh Start Grant in Budget 2010-11?

Motions for Returns

- MR12.** Mr. Kang to propose the following motion (Due Day 30):
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, 2008-09, and 2009-10.
- MR13.** Mr. MacDonald to propose the following motion (Due Day 30):
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A copy of all reports, studies, financial forecasts, or materials prepared for Finance and Enterprise regarding the creation of an Alberta pension plan.

- MR14.** Mr. Hehr to propose the following motion (Due Day 30):
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all documents that illustrate the Ministry of Education's attempt to work with the board of trustees of the Northlands School Division prior to the termination of the board in January 2010.
- MR15.** Dr. Swann to propose the following motion (Due Day 30):
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all documents containing planning information regarding the Calgary Maternal Newborn Centre which was part of Health and Wellness's 3-year Capital Plan in Budget 2009.
- MR16.** Mr. Chase to propose the following motion (Due Day 30):
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of any evidence that was used in the decision to transition Child and Family Service authorities to an outcome-based service delivery model.
- MR17.** Mr. Chase to propose the following motion (Due Day 34):
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A copy of the analysis by Employment and Immigration on occupational cancer rates referenced on page 38, note 14 of the April 2010 Report of the Auditor General of Alberta.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

- 505.** Mr. Dallas to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to utilize incentives to encourage visitability standards in all newly constructed single-family homes, including one zero-step entrance, wider doorways (minimum 32 inch clear door opening), and a main floor half bathroom.
- 506.** Ms Woo-Paw to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to review the procedures and rules that determine post-secondary student funding to ensure that student funding meets the diverse and evolving needs of students in the 21st century.
- 507.** 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.

- 508.** Mr. Hinman to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation to repeal the Alberta Land Stewardship Act and the Alberta Land Assembly Project Area Act and entrench property rights in the constitution of Alberta to ensure all forms of property loss are compensated fairly with recourse to courts.
- 509.** 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 to deliver high quality care.
- 510.** Mr. Mason to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation to protect workers who report workplace issues, including occupational health and safety violations, from reprisal or termination and establish a clear, accessible, and impartial mechanism to investigate complaints of such reprisals.
- 511.** Mr. Xiao to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to investigate the feasibility of implementing measures designed to promote voter turnout in provincial elections.
- 512.** Withdrawn
- 513.** Withdrawn
- 514.** Mr. Bhullar to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to work with other levels of government, key stakeholders, and community groups to develop and implement a plan to end domestic violence in 10 years.
- 515.** Mr. Prins to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to develop a policy that advances Alberta as a commercial energy hub for natural gas transportation and natural gas liquid extraction, and supports the next wave of development in Alberta's petrochemical industry.
- 516.** Withdrawn
- 517.** Withdrawn
- 518.** Withdrawn

- 519.** 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.
- 520.** Withdrawn
- 521.** Mr. Chase to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to immediately develop a comprehensive child poverty reduction strategy.
- 522.** Withdrawn
- 523.** 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.
- 524.** Dr. Swann to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation to require the establishment of an industry-supported cleanup fund for downstream oil and gas operations, abandoned gas stations, and other contaminated industrial sites throughout Alberta.
- 525.** 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.
- 526.** 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.
- 527.** Withdrawn
- 528.** Mr. Anderson to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation to require Members of the Legislative Assembly to publicly disclose on a monthly basis all Member related expenses, including personal and office expenses, allowances, and benefits claimed and received by the Member.
- 529.** Mr. Hehr to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce amendments to the Traffic Safety Act to implement a zero tolerance policy toward alcohol consumption for all drivers who are under the age of 21.

- 530.** Mr. Dallas to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to ensure that advanced English as a second language programs are available to and affordable for people wishing to enhance their language skills.
- 531.** Withdrawn
- 532.** Dr. Sherman to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce amendments to the Election Act to prescribe fixed election dates and representative recall.
- 533.** Mr. Quest to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation that will reduce scrap metal theft by requiring individuals selling scrap metal to provide identification before completing a transaction.
- 534.** Mr. MacDonald to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce amendments to the Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act to require registered constituency associations to publicly disclose expenses above \$375 in the annual financial statements filed under the Act.
- 535.** Mr. Sandhu to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation that would protect consumers who purchase homes from owner-homebuilders.
- 536.** Mrs. Sarich to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to develop a comprehensive poverty reduction strategy, so that the policies the Government is pursuing become strengthened and more coordinated amongst the Ministries.
- 537.** Mr. Chase to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation requiring all-terrain vehicle (ATV) operators to have a licence to drive an ATV regardless of whether the vehicle is being operated on public or private land.
- 538.** Withdrawn

- 539.** Dr. Taft to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to restructure Alberta Health Services to ensure the delivery of health services is performed in a way that provides greater autonomy and decision making at local levels.
- 540.** Mr. Elniski to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to consider the feasibility of providing alternative funding options to faith-based organizations, which, for moral and ethical reasons, do not want to receive funds from sources such as gambling, alcohol sales, and tobacco sales.
- 541.** Dr. Sherman to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly establish a committee to review the Premier's and Ministers' current salaries to determine if they should be adjusted to pre-May 2008 levels and to consider the feasibility of restricting transitional allowances to three terms, up to a maximum of 12 years.
- 542.** Ms Woo-Paw to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to conduct a comprehensive study to evaluate seniors' quality of life and community engagement to ensure that Alberta is meeting its responsibilities to current and future seniors by delivering access to services that assist all Alberta seniors.
- 543.** Withdrawn
- 544.** Withdrawn
- 545.** 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.
- 546.** Withdrawn
- 547.** Mr. Berger to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to consider the feasibility of reviewing current legislation and repealing what is considered to be redundant.
- 548.** Withdrawn

- 549.** 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.
- 550.** Mr. McFarland to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to amend the farm land valuation process to include the footprint concept to address disparities in the assessment of intensive and extensive types of farm operations as recommended by the MLA Farm Property Assessment Review Committee.
- 551.** 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.
- 552.** Withdrawn
- 553.** Withdrawn
- 554.** Mr. Sarich to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to develop an integrated approach to kindergarten to grade 12 education research and development so that there is greater coordination to policy, innovation, and learning outcomes.
- 555.** 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.
- 556.** Withdrawn
- 557.** Withdrawn
- 558.** Withdrawn
- 559.** Mr. Benito to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to implement measures designed to increase consumer spending in order to push the Alberta economy into faster recovery.

- 560.** Mr. Boutilier 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.
- 561.** 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.
- 562.** Withdrawn
- 563.** Mr. Taylor to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to produce a made-in-Alberta poverty reduction strategy by pursuing non-partisan, broad-based public consultation and study best practices in other jurisdictions.
- 564.** Withdrawn
- 565.** Withdrawn
- 566.** Mr. Rodney to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation which requires that children must ride in a booster seat until they achieve a specified height, weight, and/or age.
- 567.** Mr. Cao to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to review how Workers' Compensation Board (WCB) benefit payments are calculated, specifically how Canada Pension Plan disability payments affect provincial WCB payment calculations.
- 568.** Mr. Prins to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to develop a comprehensive, value-added strategy that considers the long-term future of North American and global gas markets, energy infrastructure needs, regulatory policy, and integrated value chains.
- 569.** Withdrawn

570. Mr. Elniski to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to consider the feasibility of a plain language taxation model whereby all monies collected by the Government, excluding those received by the direct sales of goods or services, would be referred to as a tax, thereby eliminating such phrases as "levy," "fee," and "licence" from legislation.

571. 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.

572. Withdrawn

573. Withdrawn

574. Mr. McFarland to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to require all provincial government organizations to have telephone operators available to assist Albertans requiring service.

575. Withdrawn

576. Withdrawn

577. Ms Notley to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation which requires that all proposed electrical transmission lines be subject to an open and transparent public consultation process and that the costs of new transmission lines be shared equitably by consumers and industry.

578. Withdrawn

579. Mr. Bhullar to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to create an innovation office tasked with helping all government departments save money by fostering innovation and efficiency.

580. Dr. Brown to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce amendments to the Labour Relations Code to include a provision which would make union membership or payment of union dues voluntary.

581. 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 Alberta, as is done with salaries for Members of the Legislative Assembly, and commit to conducting an annual review of the program.

582. Mr. Johnston 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.

583. 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.

584. Withdrawn

585. Withdrawn

586. Ms Pastoor to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to immediately implement a moratorium on new water licences for deep well flooding with fresh groundwater and to phase out within one year all existing water licences that allow deep water flooding with fresh groundwater in settled areas of the province where groundwater is or may be required for human consumption.

587. Withdrawn

588. Mrs. Leskiw to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to consider introducing a policy whereby each new school would have a basic playground, funded in full by the Government, completed by the time the school is opened.

589. 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.

590. Withdrawn

- 591.** Mr. Quest to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to limit the construction of high voltage, above-ground power lines near densely populated areas.
- 592.** Dr. Taft to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to amend all relevant legislation to require all Alberta universities to meet municipal zoning requirements regarding transportation, parking, density, and all future site development.
- 593.** Withdrawn
- 594.** Dr. Brown to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation enabling the Lieutenant Governor in Council to designate specified public gatherings or demonstrations to be places where no person may disguise or conceal their identity in circumstances when there is a reasonable apprehension of personal injury or destruction of property.
- 595.** Mr. Boutilier to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to host an international forum to determine the economic and environmental implications of carbon capture and storage.
- 596.** Mr. Hehr to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce amendments to the Tobacco Reduction Act to prohibit smoking in vehicles where a person under 18 years of age is present.
- 597.** Mr. Allred to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to solicit public opinion on the creation of a single public secular school board.
- 598.** Ms Blakeman to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to restore the province's competitiveness within the Canadian film industry by introducing a tax credit system or by reorganizing the current three-stream system into two streams, and to consider removing the cap that limits the amount of funding available to any given production.

599. Mr. Mason to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation to protect the rights of landowners, ensuring property rights cannot be arbitrarily violated or extinguished without consultation and fair compensation.

600. Mrs. Forsyth to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to increase the number of treatment beds, and counselling and community supports for Albertans dealing with drug and alcohol addiction and mental illness.

601. Withdrawn

602. Withdrawn

603. Withdrawn

604. Mr. Benito to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce amendments to the Employment Standards Code that would establish provisions for confidential reporting of workplace harassment incidents.

605. 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 construction of the southwest portion of the Calgary ring road in 2011 with construction to begin in 2012.

606. Mrs. Forsyth to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to increase the number of long-term care beds (nursing home beds) for Alberta seniors in order to move them from overcrowded acute care settings.

607. Mr. Hinman to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to decentralize health care administration by returning decision-making authority to local service providers and to encourage more efficient delivery of care through competitive delivery of publicly funded services.

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

Bill 204 Justice System Monitoring Act — Mrs. Forsyth

Bill 205 Municipal Government (Delayed Construction) Amendment Act, 2011 —
Mr. Taylor

Committee of the Whole

Bill 203 Alberta Get Outdoors Weekend Act — Mr. Rodney (Due Day 32)

NOTICES

Leave to Introduce a Bill

Bill 17 Appropriation Act, 2011 (\$) — Hon. Mr. Snelgrove

Bill 207 Seniors' Property Tax Deferral Act — Mr. VanderBurg

Projected Government Business

Thursday, April 21 Aft. - **Government Bills and Orders**
 Second Reading
 Bill 16
 Committee of the Whole
 Bill 5, 6, 12, 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 46 WQ1, WQ2, WQ6, MR1, MR2, MR4, MR9, MR10

Day 50 WQ3, WQ4, WQ5, WQ8, WQ13, MR6, MR7, MR8

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Thursday, April 21, 2011