



**Legislative Assembly  
Province of Alberta**

Day 40

**ORDER PAPER**

Fourth Session

Twenty-Seventh Legislature

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Thursday, November 24, 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**

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**Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees**

**Presenting Petitions**

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**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.

27. Hon. Mr. Hancock to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that, pursuant to Standing Order 3(9), the schedule for the 2011 Fall Sitting (as outlined in the calendar published pursuant to Standing Order 3) be modified to allow for the Fall Sitting to be extended beyond the first Thursday in December until such time as, or when, the Government House Leader advises the Assembly that the business for the sitting is concluded and at such time the Assembly stands adjourned.

28. Hon. Mr. Hancock to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the following changes to the Standing Committee on Education be approved:

that Ms Pastoor replace Mr. Zwozdesky,  
that Ms Pastoor replace Mr. Zwozdesky as Chair.

### Government Bills and Orders

#### Second Reading

Bill 18 Education Act — Hon. Mr. Lukaszuk

Adjourned debate: Hon. Mr. Hancock

Bill 23 Land Assembly Project Area Amendment Act, 2011 — Hon. Mr. Johnson  
Adjourned debate: Hon. Mr. Johnson

### **Committee of the Whole**

- Bill 21 Election Amendment Act, 2011 — Hon. Mr. Olson  
Bill 22 Justice and Court Statutes Amendment Act, 2011 — Ms Woo-Paw  
Bill 24 Health Quality Council of Alberta Act — Hon. Mr. Horne  
Bill 25 Child and Youth Advocate Act — Hon. Mr. Hancock  
Bill 26 Traffic Safety Amendment Act, 2011 — Hon. Mr. Danyluk

### **Written Questions**

- WQ21.** Mr. Chase to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 47):  
How many written and telephone complaints has the Ministry of Employment and Immigration received related to the Workers' Compensation Board in each of the fiscal years from 2002-2003 to 2010-2011?
- WQ22.** Dr. Swann to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 47):  
How many community treatment orders were issued under section 9.1 of the Mental Health Act between April 1, 2010, and April 27, 2011?
- WQ23.** Dr. Swann to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 47):  
What is the difference in the average cost per procedure of a privately delivered cataract procedure and a publicly delivered cataract procedure?
- WQ24.** Dr. Swann to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 47):  
What is the percentage of new graduates from registered nursing programs in Alberta post-secondary institutions who gained employment with Alberta Health Services in fiscal years 2008-09 through 2010-11?
- WQ25.** Dr. Swann to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 47):  
From January 1, 2010, to April 27, 2011, how many days were the Foothills Medical Centre, the Peter Lougheed Centre, the Rockyview General Hospital, and the Alberta Children's Hospital operating at over 100 percent capacity, broken down by hospital?
- WQ26.** Mr. Hehr to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 47):  
How many English as a Second Language (ESL) students in Alberta did not complete high school within three and five years of completing grade 10 in the fiscal years 2008-2009 to 2010-2011?

- WQ27.** Dr. Swann to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 53):  
As of November 1, 2011, how many persons awaiting long-term care placement required chronic ventilation and what was the average length of wait time for such persons?
- WQ28.** Dr. Swann to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 53):  
As of January 1, 2010, what was the total number of acute care hospital beds in Alberta that were not being used because there was not enough operational funding available?
- WQ29.** Dr. Swann to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 53):  
As of January 1, 2011, what proportion of continuing care beds were provided by Alberta Health Services, not-for-profit agencies, and for-profit agencies, respectively?
- WQ30.** Dr. Swann to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 53):  
What are the projected staffing complements that will be needed for the South Calgary Health Campus and the Edmonton Clinic to be fully operational, and what are the projected annual costs for staffing the two facilities?
- WQ31.** Dr. Swann to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 53):  
For the fiscal years 2002-2003 to 2009-2010, what has been the average annual cost to residents of long-term, enhanced living and designated assisted living facilities, respectively?
- WQ32.** Dr. Taft to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 53):  
What is the average amount owed in student loans by a person graduating in 2011 with a medical degree from an Alberta university?
- WQ33.** Mr. Chase to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 53):  
What has been the number of employment standards complaints lodged against the Government each calendar year since 2005?

### **Motions for Returns**

- MR18.** Mr. Chase to propose the following motion (Due Day 44):  
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
Copies of any documentation or policies on how cases of reported child abuse of children under the care of the province are investigated, showing what organizations carry out the investigation and what oversight there is of the investigation process.

- MR19.** Mr. Hehr to propose the following motion (Due Day 44):  
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
A copy of all reports, studies, financial forecasts, or materials prepared for the Ministry of Energy regarding stimulus and incentives in the oil and gas sector between January 1, 2008, and February 20, 2011.
- MR20.** Mr. Hehr to propose the following motion (Due Day 44):  
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
Copies of all financial forecasts, economic trend reporting and any recommendations that were prepared by the Ministry of Energy regarding electricity grid expansion for the fiscal periods 2011-2020.
- MR21.** Dr. Taft to propose the following motion (Due Day 47):  
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
A copy of all internal documents that show the Ministry of Advanced Education and Technology's rationale for approving a deficit budget for the University of Calgary in the 2010-11 fiscal year.
- MR22.** Mr. MacDonald to propose the following motion (Due Day 47):  
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
A copy of all reports, studies, financial forecasts, or material prepared for the Ministry of Finance and Enterprise regarding the discussion concerning the potential creation of a national securities regulator.
- MR23.** Dr. Taft to propose the following motion (Due Day 53):  
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
Copies of all internal documents setting out the Ministry of Education's rationale for the cancellation of the English as a second language publication English Express.
- MR24.** Mr. Chase to propose the following motion (Due Day 53):  
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:  
Copies of policies setting out the recommended response from the Ministry of Human Services to reported cases of inter-familial sexual abuse.

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

- 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.** Withdrawn

**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

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- 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. Withdrawn

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.** Withdrawn

**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.** Mrs. 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.** Withdrawn
- 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. Withdrawn

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. Withdrawn

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. Withdrawn

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 (Time remaining:  
46 minutes)

Debate adjourned, Mr. Boutilier speaking.

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

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

Bill 208 Health Statutes (Canada Health Act Reaffirmation) Amendment Act, 2011  
— Mr. Mason

Bill 209 Tailings Ponds Reclamation Statutes Amendment Act, 2011 —  
Ms Blakeman

### **Third Reading**

Bill 203 Alberta Get Outdoors Weekend Act — Mr. Rodney (Due Day 41)

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## **NOTICES**

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

Bill 27 Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act, 2011 (No. 2) (\$) — Hon.  
Mr. Horner

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

Day 46 WQ1, WQ6, MR1

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

Day 61 WQ14, WQ16, WQ17, WQ18, MR14

Hon. Ken Kowalski,  
Speaker

Title: Thursday, November 24, 2011