



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

Day 2

ORDER PAPER

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Twenty-Seventh Legislature

Wednesday, February 8, 2012

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

Consideration of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech

Mr. Fawcett to propose the following motion, seconded by Mr. Rodney:

That an humble address be presented to His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor as follows:

To His Honour the Honourable Colonel (Retired) Donald S. Ethell, OC, OMM, AOE, MSC, CD, LLD, the Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Alberta:

We, Her Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly, now assembled, beg leave to thank Your Honour for the gracious speech Your Honour has been pleased to address to us at the opening of the present session.

Government Motions

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

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly resolve into Committee of the Whole, when called, to consider certain Bills on the Order Paper.

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

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly resolve into Committee of Supply, when called, to consider supply to be granted to Her Majesty.

4. Hon. Mr. Horner to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Message from His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant Governor, the 2011-12 Supplementary Supply Estimates (No. 2) for the General Revenue Fund, and all matters connected therewith, be referred to Committee of Supply.

5. Hon. Mr. Horner to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that, pursuant to Standing Order 61(2), the number of days that Committee of Supply will be called to consider the 2011-12 Supplementary Supply Estimates (No. 2) for the General Revenue Fund shall be one day.

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

Be it resolved that the following procedures apply for the consideration of the 2012-2013 Main Estimates:

1. When they are laid before the Assembly, the Main Estimates stand referred to Committee of Supply and the Policy Field Committees as outlined in the attached Schedule.

2. Standing Order 59.01(4) shall apply to consideration of the Main Estimates in Policy Field Committees and in Committee of Supply except that after the time allocated to the third party in suborder (4)(c),
 - (a) for the next 20 minutes, the members of the fourth party and the Minister, or the member of Executive Council acting on the Minister's behalf, may speak, and
 - (b) for the next 20 minutes, the members of any other party represented in the Assembly or any independent Members and the Minister, or the member of Executive Council acting on the Minister's behalf, may speak.
3. Standing Order 59.01(5) and (6) shall apply with any necessary modifications to the consideration of Main Estimates in Committee of Supply.
4. Each department's estimates shall receive a minimum of 3 hours' consideration except for the estimates of Executive Council, which shall receive a minimum of 2 hours' consideration.
5. When a department's estimates are considered by Committee of Supply, the committee's consideration shall continue until it is complete, notwithstanding Standing Orders 3(1) and 4.
6. A Policy Field Committee shall commence its consideration of a department's estimates at 6:30 p.m. or, if the Assembly has adjourned later than 6:00 p.m., one half hour after the Assembly adjourns for the day.
7. After the Committee of Supply has concluded its consideration of a department's estimates, the Committee rises and reports progress without question put. All votes on a department's estimates in Committee of Supply stand deferred until the date scheduled for the vote on the Main Estimates.
8. The Committee of Supply shall vote on the Main Estimates on the evening of March 13, 2012, commencing at 7:30 p.m.
9. Standing Orders 59.01(1), (2) and (3), 59.03(3) and (4), and 60(1) shall not apply to the consideration of the 2012-2013 Main Estimates.

(Schedule)

2012 – 2013 Main Estimates

February 9

(Budget Address)

February 14

Evening

Justice and Attorney General (PFC – Public Health and Safety)

Intergovernmental, International and Aboriginal Relations (PFC – Energy)

February 15

Evening

Municipal Affairs (PFC – Community Development)

Service Alberta (PFC – Finance)

February 21

Afternoon

Finance (COS)

Evening

Sustainable Resource Development (PFC – Energy)

Seniors (PFC - Public Health and Safety)

February 22

Afternoon

Executive Council (COS)

Evening

Energy (PFC – Energy)

Culture and Community Services (PFC – Community Development)

March 5

Evening

Solicitor General and Public Security (PFC – Public Health and Safety)

Tourism, Parks and Recreation (PFC – Community Development)

March 6

Afternoon

Education (COS)

Evening

Infrastructure (PFC – Finance)

Advanced Education and Technology (PFC – Education)

March 7

Afternoon

Health and Wellness (COS)

Evening

Environment and Water (PFC – Energy)

Treasury Board and Enterprise (PFC – Finance)

March 12

Evening

Agriculture and Rural Development (PFC – Energy)

Transportation (PFC – Finance)

March 13

Afternoon

Human Services (COS)

Evening

Main Estimates Votes (COS)

(COS) – Committee of Supply

(PFC) – Policy Field Committee

7. Hon. Mr. Liepert to propose the following motion:

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

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

Be it resolved that, pursuant to Standing Order 4(1), the Assembly shall meet in the evening on the following dates:

- (a) on February 13, 2012, for consideration of the 2011-12 Supplementary Supply Estimates (No. 2), to be followed by consideration of Government business;
- (b) on March 13, 2012, following the vote on the 2012-13 Main Estimates and the report from Committee of Supply, for consideration of Government business; and
- (c) commencing March 14, 2012, every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday for the remainder of the 2012 Spring Sitting unless, on motion by the Government House Leader made before 6 p.m., which may be made orally and without notice, the Assembly is adjourned to the following sitting day.

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

Be it resolved that the following changes to:

- A. the Standing Committee on Public Health and Safety be approved:
that Mr. Rodney replace Mr. Ouellette;
- B. the Standing Committee on Energy be approved:
that Mr. Ouellette replace Mr. Rodney.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

Bill 1 Results-based Budgeting Act — Hon. Ms Redford

NOTICES

Leave to Introduce a Bill

Bill 2 Education Act — Hon. Mr. Lukaszuk

Bill 201 Alberta Bill of Rights (Property Rights Protection) Amendment Act, 2012 — Mr. Hinman

Bill 203 Tobacco Reduction (Protection of Children in Vehicles) Amendment Act, 2012 — Dr. Sherman

Written Questions

- WQ1.** Dr. Taft to ask the Government the following question:
What has been the cost per fiscal year of the Registered Apprenticeship Program since its implementation?
- WQ2.** Dr. Taft to ask the Government the following question:
How many high school students per calendar year have participated in the Registered Apprenticeship Program since its implementation?

Motions for Returns

- MR1.** Dr. Taft to propose the following motion:
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all correspondence from August 1, 2011, to February 3, 2012, between the Minister of Advanced Education and Technology and the province's post-secondary institutions regarding development of and student input on fee payment policy.
- MR2.** Dr. Taft to propose the following motion:
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A copy of the 2011 memorandum of understanding between Alberta Innovates Health Solutions and Pfizer Canada Inc.
- MR3.** Dr. Swann to propose the following motion:
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A list of law suits in which Alberta Health Services is, as of March 31, 2011, named as a defendant indicating the cause of action and amount in damages claimed.
- MR4.** Dr. Swann to propose the following motion:
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all requests for proposals and all documents relating to requests for proposals issued by Alberta Health Services for supportive living personal care facilities throughout the province.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

- 501.** Ms Blakeman to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation that will replace the flat rate income tax in favour of a progressive income tax whereby tax rates increase according to income.

502. Mr. Quest to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to improve the accuracy of condominium reserve fund assessment studies by setting and implementing standards for persons who conduct such studies at a level appropriate for the complexity of the studies.

503. Mr. Benito to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to examine the feasibility of creating tax incentives to support cultural endeavours.

504. Mr. Xiao to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to explore options for reducing the number of arrest warrants issued, and offenders incarcerated, for the repeated non-payment of fines for minor provincial and municipal bylaw offences, with the goal of increasing the efficiency of the criminal justice system and reducing the cost to taxpayers of sanctioning minor offences.

505. Mr. Sandhu to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to conduct a study to determine the effectiveness of issuing photo radar traffic violations and to determine whether issuing these violations promotes traffic safety.

506. Dr. Swann 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.

507. Mr. Fawcett to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to undertake a review of current social entrepreneurship in Alberta and develop a platform that will encourage collaboration within and among the public, private, and non-profit sectors relating to social enterprise and the delivery of social and community programming.

508. Ms Calahasen to propose the following motion:

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

509. Dr. Taft to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce amendments to all necessary legislation so as to require Alberta universities to meet municipal zoning requirements regarding transportation, parking, density, and future site development.

510. Mr. Anderson to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation making it illegal for the Government to introduce into the Assembly a budget with a cash deficit.

511. 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 2012 with construction to begin in 2013.

512. Withdrawn

513. Withdrawn

514. Mr. Lund to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to discuss with the Federal Government the possibility of adopting a single measurement protocol for regulating the ride height of excessively raised vehicles.

515. Withdrawn

516. Mr. Benito to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to convene a forum with arts and culture partners to make recommendations on initiatives that promote the sustainability and long-term growth of the arts and culture sector.

517. Mrs. Forsyth to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to immediately introduce whistle-blower legislation enabling government and health-care workers to raise concerns about mismanagement and corruption without the fear of reprisal.

518. Withdrawn

519. Mr. Fawcett to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to undertake a review and public consultation regarding the purpose and scope of both the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund and the Sustainability Fund, including the mandatory allocation of non-renewable resource revenue to these funds.

520. 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 ensure that any union dues collected to support partisan political activities must be collected on a voluntary basis and require individual employee consent.

521. Withdrawn

522. 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.

523. Withdrawn

524. Mrs. Sarich to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to provide comprehensive diagnostic testing and assessment for all children ages one, three, and five and the necessary supports, based on current programs in Finland to support early learning, to ensure that all children come to school ready to learn.

525. Mr. Chase to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to implement policies that will better assist families of disabled children approaching 18 years of age to transition to adult supports and services.

526. Mr. Hinman to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation to repeal the Electric Statutes Amendment Act, 2009 (the former Bill 50), immediately suspending any further expenditure for and action on all power lines approved by Executive Council under the Act's provisions and returning decision-making to the Alberta Utilities Commission, giving it an increased mandate not only to go through an independent needs assessment but also to review who should pay for the transmission of electricity.

527. Mrs. Forsyth to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation to require notice to be placed at the Land Titles Registry on all properties that have been used for the production of drugs such as methamphetamine laboratories or marijuana growing operations to ensure that prospective home-buyers have this information available to them when purchasing a house.

528. Mr. Sandhu to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to use monopoles for electricity transmission through populated areas.

529. Mr. Taylor to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to fully uphold the 1998 designation of the Castle Special Management Area as a Special Place protected area for the preservation and heritage appreciation of the natural landscape found therein, and to ban all commercial logging activities within its boundaries.

530. Withdrawn

531. Mr. Mason to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation to regulate the electricity system to ensure stable and affordable prices for consumers.

532. 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.

533. Withdrawn

534. Ms Calahasen to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to develop and implement a program encouraging Albertans to invest in, and make use of, renewable and alternative energy technologies in our province in order to strengthen our leadership in energy, innovation, and greenhouse gas reductions.

535. Withdrawn

536. Withdrawn

537. Withdrawn

538. Mr. Chase to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to establish a committee to undertake a comparative review of the provision of children's services by employees of the Government under the Minister of Human Services' administration and the provision of children's services by contracted service providers on behalf of the Minister of Human Services.

539. Withdrawn

540. Dr. Brown to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation to provide a tax credit for full-time family caregivers of disabled seniors who would otherwise require hospitalization or qualify for long-term care.

541. Withdrawn

542. Withdrawn

543. Withdrawn

544. Withdrawn

545. 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.

546. Mr. Mason to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to maintain the current upper limit on accommodation fees for long-term care residents.

547. Withdrawn

548. Withdrawn

549. Mr. Rodney to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation which requires that once children have graduated from using safety seats they must ride in a booster seat until they achieve a specified height, weight, and/or age.

550. Withdrawn

551. Withdrawn

552. Mr. Amery to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to display visible timers at all intersections where red-light cameras are installed in order to inform the driver of exactly how long it will be until the light changes.

553. Withdrawn

554. Withdrawn

555. Withdrawn

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560. Withdrawn

561. Mr. Elniski to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to make it mandatory that any entity that receives funding from the Government be held accountable to the Assembly through the Standing Committee on Public Accounts and the Auditor General by authority of provincial legislation.

562. Dr. Taft to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation providing for mandatory non-instructional and ancillary fees for post-secondary institutions and the indexation of these fees to the consumer price index.

563. Ms Notley to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to table in the Assembly a clear plan to set a maximum fee for child care at a rate affordable for low- and middle-income families while ensuring child-care providers have funding available to provide high-quality care.

564. 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 transmission lines be subject to an open and transparent public consultation process and that the costs of new transmission lines be shared by consumers and industry.

565. Mr. Anderson to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to create and publicly publish a list of locations for new schools in Alberta in order of highest to lowest priority, and the criteria used to arrive at that priority.

566. 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.

567. Withdrawn

568. Mr. Hinman to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to repeal Bill 26, the Traffic Safety Amendment Act, 2011, and work with law enforcement agencies across the province to dedicate more resources to addressing the real problem, namely, persons who drive while having a blood alcohol content over the legal limit of .08 as set out in the Criminal Code.

569. Mr. Xiao to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to continue its commitment to the creation of a world-class Capital Region River Valley Park by working with the City of Edmonton to implement its Ribbon of Green Concept Plan, to connect all of the river valley parks into a single, continuous, protected park.

570. 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.

571. Ms Woo-Paw to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government, in collaboration with relevant stakeholders, to review curricula and programs for all levels of education, including post-secondary, and develop a leading edge global citizenship and international development education program.

572. 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.

573. Dr. Sherman to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to take all necessary legislative and policy steps to ensure the availability of a family physician to every Albertan.

574. Withdrawn

575. Withdrawn

576. Mr. Hehr to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to eliminate public funding to private schools that refuse students admission on grounds of religious belief, physical or mental disability, and other exclusionary criteria.

577. Withdrawn

578. Ms Blakeman 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.

579. Withdrawn

580. Withdrawn

581. Withdrawn

582. Withdrawn

583. Withdrawn

584. Ms DeLong to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to create a provincial certification for centres that can, in cases of separation or divorce, be assigned by the courts to document parental compliance with access orders.

585. Withdrawn

586. Mr. Cao to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to review how Workers' Compensation benefit payments are calculated, specifically to disallow benefit clawbacks resulting from non-employment income, such as Canada Pension Plan disability payments, particularly in the case of individuals with any medical conditions, which may have existed prior to injury but which ought not impede compensation for a work-related injury.

587. Dr. Sherman to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation to reduce the maximum number of Members of the Legislative Assembly to no more than 70 and, upon the establishment of new federal electoral district boundaries, establish provincial electoral divisions half the geographical area of federal electoral districts.

588. Withdrawn

589. Mr. Cao to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce amendments to section 50 of the School Act with the intent that patriotic instruction or exercises become mandatory for all students.

590. 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.

591. Withdrawn

592. Mr. Kang to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to launch a campaign aimed at increasing awareness among persons under 18 years of age of the health risks associated with the use of smokeless tobacco products.

593. Withdrawn

594. Mr. Taylor to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation to authorize the transfer of existing funding and responsibility for management of residential support services for brain-injured clients from Alberta Health and Wellness to the disability sector of Alberta Seniors.

595. Mr. Hehr to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to enhance the consumer protection afforded purchasers of condominiums and the accountability of condominium builders, contractors, and developers.

596. Mr. Allred to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to conduct and table in the Assembly a comprehensive study examining the correlation between electronic gaming machines and gambling addiction and the impact of gambling on our society.

597. Withdrawn

598. Ms Woo-Paw to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to work with relevant stakeholders to develop comprehensive arts development and appreciation programs in the education system and at the community level with the goal of ensuring long-term and sustainable development in the arts, which is part of the overall social and educational experience that contributes to a high quality of life for all Albertans.

599. Ms DeLong to propose the following motion:

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

600. Withdrawn

601. 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, be referred to as a tax, thereby eliminating such phrases as "levy," "fee," and "licence" from legislation.

602. Mrs. Sarich to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to design and implement pilot projects in urban and rural areas, which are based on providing comprehensive services in the areas of health and social supports at the school site, so that teachers can concentrate on meeting the educational needs of students.

603. Withdrawn

604. Withdrawn

605. Withdrawn

606. Withdrawn

607. Withdrawn

608. Mr. Allred to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to conduct and table in the Assembly an in-depth study projecting and analyzing the cost implications to the Government of continuing the existing defined benefit pension plan for the Alberta public service over the next 20 years as compared to the cost implications to the Government of adopting a defined contribution plan.

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker