

Day 47

ORDER PAPER

First Session

Twenty-Eighth Legislature

Thursday, April 18, 2013

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

Government Motions

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

Be it resolved that, pursuant to Standing Order 3(9), the 2012 Fall Sitting of the Assembly shall stand adjourned upon the Government House Leader advising the Assembly that the business for the sitting is concluded.

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

Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 7, Election Accountability Amendment Act, 2012, is resumed, not more than two hours shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill in Committee of the Whole, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.

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

Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 7, Election Accountability Amendment Act, 2012, is resumed, not more than two hours shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill at Third Reading, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.

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

Be it resolved that when further consideration of Government Motion 24 regarding proposed amendments to Standing Orders is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration of the motion, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the motion shall be put forthwith.

28. Moved by Hon. Mr. Horner:

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

Debate adjourned, Mr. Donovan speaking.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

Bill 12 Fiscal Management Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Horner Debate adjourned.

Bill 14 RCMP Health Coverage Statutes Amendment Act, 2013 — Hon. Mr. VanderBurg

- Bill 15 Emergency 911 Act (\$) Hon. Mr. Weadick
- Bill 16 Victims Statutes Amendment Act, 2013 (\$) Hon. Mr. Denis
- Bill 17 Municipal Government Amendment Act, 2013 Ms Kubinec
- Bill 19 Metis Settlements Amendment Act, 2013 Hon. Mr. Campbell

Bills Awaiting Royal Assent

Bill 201 Scrap Metal Dealers and Recyclers Identification Act — Mr. Quest

2013-14 Main Estimates Consideration

April 22 (eve.) Culture

(LPC - Families and Communities, Committee Room B)

Agriculture and Rural Development

(LPC - Alberta's Economic Future, Committee Room A)

April 22 (9:30 pm) Main Estimates Votes

(Committee of Supply, Chamber)

Written Questions

WQ34. Mr. McAllister to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 45):

What was the total amount that school boards in Alberta charged in mandatory school fees in each of the school years from 2007-2008 to 2011-2012, and how much did each individual board charge?

WQ35. Mr. McAllister to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 50):

What are the criteria currently used by the Ministry of Education to determine where new schools are constructed?

WQ36. Mr. McAllister to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 50):

What are the criteria currently used by the Ministry of Infrastructure to determine where new schools are constructed?

WQ37. Mr. Wilson to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 50):

What steps are being taken by the Minister of Human Services, and what steps were taken by the previous Ministers of Children and Youth Services, to complete the recommendations that were made in the 2006-2007 Annual Report of the Auditor General of Alberta?

WQ38. Mr. Wilson to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 50):

How many subsidized daycare spaces were available each month in Edmonton, Calgary, and the province as a whole, from January 1, 2011, to January 31, 2013?

WQ39. Mr. Wilson to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 50):

What are the cost implications, on a fiscal year basis, to extend Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped benefits, to those currently receiving benefits, beyond the age of 65?

WQ40. Mr. Rowe to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 52):

Which municipalities have not received their full share of eligible fine revenues earned through provincial traffic tickets issued pursuant to the Traffic Safety Act from January 1, 2007, to December 31, 2012, and what is the total amount that was not returned to municipalities across the province because of clerical errors and missed time limits, since January 1, 2007?

WQ41. Mr. Bikman to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 57):

What are the amounts for which the Crown has settled legal actions for each fiscal year commencing April 1, 2008, and ending March 31, 2012, where the Minister or Ministry of Energy is the defendant, and what were the causes of action in those legal actions?

Motions for Returns

MR7. Mr. Barnes to propose the following motion (Due Day 50):

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing: A list of the projects itemized in the Alberta Transportation Three-Year Construction Plan 2012-2015, listed according to priority (rather than highway number) with related costs for each project.

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

- Bill 203 Employment Standards (Compassionate Care Leave) Amendment Act, 2012 Mr. Jeneroux
- Bill 204 Irlen Syndrome Testing Act Mrs. Jablonski
- Bill 205 Fisheries (Alberta) Amendment Act, 2012 Ms Calahasen

- Bill 206 Tobacco Reduction (Flavoured Tobacco Products) Amendment Act, 2012

 Mr. Fraser
- Bill 207 Human Tissue and Organ Donation Amendment Act, 2013 Mr. Webber
- Bill 208 Seniors' Advocate Act Mrs. Towle

Motions Other Than Government Motions

509. Ms Jansen to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to establish a working group to review whether adequate policies are in place for urban communities with regard to oil and gas development.

510. Mr. Pedersen to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to reinstate a competitive tax credit regime for supporting the film industry in Alberta rather than the current grant system.

511. Ms Kubinec to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to complete a report, to be tabled in the Assembly, which examines strategies utilized in other jurisdictions around the world to enhance the viability of rural schools and to retain students.

512. Withdrawn

513. Mr. Luan to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to promote and assist in the establishment of heritage language schools to help ensure that all Alberta students can study an extracurricular language to better prepare them to be global leaders of tomorrow.

514. 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, which would connect all of the river valley parks into a single, continuous, protected park.

515. Mr. Anglin 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 (Bill 50, 2nd Session, 27th Legislature), effective December 9, 2009.

516. Mr. Jeneroux to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to explore the feasibility of providing funding for preliminary work on school playgrounds, such as drainage, and for basic playground equipment, such as a swing or a slide, as part of the capital funding for any new school facilities that include grade levels from kindergarten to Grade 6.

517. Withdrawn

518. 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 the province in order to strengthen Alberta's leadership in energy innovation and greenhouse gas reductions.

519. Mr. Young to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to examine the value of adopting a data exchange standard that will enable the secure exchange of authorized information within the Government as well as between the Government of Alberta, other provincial governments, their agencies, and the federal government.

520. Mrs. Sarich to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to ensure that the Government's social policy framework and poverty reduction initiatives include the principle that regardless of whether the human services are delivered by government, not-for-profits, or private contractors, there will be a requirement that compensation for human services providers involve consistent, fair wages reflecting the skills and training of employees.

521. Dr. Sherman to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to take the steps necessary to ensure every Albertan has a family doctor.

522. Mr. Saskiw to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation to repeal section 3 of the Alberta Human Rights Act.

523. Mr. Fox to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation to amend section 115 of the Gaming and Liquor Act to allow peace officers the ability to impose a fine in addition to detaining intoxicated persons.

525. 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.

526. Withdrawn

527. Ms Blakeman to propose the following motion:

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

528. Mr. Dorward to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to implement a grant program that will provide funds to plan, build, maintain, or upgrade major community facilities whose funding requirements are in excess of the level of targeted grants provided by the Community Facility Enhancement Program.

529. Withdrawn

530. Withdrawn

531. Withdrawn

532. Mr. Lemke to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to work with the Alberta Recycling Management Authority to expand the list of electronic appliances, including smaller household items.

533. 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 (ATVs) on both public and private land.

534. 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.

536. Mrs. Towle to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to conduct a review of the provision of meals to seniors in public facilities to ensure not only that they have adequate nutrition but that the quality and appearance of the meals meet a minimum standard respecting the seniors' dignity, with a report of this review to be tabled in the Legislature no later than April 15, 2013.

537. Withdrawn

538. Ms Smith to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to immediately suspend construction of the Western Alberta Transmission Line until the criminal investigations into Altalink's parent company, SNC Lavalin, are completed and that the Government initiate an updated, thorough, and independent assessment of Alberta's electricity needs.

539. Mr. Webber to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to establish an organ and tissue donor registry for the Province of Alberta.

540. Mr. Cao to propose the following motion:

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

541. Withdrawn

542. Mrs. Jablonski to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to recognize Irlen Syndrome as a learning disability and ensure that schools have the necessary resources available to test all children for the disorder.

543. Mr. Rowe to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to review the fairness of requiring seniors to take the fully computerized DriveAble test under the threat of losing their licence given that some have limited or no computer skills.

545. Withdrawn

546. Mr. Wilson to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation that will mandate random audits, quantifiable objectives, and documented outcome reports for all Government-funded organizations involved with homelessness, group homes, assisted-living residences, and long-term care facilities.

547. Mr. Bikman to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation requiring all publicly funded post-secondary institutions to provide each student a full, total costing of his or her tuition at the beginning of each school year to show how much the taxpayers assist in funding post-secondary education.

548. Mr. Eggen to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to implement full-day kindergarten.

549. Mr. Bilous to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to require all new oil sands developments to have plans for upgrading bitumen in Alberta.

550. Withdrawn

551. Withdrawn

552. Withdrawn

553. Ms Johnson to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to make available for individuals receiving services under the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan an annual accounting of medical expenses incurred by those individuals.

555. Ms Fenske to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to study the advantages and disadvantages, as part of the review of the Municipal Government Act, of granting municipalities the right to sell bonds directly to the public and granting tax incentives to Albertans who hold such bonds.

556. Mr. Quadri to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to examine the feasibility of removing the matching funding requirement from the Community Facility Enhancement Program in relation to grant applications for children's play structures in order to ensure that all communities, regardless of their financial status, are eligible.

557. Mr. Barnes to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to consider the total costs for the administration of disaster relief programs as compared to the total payout amounts for such programs to ensure both claimants and the taxpayer receive value for money.

- **558.** Withdrawn
- 559. Withdrawn
- **560.** Withdrawn
- **561.** Mr. McAllister to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation to eliminate the implementation of mandatory school fees in public, separate, and public charter schools.

NOTICES

Government Motions

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

Be it resolved that:

 A Select Special Chief Electoral Officer Search Committee of the Legislative Assembly be appointed, consisting of the following Members, namely:

Rogers (Chair)	Eggen	Leskiw
Quadri (Deputy Chair)	Goudreau	McDonald
Blakeman	Lemke	Saskiw

for the purpose of inviting applications for the position of Chief Electoral Officer and to recommend to the Assembly the applicant it considers most suitable to this position.

- Reasonable disbursements by the Committee for advertising, staff
 assistance, equipment and supplies, rent, travel, and other expenditures
 necessary for the effective conduct of its responsibilities shall be paid,
 subject to the approval of the Chair.
- 3. In carrying out its responsibilities, the Committee may, with the concurrence of the head of the department, utilize the services of members of the public service employed in that department, and of the staff employed by the Assembly.
- 4. The Committee may, without leave of the Assembly, sit during a period when the Assembly is adjourned or prorogued.
- 5. When its work has been completed, the Committee shall report to the Assembly if it is sitting; during a period when the Assembly is adjourned or prorogued, the Committee may release its report by depositing a copy with the Clerk and forwarding a copy to each Member of the Assembly.

Leave to Introduce a Bill

- Bill 18 Pooled Registered Pension Plans Act Hon. Mr. Fawcett
- Bill 20 Appropriation Act, 2013 (\$) Hon. Mr. Horner
- Bill 21 Environmental Protection and Enhancement Amendment Act, 2013 Ms Jansen

Projected Government Business

Thursday, April 18 Aft. - Government Bills and Orders
Second Reading

Bill 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 51 WQ1, WQ2, WQ3
Day 55 WQ4, WQ5, WQ6, WQ11, WQ12, WQ13
Day 62 WQ22, WQ23
Day 66 WQ14, WQ15, WQ17, WQ26, WQ27, MR1, MR4, MR5
Day 74 WQ28, WQ29, WQ30, WQ31, WQ33

Hon. Gene Zwozdesky, Speaker

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