

Day 8

ORDER PAPER

Third Session

Twenty-Eighth Legislature

Thursday, November 27, 2014

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

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Consideration of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor's Speech (Day 6)

Moved by Ms Fenske and seconded by Mr. Ellis:

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.

Adjourned debate: Hon. Mr. Prentice

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

- Bill 7 Chartered Professional Accountants Act Hon. Mr. McIver
- Bill 8 Justice Statutes Amendment Act, 2014 Ms Kennedy-Glans

Committee of the Whole

Bill 6 Statutes Amendment Act, 2014 (No. 2) — Hon. Mr. Olson

Third Reading

- Bill 1 Respecting Property Rights Act Hon. Mr. Prentice
 Adjourned debate: Hon. Mr. Oberle
- Bill 3 Personal Information Protection Amendment Act, 2014 Mr. Quadri
- Bill 4 Horse Racing Alberta Amendment Act, 2014 Hon. Mr. Campbell
- Bill 5 Securities Amendment Act, 2014 Hon. Mr. Campbell

Written Questions

- **WQ5.** Withdrawn
- WQ6. Withdrawn
- WQ9. Withdrawn
- WQ10. Withdrawn
- WQ11. Withdrawn
- WQ12. Withdrawn
- WQ13. Withdrawn
- WQ15. Withdrawn
- WQ16. Withdrawn
- WQ17. Withdrawn
- WQ18. Withdrawn
- WQ19. Withdrawn
- WQ20. Withdrawn
- WQ21. Withdrawn
- WQ22. Withdrawn
- WQ24. Withdrawn
- WQ25. Withdrawn
- WQ26. Withdrawn
- WQ27. Withdrawn
- WQ28. Withdrawn
- WQ29. Withdrawn

Motions for Returns

MR3. Withdrawn

MR6. Withdrawn

MR7. Withdrawn

MR8. Withdrawn

MR12. Withdrawn

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

Bill 201 Electric Utilities (Transparency in Billing) Amendment Act, 2014 — Mr. Anglin (Time remaining: 102 minutes)

Debate adjourned, Mr. Mason speaking.

- Bill 202 Safe and Inclusive Schools Statutes Amendment Act, 2014 Ms Blakeman
- Bill 203 Safety Codes (Sustainable Structures) Amendment Act, 2014 Mr. VanderBurg

Motions Other Than Government Motions

- **502.** Withdrawn
- **503.** Mrs. Leskiw to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce mandatory inspections and cleaning of boats entering Alberta in order to protect our lakes from harmful and invasive organisms.

504. Mr. Jeneroux to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to review child care policies to ensure that accessible, high-quality, and affordable child care is available for all Albertans, to allow for parents to re-enter the workforce, if they so choose, which will increase personal income tax contributions and address current and future skilled worker gaps in Alberta.

505. Mr. Jeneroux to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to commit to stable and predictable funding for mental health supports at post-secondary institutions.

506. Withdrawn

507. Ms Notley to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to commit to the immediate study and drafting of a plan to phase-out all coal-generated power in Alberta by 2030.

508. Mr. Rowe to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to develop a province-wide strategy to combat the debilitating effects of Lyme disease, which, at minimum, would include additional education for physicians and access to additional testing and treatment for patients.

509. Mr. Bilous to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation that prohibits mandatory fees in Alberta's public and separate schools from kindergarten to Grade 12.

510. Mr. Quadri to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to encourage Albertans travelling outside of Canada to obtain out-of-country health care coverage.

511. Mr. Young to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to adopt the National Information Exchange Model as the standard for exchanging authorized data between governments and within government.

512. Withdrawn

513. Withdrawn

514. Withdrawn

515. Mr. Hehr to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation allowing for the creation of secondary suites in detached, semi-detached, and duplex dwellings to address the lack of affordable housing in Alberta.

516. Ms Blakeman to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to designate all surface water and groundwater as a public good, to be managed in the public interest, and regulated accordingly.

517. Withdrawn

518. Dr. Swann to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to immediately develop a universal low-fee child care program.

519. Withdrawn

520. Mr. McDonald to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to provide rural Alberta farmers with additional and comprehensive information and resources on succession planning to accommodate the transfer of agricultural farm operations.

521. Mr. Rowe to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to develop a province-wide strategy that will ensure that all Albertans with rare infectious diseases have equal access to testing and treatment.

522. Dr. Brown to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation to recognize and honour the contributions of the British home children to our province and designate September 28 as British Home Child Day.

523. Mrs. Forsyth to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to track and publicly disclose the implementation status of all health-related recommendations made by the Health Quality Council, the Auditor General, the Health Advocate, and the Ombudsman.

524. Ms Notley to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to immediately introduce a school breakfast pilot program that would provide nutritious breakfasts to students from low-income families in Alberta's public and separate schools from kindergarten to Grade 12, with a view to expanding the program to all students within Alberta's education system.

525. Ms Smith to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to work with the federal government, provinces, territories, and First Nations to negotiate a northern resource and commercial right-of-way for future pipeline, rail line, highway, utilities, and other development, so that all Canadians can benefit from market access and the growth of our resource sectors.

526. Mr. Wilson to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce right of recall legislation to ensure that elected representatives are accountable to the electorate.

527. Withdrawn

528. Withdrawn

529. Ms Cusanelli to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to request that the Alberta Utilities Commission encourage demand-side management programs to improve energy conservation and efficiency in residential and commercial use of electricity and natural gas.

530. Ms Fenske to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation that would require that driving infractions not currently subject to demerits, such as distracted driving, be included on a driver's abstract.

531. Mr. Donovan to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to conduct a review of funding for infrastructure maintenance of bridges in rural Alberta.

532. Mr. McAllister to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to examine the potential shortcomings of experiential or discovery learning in Alberta classrooms and re-emphasize the importance of conventional teaching methods that build on the fundamentals of math, reading, and writing, and to employ traditional student assessment.

533. Mr. Anderson to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to create a volunteer advisory council on education for persons with developmental disabilities that would assess the accessibility, effectiveness, and outcomes of special education programs in school districts across Alberta, make recommendations to improve the education experience and achievement of students with developmental disabilities, and report those recommendations to the Legislative Assembly.

534. Mrs. Forsyth to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to establish community counselling services in existing health facilities that would offer same-day access and service for those seeking mental health and addictions treatment.

535. Mr. VanderBurg to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to distribute casino proceeds on a province-wide basis, ensuring rural and urban charities have equitable access to these funds.

536. Mr. Young to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to establish a community and stakeholder consultation framework for public policy decisions that reflects the impact on affected parties and the complexity of the issue using effective consultative best practices.

537. Mr. Anglin to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce amendments to legislation that will increase penalties for offences relating to the spill, discharge, or release of environmentally harmful materials that impact waterways.

- **538.** Withdrawn
- 539. Withdrawn

540. Ms Cusanelli to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to establish a co-operative that would develop a recreational trail system in Alberta analogous to La Route Verte in Quebec.

- 541. Withdrawn
- **542.** Withdrawn

543. Mr. VanderBurg to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to review the deposit refund system for recyclable beverage containers with the goal of enhancing recycling rates across Alberta.

- 544. Withdrawn
- 545. Withdrawn
- **546.** Withdrawn
- **547.** Withdrawn

548. Mr. Strankman to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to provide clarity in legislation regarding the definition of private property rights, including rights stemming from licences, easements, and rights-of-way.

549. Mr. Allen to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to allocate resources for the recruitment of obstetricians and midwives in rural Alberta, specifically those areas experiencing an increase in population growth.

550. Withdrawn

551. Mr. Bikman to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to accept the recommendations of the Red Tape Reduction Task Force as stated in the March 2012 report entitled "Focusing on What Matters" and implement an integrated strategy for systematically making life and business simpler and less expensive for all Albertans, and report to the Assembly on the implementation of the recommendations by March 31, 2015.

552. Mr. Mason to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation that would create a progressive income tax system.

553. Mr. Barnes to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to establish a protocol of calculating, documenting, and disclosing unfunded pension liabilities in the budget process.

- 554. Withdrawn
- 555. Withdrawn

556. Mr. Eggen to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation setting minimum staffing levels for all long-term care facilities and establishing a funding model that ensures future government funding is dependent on facility operators conforming to these established minimums.

557. Mr. Hale to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to instruct the Red Tape Reduction Task Force to work with the Alberta Energy Regulator to find increased efficiencies and cost-saving measures in the regulatory process.

558. Dr. Sherman to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to institute a progressive taxation system for all Albertans.

559. Withdrawn

560. Mrs. Sarich to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to implement a comprehensive health care services strategy with adequate and stable funding for interdisciplinary, qualified health professionals to provide services to medically fragile students from kindergarten to Grade 12.

561. Mr. Saskiw to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to encourage and support federal government programs that increase and strictly enforce the electronic monitoring of convicted violent offenders as a condition of their release.

562. Withdrawn

563. Withdrawn

564. Mr. Kang to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to implement a policy that requires all government contracts exceeding \$10,000 to be subject to complete and immediate public disclosure, removing the need for a request under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

565. Withdrawn

566. Mr. Xiao to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to examine the feasibility of implementing measures designed to increase voter turnout in provincial elections.

567. Mr. Kang to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation that requires the licensing of residential builders, including developers and building envelope renovators, and creates a searchable public registry indicating the standing of all residential builders, developers, and building envelope renovators.

568. Mr. Sandhu to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation to amend section 1(1)(m) of the Traffic Safety Act in order to designate tow trucks as emergency vehicles.

569. Mr. Quadri to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to expedite the process for recognizing foreign credentials and degrees in order to keep pace with expanding labour needs and economic growth.

570. Withdrawn

571. Withdrawn

572. Mrs. Jablonski to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to examine the needs of people under the age of 65 who have Alzheimer's disease and provide appropriate care options for those who require support.

573. Mr. Bilous to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to create a provincial affordable housing strategy and to introduce the necessary legislation and create the necessary funding models to increase the availability and construction of affordable housing units in Alberta.

574. Mr. Pedersen to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to consider providing sustainable and predictable operating grants to post-secondary institutions on an annual basis.

575. Withdrawn

576. Mr. Bikman to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to institute a life skills and employability module into the core curriculum for all high school students to help them prepare for post-secondary education and the labour market.

577. Withdrawn

578. Mr. Luan to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to encourage and facilitate partnerships between all levels of government, private business, and individuals to develop resources and facilities that will allow the aging population to remain in their own communities and homes.

579. Withdrawn

580. Withdrawn

581. Mrs. Towle to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to implement five-year funding agreements with community agencies in all areas of continuing care, disability supports, and children's services, in order to provide stability and certainty for services providers.

582. Withdrawn

583. Mr. Anderson to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to limit bonuses for all senior public sector executives and managers, including those who are employed by Alberta Health Services and other provincial agencies, boards, and commissions, to 15 per cent of their base income contingent upon meeting published objective performance criteria.

584. Mr. Mason to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to commit to joining the other provinces in supporting the expansion of the Canada Pension Plan and to engage in discussions with the other provinces and the federal government to this end.

585. Dr. Sherman to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to conduct and to make public a forensic financial audit of all of its agencies, boards, and commissions, which shall take into account the collection of resource royalties in order to ensure the accuracy and transparency of Alberta's fiscal position.

586. Mr. Cao to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to explore incentives for family members to care for their senior family members in a home environment, given the additional financial burden or loss of income resulting from time away from work to care for senior family members.

587. Mr. Barnes to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly refer all Bills to standing committees instead of Committee of the Whole.

588. Mr. Luan to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to promote wellness as a preventative measure to curtail the rising cost of health care.

- 589. Withdrawn
- 590. Withdrawn
- **591.** Withdrawn
- **592.** Withdrawn

593. Mrs. Towle to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to index Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped benefits and funding for Family Community Support Services with the rate of inflation.

594. Ms Johnson to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to consider alternative options for financing large infrastructure projects, such as the use of project-specific bond issues and the use of toll roads.

595. Dr. Swann to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to immediately develop a comprehensive child poverty reduction strategy.

596. Withdrawn

597. Mr. Anglin to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to review the Offset Credit System Protocols with particular emphasis on the rules governing the audit process.

598. Mr. Strankman to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation to guarantee that rural Albertans have consistent and timely access to health care.

599. Withdrawn

600. Withdrawn

601. Mr. Cao to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce amendments to the Workers' Compensation Act to include a mandatory review of the Act every five years by a committee of the Legislative Assembly.

602. Withdrawn

603. Ms Blakeman to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to distribute revenue from combined low expenditure assessments to regional boards, such as the Capital Region Board, or similar regional governance groups, in such a way that higher population centres, be they cities, towns, or villages, receive a reasonable share of the tax.

604. Mr. Fox to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly condemn the actions of the President of Russia, Vladimir Putin, and the Government of the Russian Federation for that country's attempts to destabilize the state of Ukraine by violating that country's sovereignty and attempting to annex its territory.

605. Ms Olesen to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to work with Alberta employers and the Government of Canada to determine labour force strategies that will provide solutions to both interim and long-term labour challenges.

606. Mr. Saskiw to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce a motion in the Assembly to amend the Constitution of Canada and the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms to include the protection of property rights.

607. Withdrawn

608. Withdrawn

609. Mr. Hehr to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to implement full-day kindergarten for all eligible children in Alberta.

610. Ms Johnson to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to create a literacy secretariat that would do the following: serve as a central resource for training literacy professionals, offer a library of literacy materials to share within Alberta, and provide literacy and numeracy training to Albertans who are not enrolled in school.

- 611. Withdrawn
- 612. Withdrawn
- 613. Withdrawn
- **614.** Withdrawn

615. Mrs. Sarich to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to develop a long-term results-based comprehensive plan, and an adequate and stable funding model to support the expansion of community and school-based programs and services, that are designed to address the rising rates of obesity among children, youth, and adults.

616. Ms Olesen to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to evaluate opportunities for value-added upgrading of energy resources for businesses in Alberta.

- 617. Withdrawn
- 618. Withdrawn

619. Mr. Pedersen to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to ensure that all Albertans have local access to mental health and addictions services.

- 620. Withdrawn
- **621.** Mrs. Jablonski to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to examine the use of electronic cigarettes and their effects on health and on the environment. **622.** Mr. Eggen to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to institute a provincial child care program to create publicly funded, affordable child care spaces and to increase the overall number of child care spaces in the province.

- 623. Withdrawn
- **624.** Withdrawn

NOTICES

Leave to Introduce a Bill

- Bill 2 Alberta Accountability Act Hon. Mr. Denis
- Bill 9 Condominium Property Amendment Act, 2014 Ms Olesen
- Bill 204 Traffic Safety (Distracted Driving Demerit) Amendment Act, 2014 Mr. Amery

Projected Government Business

Thursday, November 27 Aft. – Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

Bill 7, 8

Third Reading

Bill 1, 3

And as per the Order Paper

Hon. Gene Zwozdesky, Speaker

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