

Day 24

ORDER PAPER

Second Session

Twenty-Ninth Legislature

Monday, May 9, 2016

Prayers (1:30 p.m.)

ROUTINE (1:30 p.m.)

O Canada (First sitting day of each week)

Oral Question Period (1:50 p.m. daily) (Day 6)

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

Government Motions

13. Moved by Hon. Mr. Ceci:

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

Adjourned debate: Mr. Connolly

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

- Bill 11 Alberta Research and Innovation Amendment Act, 2016 Hon. Mr. Bilous
- Bill 12 Aboriginal Consultation Levy Repeal Act Hon. Mr. Feehan

Committee of the Whole

- Bill 1 Promoting Job Creation and Diversification Act Hon. Mr. Bilous
- Bill 9 An Act to Modernize Enforcement of Provincial Offences Hon. Ms Ganley
- Bill 10 Fiscal Statutes Amendment Act, 2016 Hon. Mr. Ceci

Third Reading

- Bill 7 Electoral Boundaries Commission Amendment Act, 2016 Hon. Ms Ganley
- Bill 8 Fair Trading Amendment Act, 2016 Hon. Ms McLean

Private Bills

Second Reading

Bill Pr1 Bow Valley Community Foundation Repeal Act — Mr. Westhead

Bills Awaiting Royal Assent

- Bill 4 An Act to Implement a Supreme Court Ruling Governing Essential Services
 Hon. Ms Gray
- Bill 5 Seniors' Home Adaptation and Repair Act Hon. Ms Sigurdson
- Bill 6 Securities Amendment Act, 2016 Hon. Mr. Ceci

2016-17 Main Estimates Consideration (Revised)

May 9 Energy

(7:00 p.m.) (LPC – Resource Stewardship, Foothills Room)

Infrastructure

(LPC – Alberta's Economic Future, Grassland Room)

May 10 Seniors and Housing

(9:00 a.m.) (LPC – Families and Communities, Foothills Room)

May 10 Executive Council

(10:00 a.m.) (LPC – Alberta's Economic Future, Grassland Room)

May 10 Status of Women

(3:30 p.m.) (LPC – Families and Communities, Grassland Room)

May 11 Transportation

(9:00 a.m.) (LPC – Resource Stewardship, Grassland Room)

May 11 Culture and Tourism

(3:30 p.m.) (LPC – Alberta's Economic Future, Grassland Room)

May 12 Health

(9:00 a.m.) (LPC – Families and Communities, Grassland Room)

Indigenous Relations

(LPC – Resource Stewardship, Foothills Room)

May 16 Municipal Affairs

(7:00 p.m.) (LPC – Resource Stewardship, *Grassland Room*)

Advanced Education

(LPC – Alberta's Economic Future, Foothills Room)

May 17 Main Estimates Votes

(10:00 a.m.) (Committee of Supply, Chamber)

Written Questions

WQ11. Mr. Clark to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 24):

How many Disaster Recovery Program claims arising from the 2013 flood event that were previously approved have since been deemed ineligible?

WQ12. Mr. Clark to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 24):

What is the status, as of March 15, 2016, of the approval process for phase 2 of construction for the North West Redwater Partnership Upgrader?

WQ13. Mr. Clark to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 24):

What are the deliverables from the Minister of Economic Development and Trade's recent trip to Washington, D.C., from February 3 to 5, 2016?

WQ14. Mr. Clark to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 24):

What is the status, as of March 15, 2016, of the Adult Learning Review Program proposed in the New Democratic Party election platform during the May 2015 Alberta provincial general election?

WQ15. Mr. Clark to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 31):

What has been the impact on Alberta's projected debt servicing costs since the downgrade in the credit rating by Standard and Poor's and what has been the impact on the debt servicing costs since the notice of a credit review by Moody's and by Dominion Bond Rating Service during the 2015-2016 fiscal year?

WQ16. Mr. Clark to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 31):

What has been the impact on Alberta's provincial bond yields since the downgrade in the credit rating by Standard and Poor's and what has been the impact on the debt servicing costs since the notice of a credit review by Moody's and by Dominion Bond Rating Service during the 2015-2016 fiscal year?

Motions for Returns

MR18. Moved by Mr. Cooper (Due Day 17):

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing: Copies of the most recent three-year legislation plan for each Ministry.

Debate adjourned, Hon. Mr. Mason speaking.

MR20. Mr. Barnes to propose the following motion (Due Day 17):

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing: Copies of internal working documents or reports prepared by or on behalf of the Government from May 22, 2015, to March 7, 2016, pertaining to the review conducted by the Ministry of Health into creating an electronic record/information sharing system, as referenced during consideration of the Ministry of Health's main estimates on November 16, 2015.

MR21. Mr. Barnes to propose the following motion (Due Day 17):

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing: Copies of internal working documents or reports prepared by or on behalf of the Government from May 22, 2015, to March 7, 2016, pertaining to the review conducted by the Ministry of Health into their audit, compliance, and oversight procedures for the detection of fraud, as referenced during consideration of the Ministry of Health's main estimates on November 16, 2015.

MR22. Mr. Barnes to propose the following motion (Due Day 17):

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing: Copies of internal working documents or reports prepared by or on behalf of the Government from May 22, 2015, to March 7, 2016, pertaining to the financial review of primary care networks conducted by the Minister of Health, as referenced during consideration of the Ministry of Health's main estimates on November 16, 2015.

MR23. Mr. Barnes to propose the following motion (Due Day 17):

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing: Copies of internal working documents or reports prepared by or on behalf of the Government between May 22, 2015, and March 7, 2016, pertaining to the review conducted by the Minister of Health into the decision to incorporate Calgary Emergency Medical Services into a central dispatch system, as referenced during Oral Question Period on December 8, 2015.

MR24. Mr. Barnes to propose the following motion (Due Day 17):

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing: A list of lawsuits in which Alberta Health Services was, as of March 31, 2011, named as a defendant, indicating the cause of action and amount of damages claimed.

MR25. Mr. Cyr to propose the following motion (Due Day 17):

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing: Copies of any studies or briefing notes prepared for the Government between January 1, 2012, and February 29, 2016, regarding legal aid or self-represented litigants in Alberta.

MR28. Mr. Strankman to propose the following motion (Due Day 17):

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing: A copy of the three-column document used in the drafting of Bill 6, Enhanced Protection for Farm and Ranch Workers Act.

MR29. Mr. Strankman to propose the following motion (Due Day 17):

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing: Copies of all correspondence relating to the change in responsibility for the regulations for Bill 6, Enhanced Protection for Farm and Ranch Workers Act, from the Ministry of Jobs, Skills, Training and Labour to the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry.

MR30. Mr. Smith to propose the following motion (Due Day 17):

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing: A copy of the three-column document used in the drafting of Bill 8, Public Education Collective Bargaining Act.

MR32. Mrs. Pitt to propose the following motion (Due Day 17):

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing: Copies of internal working documents or reports prepared by or on behalf of the Government from May 22, 2015, and March 7, 2016, pertaining to the review conducted by the Minister of Human Services to improve the management of the Public Trustee common fund as well as the reporting processes of the Public Trustee, as referenced in a Government news release issued February 10, 2016.

MR34. Mr. Clark to propose the following motion (Due Day 24):

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing: Copies of any reports, evaluations, or assessment documents prepared for or by the Ministry of Health from May 24, 2015, to March 15, 2016, on reforms to physician labour relations and physician compensation.

MR35. Mr. Clark to propose the following motion (Due Day 24):

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing: Copies of any reports or assessment documents prepared by or for the Government from May 24, 2015, to March 15, 2016, evaluating the Job Creation Incentive Program.

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

Bill 205 Pharmacy and Drug (Pharmaceutical Equipment Control) Amendment Act, 2016 — Mr. Ellis

Referred to the Standing Committee on Families and Communities

Bill 203 Fair Trading (Motor Vehicle Repair Pricing Protection for Consumers)
Amendment Act, 2016 — Mr. Carson

Committee of the Whole

- Bill 202 Alberta Affordable Housing Review Committee Act Ms Luff (Due Day 20)
- Bill 204 Alberta Tourism Week Act Mr. Dang (Due Day 24)

Motions Other Than Government Motions

505. Mr. Taylor to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to postpone further implementation of its planned \$15 per hour minimum wage target until a comprehensive study on the effects that these increases would have on employment rates and on the prices of goods and services has been completed by the Standing Committee on Alberta's Economic Future.

506. Mr. Loewen to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to request that the federal government not implement the moratorium on crude oil tanker traffic along British Columbia's North Coast and that it swiftly approve pipelines such as the Energy East, Trans Mountain, and Northern Gateway in order to increase employment in Alberta's energy sector.

507. Mr. Dang to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to take steps to increase awareness in Alberta's schools of the effects of cyberbullying.

508. Mr. Gotfried to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly establish a special committee to conduct a review of the current state of affordable housing in Alberta and in conducting its review the committee shall consult with key public, private, and non-profit stakeholders; study attainable home ownership, workforce housing, low-income rental accommodation, seniors' housing, and homeless housing options; and, make recommendations for the creation and implementation of a comprehensive provincial affordable housing strategy.

509. Mr. Jean to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to complete and make public a report by August 31, 2017, that evaluates the current equalization formula and outlines the improvements the Government will seek on behalf of Albertans when the Equalization program is next renegotiated.

510. Ms Luff to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to review section 85(1) of the Child, Youth and Family Enhancement Act, and section 25(2)(d)(iii) of Adoption Regulation AR 187/2004, with a view to removing the prohibition on prospective adoptive parents that currently prevents them from advertising and publishing a profile.

511. Mr. Westhead to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to increase its efforts to conserve and manage public lands in Alberta's headwater regions to optimize downstream water security for future generations of Albertans.

512. Mr. Ellis to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly support legislation to amend the Seniors Advisory Council for Alberta Act to provide for an Alberta Seniors Charter of Rights that would ensure seniors (a) are given the highest level of dignity, respect, and treatment regardless of their situation; (b) have access to seniors' housing which is safe, affordable, and provides a healthy environment; (c) have access to programs which would help them remain physically active and participate within their communities; and (d) have access to the highest quality of mental health care programs, treatments and support.

513. Mr. Dach to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly of Alberta urge the Government to give favourable consideration to requests from municipalities to amend their debt limits to more easily support the construction of affordable housing projects.

514. Mr. Nixon to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to commit to the development of a flood mitigation strategy for the Red Deer River that supports the surrounding community's ability to manage flood conditions.

515. Mr. Fildebrandt to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly establish a committee to study the feasibility of providing a choice in workplace injury compensation as an alternative to the coverage provided by the Workers' Compensation Board, and report to the Assembly by September 30, 2017.

516. MLA Loyola to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to review the Local Authorities Election Act and consider amendments that would allow permanent residents living in Alberta to vote in municipal elections.

517. Ms McKitrick to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to consider adopting strategies and policies that promote the development of and support for co-operatives and credit unions in Alberta.

518. Mr. Nielsen to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to consider introducing "pay-before-you-pump" legislation similar to laws in place in other provinces.

519. Mr. S. Anderson to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to consider establishing policies and incentive to encourage individuals, businesses, and public bodies to reduce the amount of food they waste.

520. Mr. Sucha to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to explore the feasibility of implementing changes to the Alberta Justice Fine Option Program to include all fines imposed pursuant to the Traffic Safety Act.

NOTICES

Leave to Introduce a Bill

- Bill 13 Veterinary Profession Amendment Act, 2016 Hon. Ms Gray
- Bill 14 Health Professions Amendment Act, 2016 Hon. Ms Hoffman

Written Questions

WQ17. Mr. Fildebrandt to ask the Government the following question:

What are the deliverables from the President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance's trip from April 25 to 29, 2016, to Toronto and New York?

WQ18. Mr. Cooper to ask the Government the following question:

What are the deliverables from the Premier's trip from April 27 to 29, 2016, to Washington, D.C.?

WQ19. Mr. Barnes to ask the Government the following question:

What was the total cost of overtime payments to all part-time employees of Alberta Health Services for the fiscal year 2015-16?

WQ20. Mr. Barnes to ask the Government the following question:

For the fiscal year 2015-16, how many surgeries were postponed in each Alberta Health Services high volume surgery site due to system capacity issues?

WQ21. Mr. Barnes to ask the Government the following question:

For each of the fiscal years 2013-14, 2014-15, and 2015-16, what was the per unit cost of blood plasma purchased by Alberta Health Services, broken down by each supplier?

WQ22. Mr. Barnes to ask the Government the following question:

As of April 1, 2016, how many Alberta Health Services employees were earning more than \$200,000 per year in annual salary and total benefits combined?

Motions for Returns

MR36. Mr. Fildebrandt to propose the following motion:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing: Copies of all documents prepared for the President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance in preparation for meeting with Standard and Poor's, Dominion Bond Rating Service, and Moody's Investors Service in Toronto on April 25, 2016.

MR37. Mr. Barnes to propose the following motion:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing: A list of all severance payments made to Alberta Health Services employees at the management and executive levels, broken down by each individual position, for the fiscal year 2015-16.

MR38. Mr. Barnes to propose the following motion:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing: Copies of all documents and correspondence prepared by or on behalf of the Ministry of Health between July 1, 2015, and March 31, 2016, relating to a review of dental fees in the province.

MR39. Mr. Barnes to propose the following motion:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing: Copies of all internal working documents or reports prepared by or on behalf of the Government relating to the review of the objectives and outcomes of the Rural Physician Action Plan as referenced by the Minister of Health during Oral Question Period on March 15, 2016.

MR40. Mr. Barnes to propose the following motion:

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing: Copies of all documents prepared by or on behalf of the Government between November 1, 2015, and March 31, 2016, relating to the creation of a new Alberta Health Services policy for visitors to health-care facilities.

Projected Government Business

Tuesday, May 10 Aft. – As Per the Order Paper Wednesday, May 11 Aft. – As per the Order Paper

Thursday, May 12 Aft. - Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

Bill 11, 12

And as per the Order Paper

Written Questions and Motions for Returns for Consideration Monday, May 9, 2016

Written Questions

To be accepted: WQ12, WQ13, WQ14

To be dealt with: WQ11

Motions for Returns

To be dealt with: MR34, MR35

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

Day 50 WQ1, WQ2, WQ3, WQ5, WQ7, WQ8, WQ9, WQ10, MR1, MR2, MR3, MR4, MR5, MR6, MR7, MR8, MR9, MR10, MR11, MR12, MR13, MR14, MR15, MR16, MR17, MR19, MR26, MR27, MR31, MR33

Hon. Robert E. Wanner, Speaker

Title: Monday, May 9, 2016