

Day 51

ORDER PAPER

First Session

Thirty-First Legislature

Tuesday, May 14, 2024

Prayers (1:30 p.m.)

ROUTINE (1:30 p.m.)

O Canada (First sitting day of each week) Indigenous Land Acknowledgement (First sitting day of each week) Royal Anthem (Thursday)

Oral Question Period (1:50 p.m. daily) (Day 2)

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
Deferred Divisions (Thursday)

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Government Motions

27. Oral notice having been given, moved by Hon. Mr. Horner:

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

Adjourned debate: Hon. Ms Gray

32. Hon. Mr. Schow to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that, pursuant to Standing Order 4(1) and for the duration of the 2024 Spring Sitting of the First Session of the 31st Legislature, the Assembly shall meet on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evenings for consideration of Government business, unless the Government House Leader notifies the Assembly that there shall be no evening sitting that day by providing notice under Notices of Motions in the Daily Routine or at any time prior to 6 p.m.

33. Hon. Mr. Schow to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 18, Provincial Priorities Act, is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill in Second Reading, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.

34. Hon. Mr. Schow to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly concur in the report of the Select Special Ethics Commissioner and Chief Electoral Officer Search Committee and recommend to the Lieutenant Governor in Council that Shawn McLeod be appointed Ethics Commissioner for the Province of Alberta for a five-year term commencing May 26, 2024.

35. Hon. Mr. Schow to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that when further consideration of Bill 20, Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, 2024, is resumed, not more than one hour shall be allotted to any further consideration of the Bill in Second Reading, at which time every question necessary for the disposal of the Bill at this stage shall be put forthwith.

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

- Bill 18 Provincial Priorities Act Hon. Ms Smith

 Adjourned debate on amendment: Hon. Mr. Williams
- Bill 19 Utilities Affordability Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 Hon. Mr. Neudorf Debate adjourned, Mr. Kasawski speaking.
- Bill 20 Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 Hon. Mr. McIver Debate adjourned, Mr. Ip speaking.
- Bill 21 Emergency Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 Hon. Mr. Ellis

Committee of the Whole

Bill 16 Red Tape Reduction Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Mr. Nally

Third Reading

- Bill 11 Public Safety Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 Hon. Mr. Ellis
- Bill 17 Canadian Centre of Recovery Excellence Act Hon. Mr. Williams

Private Bills

Second Reading

- Bill Pr2 Community Foundation of Medicine Hat and Southeastern Alberta Amendment Act, 2024 Mr. Wright
- Bill Pr3 Providence Renewal Centre Amendment Act, 2024 MLA Calahoo Stonehouse
- Bill Pr4 Rosebud School of the Arts Amendment Act, 2024 Mrs. Petrovic

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

Bill 208 Psycho-Educational Assessment Access Act — Ms Hayter (Time remaining: 50 minutes)

Debate adjourned, Mrs. Petrovic speaking.

Committee of the Whole

Bill 206 Child and Youth Advocate (Parent and Guardian Advisor) Amendment Act, 2024 — Mr. Cyr (Due Day 54)

Bills Awaiting Royal Assent

- Bill 10 Financial Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 (\$) Hon. Mr. Horner
- Bill 12 Consumer Protection (Life Leases) Amendment Act, 2024 Hon. Mr. Nally
- Bill 13 Real Property Governance Act Hon. Mr. Guthrie
- Bill 204 Municipal Government (National Urban Parks) Amendment Act, 2023 Mr. Lunty

Motions Other Than Government Motions

513. Mr. Ellingson to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce a Bill to amend the Alberta Sovereignty Within a United Canada Act that, if enacted, would require, on the introduction of a motion under section 3 of the Act, that the Government

- (a) conduct an economic impact study on the potential effects of implementing the matters proposed in the motion, and
- (b) immediately publish the results of that study to ensure that Members are informed, before they vote on that motion, in respect of all potential investment impacts due to regulatory or policy uncertainty, potential job losses, and potential negative impacts on the provincial economy.

514. MLA Batten to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to adjust the maximum age of eligibility for financial supports available under the Transition to Adulthood Program (TAP) from the day before a participant's 22nd birthday to the day before the participant's 24th birthday for the following purposes:

- (a) to ensure that the maximum age of eligibility for all supports available under the TAP program is consistent, and
- (b) to remove a barrier that otherwise may prevent a young adult from achieving their full potential.

515. Mr. Stephan to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to undertake or commission a study to identify and assess

- (a) all revenue from Albertans paid to the federal government compared to revenue from other provinces since 2015;
- (b) all direct and indirect expenditures from the federal government to Albertans compared to such expenditures to other provinces since 2015; and

(c) the total economic impact on Albertans from federal government policies and actions since 2015.

516. Mr. Long to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to consider taking the necessary steps to develop an auxiliary workforce program for local residents, volunteer associations, and landowners to supplement the work of first responders during emergencies and disasters.

517. Mr. Cyr to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly

- (a) recognize the history of firearms use in Alberta from the earliest days of the fur trade by both Indigenous and non-Indigenous Albertans and that the use of firearms is a necessary tool to preserve life, property and economic livelihoods for those Albertans involved in economic activity such as farming, ranching and resource extraction, all of which entail close contact with wildlife given Alberta's vast wilderness; and
- (b) urge the federal government to respect the rights of law-abiding firearms owners.

518. Hon. Ms Armstrong-Homeniuk to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to undertake a policy review, with the objective of expanding protection for Albertans who are at risk of anaphylaxis caused by severe life-threatening allergic reactions, on the feasibility of facilitating the availability and use of epinephrine autoinjectors by the following categories of entities that interact with the public:

- (a) businesses,
- (b) municipal fire departments,
- (c) emergency medical services operators,
- (d) school bus carriers.

520. Mr. Boitchenko to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the federal government to recognize the Government of Alberta's

- (a) role as a reliable and responsible energy supplier, and
- (b) efforts to
 - (i) become a global commercial energy hub for natural gas transportation and liquid extraction, and
 - (ii) bring Alberta energy products to international markets based on the demand for ethically sourced oil and gas and worldwide energy security.

Written Questions

WQ1. Hon. Ms Sigurdson to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 53):

How many audits or investigations were conducted under the Nursing Homes General Regulation, the Co-ordinated Home Care Program Regulation or any ministerial directive made under the Regional Health Authorities Act that resulted in a finding of a contravention by an operator of the Continuing Care Health Services Standards (as amended July 16, 2018), during the period from January 1, 2023, to December 31, 2023?

WQ2. Hon. Ms Sigurdson to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 53):

How many investigations were undertaken by the Ministry of Health in response to complaints about an operator under the Nursing Homes Act during the period from January 1, 2023, to December 31, 2023?

WQ3. Hon. Ms Sigurdson to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 53):

How many operators were subject to a penalty as a result of a contravention of the Continuing Care Health Services Standards (as amended July 16, 2018) required under the Nursing Homes General Regulation, the Coordinated Home Care Program Regulation or any ministerial directive made under the Regional Health Authorities Act, during the period from January 1, 2023, to December 31, 2023?

WQ4. Hon. Ms Sigurdson to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 53):

How many audits or investigations were undertaken by the Ministry of Health, during the period from January 1, 2023, to December 31, 2023, in respect of a complaint made under the Supportive Living Accommodation Licensing Act?

WQ5. Hon. Ms Sigurdson to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 53):

How many audits or investigations were conducted under the Nursing Homes General Regulation, the Co-ordinated Home Care Program Regulation or any ministerial directive made under the Regional Health Authorities Act, in respect of compliance by an operator with the Continuing Care Health Services Standards (as amended July 16, 2018), during the period from January 1, 2023, to December 31, 2023?

WQ6. Hon. Ms Sigurdson to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 53):

How many operators were investigated, during the period from January 1, 2023, to December 31, 2023, for failing to provide the minimum average hours of nursing and personal services required under section 14 of the Nursing Homes Operation Regulation (Alta Reg 258/1985)?

WQ7. Ms Sweet to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 55):

How many grants were distributed to municipalities in 2023 by the Forest Resource Improvement Association through the Alberta FireSmart Program?

WQ8. Ms Sweet to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 55):

What was the total amount paid by the Government to municipalities for costs incurred in 2023 as a result of wildfires that occurred outside of forest protection areas?

WQ9. Ms Sweet to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 55):

What is the total amount of compensation payable under any Government program to municipalities for costs incurred in 2023 as a result of wildfires that occurred outside of forest protection areas that remains outstanding as of April 15, 2024?

Motions for Returns

MR1. Hon. Ms Notley to propose the following motion (Due Day 53):

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing: A list of every fee, gift or other benefit that exceeds \$500 in value that was accepted by an employee of the Premier's Office or an employee of the office of a Minister in accordance with Order in Council 237/2023, including the exact value and description of each fee, gift or other benefit that was accepted.

MR2. Hon. Ms Phillips to propose the following motion (Due Day 53):

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing: Copies of all documents, including any tables and graphs, prepared during the period from April 16, 2019, to March 31, 2024, used by the Government that contain or relate to projections or forecasts to determine the costs associated with implementing and administering a provincial pension plan.

MR3. Hon. Mr. Sabir to propose the following motion (Due Day 53):

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:

Copies of all correspondence between a Minister, Deputy Minister or the Premier and any employee of Meta Platforms Inc., including the former Facebook Inc., during the period from June 1, 2019, to April 10, 2024.

MR4. Ms Sweet to propose the following motion (Due Day 53):

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing: A list of all grants, organized by year, provided by the Government to the non-profit corporation Results Driven Agriculture Research (RDAR) during the period from April 1, 2019, to March 31, 2024.

MR5. Mr. Dach to propose the following motion (Due Day 53):

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing: Copies of all documents prepared by the Government relating to the effectiveness of salt brine solutions for de-icing provincial highways.

MR6. Mr. Dach to propose the following motion (Due Day 53):

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing: A list of all amendments made during the period from March 31, 2019, to March 31, 2024, to provincial highways maintenance contracts in respect of maintenance service levels.

MR7. Mr. Dach to propose the following motion (Due Day 53):

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing: Copies of all documents, reports, studies, and communications, prepared by the Government during the period from May 1, 2019, to March 31, 2024, related to the consideration of raising the speed limit on provincial highways to 120 kilometres per hour.

MR8. Mr. Dach to propose the following motion (Due Day 53):

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing: A list of all Community Airport Program funding recipients for each year during the period from May 1, 2019, to March 31, 2024, and, in respect of each recipient, the amount of funding received and description of the project for which funding was received.

MR9. Mr. Dach to propose the following motion (Due Day 53):

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing: Copies of all documents, studies, data and communications prepared by the Government that were considered by the Executive Council in relation to the decision to rescind, on February 28, 2023, the proclamation that would have brought into force on March 1, 2023, the Traffic Safety Amendment Act, 2022, which amends the Traffic Safety Act to require drivers in all lanes of traffic going in the same direction on divided highways or travelling in either direction on single lane highways to slow to 60 kilometres per hour when passing stopped vehicles with flashing lamps.

MR10. Ms Wright to propose the following motion (Due Day 53):

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing: A list showing the number of Albertans, organized by year, paid the basic minimum wage described in section 9(1)(a.1) of the Employment Standards Regulation (AR 14/1997) during the period from June 26, 2019, to March 31, 2024.

MR11. Ms Wright to propose the following motion (Due Day 53):

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing: A list of all payments, organized by year and occupation, made during the period from December 9, 2020, to March 31, 2024, under the Heroes Compensation Act to a first responder who died as a result of an accident.

MR12. Dr. Metz to propose the following motion (Due Day 53):

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing: Copies of all surveillance reports prepared by the Ministry of Health between May 1, 2019, and March 31, 2024, relating to the incidence of sexually transmitted infections and diseases in Alberta.

MR13. Mr. Ellingson to propose the following motion (Due Day 53):

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing: A list of all employees and contractors employed or engaged by the Invest Alberta Corporation during the period from March 31, 2019, to March 31, 2024.

MR14. MLA Batten to propose the following motion (Due Day 53):

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing: The number of stop orders issued, by year and location, to persons not authorized to provide child-care facilities under the Early Learning and Child Care Act, during the period from May 1, 2019, to March 31, 2024.

MR15. MLA Batten to propose the following motion (Due Day 53):

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing: A list showing the number of payments, referred to as "compassionate payments", made by the Government to families affected by child-care closures in the Calgary area due to the E-coli outbreak declared by Alberta Health Services on September 4, 2023, and the amount of each payment.

MR16. Mr. Deol to propose the following motion (Due Day 54):

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing: A list of the current infrastructure priorities that have been identified by the Minister of Infrastructure and the Minister of Transportation and Economic Corridors further to the objectives set out in the Premier's mandate letters to those ministers dated July 26, 2023, and July 11, 2023, respectively.

MR17. Mr. Deol to propose the following motion (Due Day 54):

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing: Copies of all documents prepared by the Ministry of Infrastructure that set out which parts of the Red Deer Hospital Redevelopment capital project will be delivered using the public-private partnership model.

MR18. Mr. Deol to propose the following motion (Due Day 54):

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing: A list of all amounts paid by the Ministry of Infrastructure to unsuccessful proponents of a procurement process involving a public-private partnership for an infrastructure project, organized by year and by project, during the period from May 1, 2019, to March 31, 2024.

MR19. Ms Sweet to propose the following motion (Due Day 55):

That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing: Copies of all reports, evaluations, communications and recommendations prepared by the Government relating to the 2023 wildfire season of March 1, 2023, to October 31, 2023.

NOTICES

Government Motions

36. Hon. Mr. Schow to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that when further consideration of Government Motion 34 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.

Leave to Introduce a Bill

Bill 22 Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2024 — Hon. Min. LaGrange

Projected Government Business

Tuesday, May 14 Aft. – Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

Bill 18, 19

Committee of the Whole

Bill 16, 19

Third Reading

Bill 11

And as per the Order Paper

Wednesday, May 15 Aft. – Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

Bill 20, 21

Third Reading

Bill 16, 17, 19

And as per the Order Paper

Thursday, May 16 Aft. – Government Motions

Government Motion 34

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

Bill 21

Committee of the Whole

Bill 18, 20

And as per the Order Paper

Hon. Nathan M. Cooper, Speaker