



**Legislative Assembly
Province of Alberta**

Day 27

ORDER PAPER

Second Session

Twenty-Seventh Legislature

Tuesday, April 21, 2009

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

Government Motions

13. Moved by Hon. Ms Evans:

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

Adjourned debate: Hon. Mr. Hancock

Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

Bill 10 Supportive Living Accommodation Licensing Act — Mr. Dallas

Adjourned debate: Mr. Chase

Bill 11 Fisheries (Alberta) Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. VanderBurg

Adjourned debate: Mr. Hehr

Bill 12 Surface Rights Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Berger

Adjourned debate: Mr. Hehr

Bill 13 Justice of the Peace Amendment Act, 2009 — Hon. Ms Redford

Adjourned debate: Mr. Hehr

Bill 14 Carbon Capture and Storage Funding Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Knight

Adjourned debate: Dr. Taft

Bill 16 Peace Officer Amendment Act, 2009 — Hon. Mr. Lindsay

Adjourned debate: Mr. Hehr

Bill 20 Civil Enforcement Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Denis

Bill 23 Municipal Government Amendment Act, 2009 — Hon. Mr. Danyluk

Bill 24 Animal Health Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Griffiths

Bill 25 Teachers' Pension Plans Amendment Act, 2009 (\$) — Hon. Ms Evans

Bill 26 Wildlife Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Mitzel

Bill 27 Alberta Research and Innovation Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Horner

Bill 28 Energy Statutes Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. McFarland

Bill 29 Family Law Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Denis

Bill 30 Traffic Safety Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Drysdale

Bill 31 Rules of Court Statutes Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Denis

- Bill 32 Alberta Public Agencies Governance Act — Mr. Horne
Bill 33 Fiscal Responsibility Act — Hon. Ms Evans
Bill 35 Gas Utilities Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. McFarland
Bill 37 Alberta Corporate Tax Amendment Act, 2009 (\$) — Hon. Ms Evans
Bill 38 Tourism Levy Amendment Act, 2009 — Hon. Ms Evans
Bill 39 Tobacco Tax Amendment Act, 2009 — Hon. Ms Evans
Bill 40 Alberta Personal Income Tax Amendment Act, 2009 — Dr. Brown

Committee of the Whole

- Bill 6 Protection of Children Abusing Drugs Amendment Act, 2009 — Mrs. Forsyth
Bill 7 Public Health Amendment Act, 2009 — Hon. Mr. Liepert
Bill 9 Government Organization Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Campbell
Bill 17 Securities Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Fawcett
Bill 19 Land Assembly Project Area Act — Hon. Mr. Hayden

Third Reading

- Bill 4 Post-secondary Learning Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Bhullar

Private Bills

Second Reading

- Bill Pr1 Beverly Anne Cormier Adoption Termination Act — Mr. Anderson
Bill Pr2 Caritas Health Group Statutes Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Elniski
Bill Pr3 Les Filles de la Sagesse Act Repeal Act — Mr. Dallas

Bills Referred to Standing Committees

Referred to Standing Committee on Community Services

- Bill 202 Municipal Government (Municipal Auditor General) Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Johnston
Referred: during Second Reading consideration on March 16, 2009

Referred to Standing Committee on Health

- Bill 52 Health Information Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Rogers
Referred: pursuant to Government Motion 10 agreed to on March 17, 2009

2009-10 Main Estimates Consideration

- April 21 (eve.) Infrastructure (Committee Room A)
 Tourism, Parks and Recreation (Committee Room B)
- April 22 (eve.) Justice (Committee Room A)
 Finance and Enterprise (Committee Room B)
- April 27 (eve.) Sustainable Resource Development (Committee Room A)
 Municipal Affairs (Committee Room B)
- April 28 (eve.) Advanced Education and Technology (Committee Room A)
 Treasury Board (Committee Room B)
- April 29 (eve.) Education (Committee Room A)
 Energy (Committee Room B)
- May 4 (eve.) Health and Wellness (Committee Room A)
 Agriculture and Rural Development (Committee Room B)
- May 5 (eve.) Environment (Committee Room A)
 Housing and Urban Affairs (Committee Room B)
- May 6 (eve.) Children and Youth Services (Committee Room A)
 Solicitor General and Public Security (Committee Room B)

Written Questions

- WQ6.** Mr. Mason to ask the Government the following question (Due Day 30):
 Which hospitals had to shut down wards (temporarily or indefinitely) due to staff shortages between April 1, 2006, and January 31, 2009, which wards were shut down and for how long?

Motions for Returns

- MR21.** Mr. MacDonald to propose the following motion (Due Day 20):
 That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
 A list of all hosting expenses under \$600 in the Ministry of Executive Council itemized by event and amount for each for the fiscal years 2004-05, 2005-06, 2006-07, and 2007-08.

- MR22.** Mr. MacDonald to propose the following motion (Due Day 20):
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A list of all hosting expenses under \$600 in the Ministry of Sustainable Resource Development itemized by event and amount for each for the fiscal years 2004-05, 2005-06, 2006-07, and 2007-08.
- MR23.** Mr. MacDonald to propose the following motion (Due Day 20):
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A list of all hosting expenses under \$600 in the Ministry of Energy itemized by event and amount for each for the fiscal years 2004-05, 2005-06, 2006-07, and 2007-08.
- MR24.** Mr. MacDonald to propose the following motion (Due Day 20):
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
A list of all hosting expenses under \$600 in the Ministry of Finance itemized by event and amount for each for the fiscal years 2004-05, 2005-06, 2006-07, and 2007-08.
- MR25.** Ms Blakeman to propose the following motion (Due Day 53):
That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return showing:
Copies of all invitations sent to Opposition Members of the Legislative Assembly for lottery fund grant announcements in the constituencies they represent and any photographs of these Members taken at the events in question.

Motions Other Than Government Motions

- 506.** Mr. Berger to propose the following motion (Amended):
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to use site-specific native grasses and forbs in all future land reclamation projects *on native landscapes* to ensure the preservation and integrity of our plant ecosystem.
- 507.** Ms Calahasen to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to recognize the month of June as Aboriginal History and Culture Month in Alberta.
- 508.** Mr. Bhullar to propose the following motion (Amended):
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to *develop a policy framework* to ensure our kindergarten to grade 12 education system is innovative and competency-based by exploring incentives to encourage early graduation and by promoting real world learning opportunities and programs that help engage elementary students facing difficulties.

509. Mrs. Forsyth to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to require all electricity providers to notify local authorities of spikes in home utility usage that may indicate the electricity is being used to power the operations of an illegal drug facility.

510. 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.

511. Mr. Vandermeer to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to review how complaints are addressed by the Alberta Human Rights and Citizenship Commission to ensure a fair process for both complainants and respondents.

512. Withdrawn

513. Mr. Kang to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to require that all vehicles purchased through the executive vehicle allowance be low-emission vehicles.

514. Withdrawn

515. Mr. Lukaszuk to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce amendments to the Municipal Government Act so that firefighters or those providing fire-related services are not liable for damages incurred while performing their duties.

516. Mr. Cao to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to recognize the qualifications, skills, knowledge, and personal development that military personnel gain from training and service while in the Canadian Forces as equivalent to civilian qualifications.

517. Withdrawn

518. Mr. Weadick to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to consider exempting seniors from paying the education portion of property taxes.

519. 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.

520. Mr. MacDonald to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation requiring all school boards to establish and maintain an anaphylactic policy that includes strategies to reduce exposure to anaphylactic causative agents, information on life-threatening allergies, annual first aid training on dealing with life-threatening allergies, and a requirement for every school principal to develop a plan for each pupil affected by an anaphylactic allergy, including the maintenance of a file for each anaphylactic pupil.

521. Withdrawn

522. Mr. Hehr to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation to eliminate the use of plastic bags by Alberta retailers.

523. Mr. Denis to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce amendments to the Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Act whereby those who are found to have filed frivolous and vexatious complaints with the Human Rights and Citizenship Commission (including complaints that are found to unreasonably challenge the rights of freedom of speech, freedom of association, freedom of peaceful assembly, and freedom of conscience and religion) be required to pay a portion of the respondent's procedural costs.

524. Withdrawn

525. Withdrawn

526. Mr. VanderBurg to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to pool the proceeds from all charity casinos held in the province to ensure that both rural- and urban-based charities have equal access to charity casino proceeds.

527. Mr. Amery to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to address tax burdens faced by nurses willing to work overtime hours as a result of health care labour shortages.

- 528.** Mr. Sandhu to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to require Albertans to make an explicit election regarding organ donation on the back of their Alberta Personal Health Card.
- 529.** Mr. Mason to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to investigate private health clinics in Alberta that charge user fees to ensure they conform with the Canada Health Act.
- 530.** Mr. Blakeman to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce amendments to the Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Act to include sexual orientation among the prohibited grounds of discrimination.
- 531.** Mr. Notley to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to encourage energy efficiency by establishing a fund to provide interest-free loans to municipalities, school districts, Alberta Health Services, and other public bodies for projects that reduce energy use.
- 532.** Mr. Hehr to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to establish a civilian oversight body, modelled on the Law Enforcement Review Board, to investigate public complaints lodged against provincial sheriffs.
- 533.** Withdrawn
- 534.** Dr. Sherman to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to discuss the establishment of a comprehensive early childhood development policy to ensure that from birth, Alberta's children receive the supports necessary to become the healthiest and brightest children in the world.
- 535.** Mr. Allred to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to require that any temporary or permanently buried facilities, such as pipelines, communication conduits, wellheads, or others that may potentially cause serious property damage or public harm if accidentally uncovered or inadvertently struck, be buried at least one metre below the surface of the earth and have their locations recorded in a public repository.

536. 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 Albertans, as established by Statistics Canada, and commit to conducting an annual review.

537. Mrs. Sarich to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to consider the advisability of developing a comprehensive approach to providing assistance to organizations to better support basic numeracy and literacy in the workplace.

538. Withdrawn

539. Mr. Fawcett to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce amendments to the Municipal Government Act to enhance the fiscal ability of large municipalities, such as Edmonton and Calgary, to raise revenues and allocate expenditures for municipal administration and service delivery, including economic development, infrastructure, transportation, and law enforcement.

540. Withdrawn

541. Withdrawn

542. Mrs. Sarich to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to consider expanding the scope and resources for family literacy programs to provide increased support for parents fostering early learning in the home.

543. Mr. Denis to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation to reduce personal and corporate income tax by one percentage point each.

544. Mr. Chase to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to develop an affordable student residency strategy that would require students to pay no more than 30 percent of their annual income for on-campus accommodation.

- 545.** Mr. Anderson to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation that limits year-over-year actual increases in spending by government to the rate of inflation plus real Gross Domestic Product growth with the exception of funds spent from the provincial Capital Account.
- 546.** Mr. Kang to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to develop a high-speed rail system linking Edmonton, Calgary, and the international airports in each municipality by 2015.
- 547.** Mr. Mitzel to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to establish a "made in Alberta" brand that identifies value added products in order to enhance their marketability.
- 548.** Mr. Xiao to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to ban all industrial mining in the Edmonton river valley.
- 549.** Dr. Taft to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce amendments to the Condominium Property Act to provide consumer protection for life lease purchasers.
- 550.** Withdrawn
- 551.** Mr. Fawcett to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to consider the feasibility of modifying the current in-year surplus allocation policy to disallow in-year surplus spending.
- 552.** Withdrawn
- 553.** Withdrawn
- 554.** Withdrawn
- 555.** Withdrawn
- 556.** Mr. Mason to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to oppose proposals for nuclear power plants in Alberta and pursue renewable energy alternatives to coal-fired electricity generation.

- 557.** Dr. Sherman to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to promote health and wellness in both new and old communities by creating environments that are conducive to active and healthy lifestyles.
- 558.** 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.
- 559.** Mr. Campbell to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to ensure that the Willmore Wilderness Park is promoted to encourage traditional usage such as outfitting, trapping, hunting, and fishing.
- 560.** Mr. Chase to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly establish an all-party committee to consider methods of exempting/eliminating the education portion of property taxes for students in post-secondary residences.
- 561.** Withdrawn
- 562.** Withdrawn
- 563.** Withdrawn
- 564.** Withdrawn
- 565.** Mrs. Forsyth to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to consider the feasibility of consulting with financial institutions, producers from the oil and gas industry, other governments, and the public to review the royalty structure.
- 566.** Withdrawn
- 567.** Withdrawn
- 568.** Withdrawn
- 569.** Ms Woo-Paw to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to develop a comprehensive strategy to effectively and proactively address gang violence in collaboration with stakeholder institutions, community groups, service organizations, and those most impacted.

- 570.** Dr. Brown to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation to establish an objective review process which would ensure that Crown lands are not sold or transferred when it is determined that they contain significant natural wildlife habitat.
- 571.** Ms Blakeman to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation that would direct a percentage of non-renewable resource revenue to be deposited annually into the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund.
- 572.** Mr. Allred to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to work with the Federal Government to increase efficiency and transparency in the process of bringing temporary foreign workers to Alberta.
- 573.** Dr. Brown to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to explore means of expanding home care health and support services to enable seniors to maintain independent lifestyles whenever possible.
- 574.** Withdrawn
- 575.** Withdrawn
- 576.** Mr. Xiao to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to consider the advisability of tax incentives to encourage the use of energy efficient light bulbs.
- 577.** Withdrawn
- 578.** Withdrawn
- 579.** Withdrawn
- 580.** Mr. Taylor to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce amendments to the Municipal Government Act to provide municipalities with the authority to institute inclusionary zoning to create additional affordable housing.
- 581.** Ms DeLong to propose the following motion:
Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to develop a property tax deferral program for seniors to aid them financially.

582. Withdrawn

583. Mr. Taylor to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to provide free tuition to students in Alberta medical schools in exchange for their commitment to practice in Alberta for 10 years upon graduation.

584. Withdrawn

585. Withdrawn

586. Withdrawn

587. Mr. Sandhu to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce amendments to the Traffic Safety Act to ensure vehicular axle weight restrictions allow for loose load shifts that may occur during transportation.

588. Withdrawn

589. Dr. Swann to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to support public transportation in Alberta municipalities by introducing legislation to fund the development, enhancement, and maintenance of transit systems.

590. Mr. Quest to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce amendments to the Traffic Safety Act to require construction companies to cover their "speed fines double" and "begins" signs when workers and dangers to motorists are not present.

591. Withdrawn

592. Dr. Taft to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to conduct a public review of standards and protocols concerning Lyme disease testing, diagnosis, and treatment with a specific focus on meeting accepted international standards.

593. Withdrawn

594. Mr. Anderson to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to introduce legislation banning smoking in any public area within 200 metres of school property.

595. Withdrawn

596. Ms Pastoor to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to increase the number of dental procedures covered by the Dental Assistance for Seniors program.

597. Withdrawn

598. Mr. VanderBurg to propose the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly urge the Government to expand the definition of "emergency vehicle" in the Traffic Safety Act to include tow trucks so that flashing red lights can be installed to enhance safety on Alberta highways.

599. Withdrawn

600. Withdrawn

601. 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.

602. Withdrawn

603. Withdrawn

604. Withdrawn

605. Withdrawn

Public Bills and Orders Other Than Government Bills and Orders

Second Reading

Bill 203 Local Authorities Election (Finance and Contribution Disclosure)
Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Johnson (Time remaining: 51 minutes)

Debate adjourned: Mr. Horne speaking.

Bill 204 Provincial-Municipal Tax Sharing Act — Ms Blakeman

- Bill 205 Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure (Third Party Advertising) Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Anderson
- Bill 206 School (Enhanced Protection of Students and Teachers) Amendment Act, 2009 — Mrs. Forsyth
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NOTICES

Leave to Introduce a Bill

- Bill 34 Drug Program Act (\$) — Hon. Mr. Liepert
- Bill 41 Protection for Persons in Care Act — Dr. Brown
- Bill 42 Gaming and Liquor Amendment Act, 2009 — Mr. Anderson

Projected Government Business

Tuesday, April 21

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

Bill 4, 6, 7, 9, 17, 19

Second Reading

Bill 23, 24, 26, 30

And as per the Order Paper

Wednesday, April 22

Government Bills and Orders

Committee of the Whole

Bill 4, 6, 7, 9

Third Reading

Bill 17, 19

Second Reading

Bill 20, 25, 27, 28, 32

And as per the Order Paper

Thursday, April 23

Government Bills and Orders

Third Reading

Bill 4, 6, 7, 9

Second Reading

Bill 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 29, 31, 33, 35

And as per the Order Paper

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

Day 45 WQ4

Day 49 WQ7, WQ8, WQ9, WQ10, WQ11, WQ12, WQ13, WQ14, WQ16, WQ17,
WQ18, MR1, MR5, MR7, MR8, MR9, MR20

Day 56 MR4, MR10, MR11

Hon. Ken Kowalski,
Speaker

Title: Tuesday, April 21, 2009