

The throne speech comes just days before the government opens negotiations with over 900,000 public sector workers over a so-called social contract. The social contract talks open on April 19 with govern-

ment negotiators meeting with employer and union groups in six "sectoral negotiations." No deadline has been set for the conclusion of the talks and the premier has refused to rule out a legislated wage

rollback in the public sector if the negotiations break down.

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CANADA WATCH CALENDAR

March 17	NAFTA negotiations on "side agreements" begin in Washington.	April 19	Parliament resumes.
March 18	Newfoundland and Saskatchewan budgets announced.	April 21	Second Conservative leadership debate, Montreal.
March 29	P.E.I. Liberal Premier Catherine Callbeck re-elected with majority government.	April 22	Beginning of delegate selection by Conservative riding associations.
March 30	British Columbia budget.	April 30	Third Conservative leadership debate, Calgary.
March 31	New Brunswick budget.	May 3	Newfoundland election.
April 2	Parliament breaks for Easter.	May 8	Close of delegate selection for Conservative leadership.
April 6	Manitoba budget announced.	May 13	Fourth Conservative leadership debate, Vancouver.
April 12	Beginning of delegate selection for leadership convention by Conservative student organizations.	May 18	Fifth and final Conservative leadership debate, Halifax.
April 13	Ontario Legislature resumes sitting.	June 9-13	Conservative leadership convention, Ottawa. Over 3,800 delegates expected to attend.
April 15	First Conservative leadership debate, Toronto.		

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