



No. 51

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

SECOND SESSION – TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

Wednesday, April 22, 2009

1:30 p.m.

ABSENCE OF THE SPEAKER

The Clerk advised the Assembly that the Speaker would not be present to open the sitting. Thereupon, the Deputy Speaker took the chair.

PRAYERS

PRESENTING PETITIONS

Petitions of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan were presented and laid upon the Table by the following Members: Harper, Trew, Iwanchuk, Belanger, Forbes, Morin, Broten and Vermette.

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

According to Order, the Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel having favourably examined the same pursuant to Rule 16(7), the following Petitions were read and received:

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to commit to indexing Saskatchewan minimum wage.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 34)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to ensure that CBO workers achieve wage equity.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 112)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to immediately expand the Graduate Retention Program to include Masters and Ph.D. graduates.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 114)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to financially assist Duck Lake residents with exorbitant water rates.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 115)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to invest in the planning and construction of new long-term care beds in La Ronge.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 142)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to enact changes to *The Highway Traffic Act* to be referred to as the Gallenger Amendment.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 162)

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON CROWN AND CENTRAL AGENCIES

The following Bills were reported without amendment and consideration in Committee of the Whole having been waived, by leave of the Assembly, they were read the third time and passed:

Bill No. 87 – The Income Tax Amendment Act, 2009

Bill No. 88 – The Corporation Capital Tax Amendment Act, 2009

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON HOUSE SERVICES

The following Bills were reported without amendment and consideration in Committee of the Whole having been waived, by leave of the Assembly, they were read the third time and passed:

Bill No. 59 – The Election Amendment Act, 2008

Bill No. 60 – The Senate Nominee Election Act

DEPUTY SPEAKER TABLES REPORTS

The Deputy Speaker laid before the Assembly the following:

Report of the Provincial Auditor on the 2008 Financial Statements of CIC Crown Corporations and Related Entities, dated April 2009, in accordance with the provisions of Section 14 of *The Provincial Auditor Act*.

(Sessional Paper No. 184)

Report of the Provincial Auditor on the Financial Statements of Crown Agencies for Years Ending in the 2008 Calendar Year, dated April 2009, in accordance with the provisions of Section 14 of *The Provincial Auditor Act*.

(Sessional Paper No. 185)

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 343 and 344, they were answered. (See Appendix)

ADJOURNED DEBATES / DÉBATS AJOURNÉS

Bill No. 73 – The University of Saskatchewan Amendment Act, 2008

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Norris: That Bill No. 73 – The University of Saskatchewan Amendment Act, 2008 – be now read a second time.

The debate continuing and the question being put, it was agreed to and the said Bill was, accordingly, read a second time.

By designation of the Hon. Mr. Gantefoer, in accordance with Rule 81, Bill No. 73 – The University of Saskatchewan Amendment Act, 2008 – was committed to the Standing Committee on the Human Services.

Bill No. 68 - The Arts Professions Act Projet de loi n° 68 - Loi sur les professions artistiques

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Ms. Tell: That Bill No. 68 - The Arts Professions Act – be now read a second time.

L'Assemblée reprend le débat ajourné sur la motion de l'hon. Mme Tell: Que le projet de loi n° 68 - Loi sur les professions artistiques – soit maintenant lu une deuxième fois.

The debate continuing and the question being put, it was agreed to and the said Bill was, accordingly, read a second time.

Le débat se poursuit et la motion, mise aux voix, est adoptée et, en conséquence, ledit projet de loi est lu une deuxième fois.

By designation of the Hon. Mr. Gantefoer, in accordance with Rule 81, Bill No. 68 - The Arts Professions Act – was committed to the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice.

Selon la désignation de l'hon. M. Gantefoer, conformément au règlement 81, le projet de loi n° 68 - Loi sur les professions artistiques – est renvoyé au Comité permanent des affaires intergouvernementales et de la justice.

Bill No. 85 – The Municipal Grants Act

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Hutchinson: That Bill No. 85 – The Municipal Grants Act – be now read a second time.

The debate continuing and the question being put, it was agreed to and the said Bill was, accordingly, read a second time.

By designation of the Hon. Mr. Gantefoer, in accordance with Rule 81, Bill No. 85 – The Municipal Grants Act – was committed to the Standing Committee on the Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice.

Bill No. 89 – The Education Amendment Act, 2009 (No. 3)
Projet de loi n° 89 - Loi n° 3 de 2009 modifiant la Loi de 1995 sur l'éducation

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Krawetz: That Bill No. 89 – The Education Amendment Act, 2009 (No. 3) – be now read a second time.

L'Assemblée reprend le débat ajourné sur la motion de l'hon. M. Krawetz: Que le projet de loi n° 89 - Loi n° 3 de 2009 modifiant la Loi de 1995 sur l'éducation – soit maintenant lu une deuxième fois.

The debate continuing and the question being put, it was agreed to and the said Bill was, accordingly, read a second time.

Le débat se poursuit et la motion, mise aux voix, est adoptée et, en conséquence, ledit projet de loi est lu une deuxième fois.

By designation of the Hon. Mr. Gantefoer, in accordance with Rule 81, Bill No. 89 – The Education Amendment Act, 2009 (No. 3) – was committed to the Standing Committee on Human Services

Selon la désignation de l'hon. M. Gantefoer, conformément au règlement 81, le projet de loi n° 89 – Loi n° 3 de 2009 modifiant la Loi de 1995 sur l'éducation – est renvoyé au Comité permanent des services à la personne.

Bill No. 90 – The Miscellaneous Statutes (Education Property Tax) Repeal and Amendment Act, 2009

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Krawetz: That Bill No. 90 – The Miscellaneous Statutes (Education Property Tax) Repeal and Amendment Act, 2009 – be now read a second time.

The debate continuing and the question being put, it was agreed to and the said Bill was, accordingly, read a second time.

By designation of the Hon. Mr. Gantefoer, in accordance with Rule 81, Bill No. 90 – The Miscellaneous Statutes (Education Property Tax) Repeal and Amendment Act, 2009 – was committed to the Standing Committee on the Human Services.

Bill No. 84 – The Labour-sponsored Venture Capital Corporations Amendment Act, 2009

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Stewart: That Bill No. 84 – The Labour-sponsored Venture Capital Corporations Amendment Act, 2009 – be now read a second time.

The debate continuing, it was on motion of Ms. Atkinson, adjourned.

Bill No. 71 – The Innovation Saskatchewan Act

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Stewart: That Bill No. 71 – The Innovation Saskatchewan Act – be now read a second time.

The debate continuing, it was on motion of Mr. Broten, adjourned.

Bill No. 80 – The Construction Industry Labour Relations Amendment Act, 2009

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Norris: That Bill No. 80 – The Construction Industry Labour Relations Amendment Act, 2009 – be now read a second time.

The debate continuing, the Speaker interrupted proceedings and adjourned the Assembly without question put, pursuant to Rule 6(6).

The Assembly adjourned at 5:00 p.m. until Thursday at 10:00 a.m.

Hon. Don Toth
Speaker

RETURNS, REPORTS AND PAPERS TABLED

The following papers were laid upon the Table:

By the Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff:

Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements for Saskatchewan Power Corporation for the year ended December 31, 2008.

(Sessional Paper No. 177)

Financial Statements for NorthPoint Energy Solutions Inc. for the year ended December 31, 2008.

(Sessional Paper No. 178)

Financial Statements for SaskPower Shand Greenhouse for the year ended December 31, 2008.

(Sessional Paper No. 179)

Consolidated Financial Statements for SaskPower International Inc. for the year ended December 31, 2008.

(Sessional Paper No. 180)

Annual Report and Financial Statements for Power Corporation Superannuation Plan for the year ended December 31, 2008.

(Sessional Paper No. 181)

By the Hon. Mr. Gantefoer:

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Pension Plan for the year ended December 31, 2008, including Supplementary Payment Information.

(Sessional Paper No. 182)

By the Hon. Mr. Norris:

Annual Report and Financial Statements for Pension Plan for the Employees of the Saskatchewan Workers' Compensation Board for the year ended December 31, 2008.

(Sessional Paper No. 183)

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Ms. Higgins asked the Government the following Question No. 343, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hutchinson:

To the Minister of Municipal Affairs: The Minister has recently announced a “concept review” on the notion of a dome stadium in Regina. (1) When did the concept review begin? (2) What are the terms of reference? (3) What are the deliverables of the review? (4) What is the deadline for those deliverables?

Answer:

This does not fall under the responsibility of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and should be directed to CIC.

Ms. Higgins asked the Government the following Question No. 344, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hutchinson:

To the Minister of Municipal Affairs: The Minister has recently announced a “concept review” on the notion of a dome stadium in Regina. (1) Has any outside agency or consultant been hired to work on this review? (2) If so, how much is the contract for? (3) When did any external work begin? (4) Was there an RFP? (5) When was the RFP published?

Answer:

This does not fall under the responsibility of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and should be directed to CIC.

NOTICE OF GOVERNMENT MOTIONS

On Monday:

Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff, to move the following Motion:

That the Standing Committee on Crowns and Central Agencies, in accordance with Rule 147(3) of *The Rules and Procedures of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan*, shall conduct an inquiry to determine how the province can best meet the growing demand for electricity in a manner that is safe, reliable, environmentally-sustainable and affordable for Saskatchewan residents; and,

That the said committee shall conduct public hearings to receive representations from interested individuals and groups; and further,

That the said committee may, notwithstanding Rule 147(4), report its recommendations to the Assembly at a date determined by the committee.

NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The following Questions were given notice on day no. 50 and are to be answered by day no. 55:

Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 354:

To the Premier: (1) Since the answer to Written Question No. 169, has there been any further settlements made with any dismissed civil servants, including CIC officials, Crown employees, or any other government employee? (2) If so, how many settlements?

Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 355:

To the Premier: For each of the civil servants, including CIC officials, Crown employees, or any other government employee that has been dismissed by the government since November 31, 2007, how many severance packages have yet to be paid?

Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 356:

To the Premier: (1) What was the total severance paid to each of those civil servants that have been dismissed by the government since Written Question No. 169, including any top-ups to pensions, travel and car allowances, and any other benefits? (2) For each employee, please provide the following information: (a) What individual benefits is each employee being provided as part of the settlement? (b) How much is each benefit worth as part of the settlement for that employee? (c) What is the total settlement package for that employee valued at?