



No. 40

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

FOURTH SESSION – TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

Wednesday, March 30, 2011

1:30 p.m.

PRAYERS

PRESENTING PETITIONS

Petitions of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan were presented and laid upon the Table by the following members: Junor, Broten, Morin, Taylor, Quennell, Wotherspoon and Belanger.

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

According to Order, the following Petitions were favourably examined and pursuant to Rule 16(7) read and received:

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to develop a poverty elimination strategy.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 3)

Of the citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to manage the provincial finances more responsibly.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 6)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to devote the necessary resources for the construction of an elementary school in Hampton Village.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 77)

Of the citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to commit to maintaining quality health care services through retention and recruitment.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 87)

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Question No. 970, it was answered. (See Appendix)

The Order of the Day being called for Question No. 971, pursuant to Rule 20(5), the question was converted and an Order for Return was issued:

Mr. Forbes, for Return No. 89 showing:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) The number of new housing units Saskatchewan Housing Corporation built or contributed funds to in 2007. (2) 2008. (3) 2009. (4) 2010. (5) The number that are expected to be completed in 2011. (6) For each year: (a) the project name; (b) the type of housing (social/affordable or seniors) for each project; (c) the number of units in each project; (d) each project's location (community and street address); (e) the date on which each project was first announced; (f) the date on which each project was tendered; (g) the date on which each project was completed; (h) the value of each project; (i) how much Saskatchewan Housing Corporation contributed to each project; (j) the name of the trust fund utilized for funding each project.

BUDGET DEBATE

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Krawetz, seconded by Ms. Heppner:

That the Assembly approves in general the budgetary policy of the Government,

and the proposed amendment thereto moved by Mr. Wotherspoon, seconded by Mr. Trew:

That all the words after "That the Assembly" be deleted and the following be added:

condemns this government for a budget that ignores Saskatchewan people and families, and furthermore;

That this government no longer has the confidence of this Assembly and of the people of Saskatchewan because, despite a record level of revenue, this budget is doing nothing to help people and families deal with the rising cost of housing, it does nothing to implement rent control, it does not help struggling families deal with the growing cost of living, it does nothing to improve the province's education system, it fails to get a fair potash royalty deal for Saskatchewan people, and it is not telling Saskatchewan people that this government is actually increasing the province's debt.

The debate continuing on the motion and the amendment, 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. Hickie:

Annual Report of the Saskatchewan Municipal Board for the year ended December 31, 2010.
(Sessional Paper No. 120)

By the Hon. Mr. Duncan:

Saskatchewan's State of the Environment Report 2011.
(Sessional Paper No. 121)

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Mr. Forbes asked the Government the following Question No. 970, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:

To the Minister of Health: (1) How many families qualified for the Saskatchewan Family Health benefits in each month of 2007? (2) 2008? (3) 2009? (4) 2010? (5) January 2011? (6) February 2011?

Answer:

The Ministry of Health does not record program eligibility on the basis of 'families.'

NOTICE OF MOTIONS FOR FIRST READING OF BILLS

On Monday:

Hon. Mr. Harrison to move First Reading of Bill No. 166 – The Renewable Diesel Act

Hon. Mr. Reiter to move First Reading of Bill No. 167 – The Saskatchewan Grain Car Corporation Amendment Act, 2011

Hon. Ms. Harpauer to move First Reading of Bill No. 168 – The Teachers Superannuation and Disability Benefits Amendment Act, 2011

NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The following Questions were given notice on day no. 40 and are to be answered by day no. 45:

Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 972:

To the Minister of Health: (1) How many brand new positions were created for registered nurses in each health region in the last year? (2) What was the classification for each new position? (3) What was the job description for each new position?

Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 973:

To the Minister of Health: How many special care aide vacancies are there currently for each health region?

Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 974:

To the Minister of Health: How many licensed practical nurse vacancies are there currently for each health region?

Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 975:

To the Minister of Health: How many medical laboratory technician vacancies are there currently for each health region?

Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 976:

To the Minister of Health: How many doctor vacancies are there currently for each health region?

Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 977:

To the Minister of Health: (1) How many spirometries were done by each health region in 2011? (2) 2010? (3) 2009? (4) 2008? (5) 2007? (6) 2006? (7) 2005?

Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 978:

To the Minister of Health: What are the operating hours of CT scanners in each facility in the province?

Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 979:

To the Minister of Health: What are the operating hours of MRI scanners in each facility in the province?

Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 980:

To the Minister of Health: What are the vacancies for all technicians in each health region in the province?

Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 981:

To the Minister of Health: (1) How many pediatric admissions were there in each health district for 2007? (2) 2008? (3) 2009? (4) 2010?

Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 982:

To the Minister of Health: How long is the waiting list for children to see a respirologist?

Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 983:

To the Minister of Health: (1) How many children with respiratory issues were referred out of province in 2011? (2) 2010? (3) 2009? (4) 2008? (5) 2007?

Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 984:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) Is there a smoke-free policy for the Saskatoon Housing Authority? (2) If so, what is it?

Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 985:

To the Minister of Health: Does the Saskatchewan formulary include nicotine replacement therapy?

Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 986:

To the Minister of Health: (1) What is the wait list for spirometries in Regina? (2) Saskatoon?

Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 987:

To the Minister of Health: How many general pediatricians are there in Saskatoon?

Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 988:

To the Minister of Health: How many specialized pediatricians are there in Saskatoon?

Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 989:

To the Government: (1) Does the Ministry of Health or the Ministry of Environment do tier 1 soil testing for radon gas? (2) If so, how does it do the testing?

Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 990:

To the Government: (1) How many social assistance recipients have used up their 12 chiropractic visits in 2011? (2) 2010?

Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 991:

To the Government: How many social services recipients receive paid-for chiropractic care?

Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 992:

To the Minister of Health: (1) How much money has the Saskatchewan Association of Health Organizations spent on leaflets, posters, letters, flyers and other workplace advertising about contract negotiations with the Health Sciences Association of Saskatchewan in 2009/10? (2) 2010/11?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the Government the following Question No. 993:

To the Minister Responsible for the Status of Women: Where is the Status of Women office now found in the budget?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the Government the following Question No. 994:

To the Minister Responsible for the Status of Women: Why is the Status of Women office no longer appearing as a line item?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the Government the following Question No. 995:

To the Minister Responsible for the Status of Women: What is the total budget estimate for the Status of Women office for 2011/12?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the Government the following Question No. 996:

To the Minister Responsible for the Status of Women: What was the total budget estimate for the Status of Women office for 2010/11?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the Government the following Question No. 997:

To the Minister Responsible for the Status of Women: What is the forecast for the Status of Women office for the 2010/11 year?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the Government the following Question No. 998:

To the Minister Responsible for the Status of Women: Has the mandate of the Status of Women office changed?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the Government the following Question No. 999:

To the Minister Responsible for the Status of Women: How many staff people are employed with the Status of Women office?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1000:

To the Minister of Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport: Prior to the heritage property de-designation in April 2010, was the renovation work with the KIP funding at St. Peter's College in Muenster approved by the Minister of Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1001:

To the Minister of Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport: (1) From whom did the request for the heritage de-designation of St. Peter's College come? (2) What was the rationale?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1002:

To the Minister of Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport: When the request for the de-designation came in from St. Peter's College, what were the recommendations from the ministry regarding the de-designation of St. Peter's as a provincial heritage property?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1003:

To the Minister of Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport: (1) Did the minister do any public consultation before choosing to de-designate St. Peter's College? (2) If not, why not?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1004:

To the Minister of Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport: Did any other ministry have any contact with Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport concerning the de-designation?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1005:

To the Minister of Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport: Did the minister follow the recommendations of his officials with respect to the de-designation of St. Peter's College as a heritage property?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1006:

To the Minister of Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport: Although there appears to be no requirement under *The Heritage Property Act* to consult when a request to de-designate comes from the property owner, could the minister have chosen to publicly consult anyway?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1007:

To the Minister of Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport: In the past 10 years, how many requests for heritage property de-designation has the ministry received?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1008:

To the Minister of Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport: On how many of the requests for heritage property de-designation over the past 10 years did the ministry consult?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1009:

To the Minister of Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport: How many of the heritage property de-designations were signed off on by the minister of the day over the past 10 years?