



No. 3

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

FOURTH SESSION – TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

Thursday, March 20, 2003

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: Stewart, Brkich and Weekes.

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

According to Order, the Deputy Clerk having favourably reported on the same pursuant to Rule 12(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 take immediate action and make necessary repairs to Highway 58 in order to avoid serious injury and property damage.

(Sessional Paper No. 4)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to commit its share of funding for a new regional hospital in Swift Current.

(Sessional Paper No. 5)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to take the necessary steps to have Sask. Crop Insurance reassess the grasshopper spray penalty assessed to farmers in 2002 and further, that the government review the definition of viable farming practices as outlined in present Sask. Crop Insurance policy.

(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 take the necessary actions to ensure that crown lands and existing trails stay open for recreational and tourism purposes.

(Sessional Paper No. 7)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to modify the exorbitant rates of telephone hook up to these cabins and provide reliable cellular telephone coverage.

(Sessional Paper No. 8)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to take the necessary actions to protect our province's economy by working to halt the federal government's intent to sign onto the Kyoto Accord in its current form.

(Sessional Paper No. 9)

ADDRESS IN REPLY

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of Mr. Goulet, seconded by Ms. Hamilton:

That an Humble Address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor as follows:

TO HER HONOUR THE HONOURABLE LYND A M. HAVERSTOCK
Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Saskatchewan

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly, of the Province of Saskatchewan, in Session assembled, humbly thank Your Honour for the gracious Speech which Your Honour has been pleased to address to us at the opening of the present Session.

The debate continuing, it was moved by Mr. Hermanson, seconded by Mr. Wiberg, in amendment thereto:

That the following words be added after the word "Session":

however this Assembly is disappointed with the lack of vision and initiative presented by the current Premier and cabinet in the Speech from the Throne and therefore urges that a general provincial election be called immediately.

The debate continuing on the motion and the amendment, it was on motion of Mr. Wiberg, adjourned.

SUBSTITUTION OF MEMBER ON THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON RULES AND PROCEDURES

On motion of Mr. D'Autremont, seconded by Mr. Krawetz, by leave of the Assembly:

Ordered, That the name of Randy Weekes be substituted for that of Carl Kwiatkowski on the Special Committee on Rules and Procedures.

CONDOLENCES

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Serby, seconded by Mr. Hermanson, by leave of the Assembly:

That this Assembly records with sorrow and regret the passing of a former Member of this Assembly and expresses its grateful appreciation of the contribution he made to his community, his constituency and to the province.

John Penner, who passed away on March 5, 2003, was a Member of this Legislative Assembly from 1991 until 1995, representing the constituency of Swift Current for the New Democratic Party.

Mr. Penner was born on December 12, 1931 in Swift Current and raised on the family farm. He received his early schooling at Iris School. He furthered his education at the University of Saskatchewan, from where he received Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Education degrees. He married his wife Josephine on July 11, 1953, and together they had two children.

Mr. Penner was a teacher by profession and taught in schools around Saskatchewan for over 30 years. He undertook teaching assignments in Africa over two summers. Mr. Penner's contribution to education extended beyond the classroom. He served as a vice-principal and principal at the Swift Current Comprehensive High School. He also served as a councilor with the Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation and on local and provincial curriculum committees. Upon retiring from the teaching profession, Mr. Penner turned his interests to the business sector. He became the owner and director of the Parkside Memorial Funeral Home.

In his private life, Mr. Penner was an active participant in his community. He was a member of the Rotary Club and active on the Western Credit Union Board for many years, including twelve years as president. The Swift Current Union Hospital, his church and other community organizations also benefited from his participation and leadership. Upon leaving elected office, Mr. Penner carried on his public duties as a board member of the Saskatchewan Opportunities Corporation and as Saskatchewan's representative on the Board of Management of the Canada Customs and Revenue Agency.

Mr. Penner first sought elected office as an alderman in the city of Swift Current. Later he was elected to this Assembly in the 1991 general election. He immediately entered cabinet as the Minister of Energy and Mines. Later in 1993, he was appointed Associate Minister of Finance and Minister responsible for Crown Investments. Mr. Penner resigned from cabinet in 1995 and continued to sit as a government member until the following election.

In recording its own deep sense of loss and bereavement, this Assembly expresses its most sincere sympathy with members of the bereaved family.

A debate arising and the question being put, it was agreed to.

Moved by the Mr. Hermanson, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Serby, by leave of the Assembly:

That this Assembly records with sorrow and regret the passing of a former Member of this Assembly and expresses its grateful appreciation of the contribution he made to his community, his constituency and to the province.

Carl Edward Kwiatkowski, who passed away on February 2, 2003, was a Member of this Legislative Assembly from 1999 until 2003, representing the constituency of Carrot River Valley for the Saskatchewan Party.

Mr. Kwiatkowski was born on November 20, 1959 in the town of Porcupine Plain. He was raised on the family farm and attended elementary and secondary schools in Porcupine Plain. In 1982, Mr. Kwiatkowski married Leona Kistner and they had three children.

After finishing high school, Mr. Kwiatkowski was employed for several years in road construction and on oilrigs. He then shifted his attention to improving the lives and opportunities of those who lived in his community. His primary focus was on individuals with mental and physical disabilities. He served for over 17 years as the General Manager of the Porcupine Opportunities Program Inc. Mr. Kwiatkowski also served as president of the Saskatchewan Association of Rehabilitation Centres and on the Saskatchewan Association of Rehabilitation Administrators.

Mr. Kwiatkowski has a lengthy record of public service. Mr. Kwiatkowski's first foray into elected office was at the municipal level. He served as mayor of Porcupine Plain for three terms. Later he was elected to this Assembly in the 1999 general election. He served as a Justice of the Peace and on numerous boards and committees across the province. The Porcupine Plain Chamber of Commerce and the NewSask Community Futures Development Corporation were two organizations that benefited from his participation.

In recording its own deep sense of loss and bereavement, this Assembly expresses its most sincere sympathy with members of the bereaved family.

A debate arising and the question being put, it was agreed to.

TRANSMITTAL MOTION

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Lautermilch, seconded by Mr. D'Autremont, by leave of the Assembly:

Ordered, That the Resolutions just passed, together with a transcript of oral tributes to the memories of the deceased, be communicated to the bereaved families on behalf of this Assembly by Mr. Speaker.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Lautermilch:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 6:11 p.m. until Friday at 10:00 a.m.

Hon. P. Myron Kowalsky
Speaker

NOTICE OF MOTIONS FOR FIRST READING OF BILLS

On Monday:

Hon. Mr. Hagel to move First Reading of Bill No. 3 – The Child and Family Services Amendment Act, 2003

Hon. Mr. Sonntag to move First Reading of Bill No. 4 – The SaskEnergy Amendment Act, 2003

Hon. Ms. Junor to move First Reading of Bill No. 5 – The Teachers Superannuation and Disability Benefits Amendment Act, 2003

NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The following Question was given notice on day no. 2 and is to be answered by day no. 7:

Mr. Wiberg, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1:

To the Minister of the Environment: What is your Departments' intention for moving elk north of Prince Albert for the year 2003?

The following Questions were given notice on day no. 3 and are to be answered by day no. 8:

Mr. Brkich, to ask the Government the following Question No. 2:

To the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Revitalization: (1) How many applicants were there for the 2002 Crop Forage Cover Program? (2) Further to that, how many of these applicants have not received their full funding from the program?

Mr. Wall, to ask the Government the following Question No. 3:

To the Minister of Saskatchewan Property Management Corporation: (1) Does SPMC currently have plans or is it currently executing plans to close the major SPMC storage depot facility in Saskatoon? (2) If so, how many jobs will be lost? (3) Where will those services be relocated?

NOTICE REGARDING PETITIONS FOR PRIVATE BILLS

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with Rules 64 and 67 of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan, that the time for filing Petitions for Private Bills with the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly will expire on the twentieth sitting day, and that the time for presenting Petitions for Private Bills to the Legislative Assembly at its present Session will expire on the twenty-fifth sitting day of the said Session.

GWENN RONYK
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly
