



No. 10

# **VOTES and PROCEEDINGS**

OF THE

**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

**FOURTH SESSION – TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE**

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**Monday, March 31, 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: Elhard, Eagles, Dearborn, Brkich, Weekes and Allchurch.

## **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 immediately reinstate a reasonable Annual Deductible amount for Prescription Drugs in Saskatchewan.

(Sessional Paper No. 21)

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.

(Addendum to 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.

(Addendum to 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 ensure current Crown land lessees maintain their first option to renew those leases.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 12)

### WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 5 and 6, they were answered. (See Appendix)

### BUDGET DEBATE

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Melenchuk, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Calvert:

That this Assembly do now resolve itself into the Committee of Finance.

The debate continuing, it was moved by Mr. Krawetz, seconded by Ms. Julé, in amendment thereto:

That all the words after the word "Assembly" be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

expresses its non-confidence in the current government's 2003-2004 provincial budget which is based on absurd economic growth predictions and revenue transfers from empty bank accounts and further increases the provincial debt by nearly half-a-billion dollars, and; that this Assembly calls for the resignation of the Minister of Finance for the deliberate leak of specific budget items to the media prior to the presentation of the budget to this Assembly.

The debate continuing on the motion and the amendment, the Assembly recessed from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

The debate being resumed on the motion and the amendment, it was on motion of Mr. Yates, adjourned.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Hagel:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

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The Assembly adjourned at 7:41 p.m. until Tuesday at 1:30 p.m.

*Hon. P. Myron Kowalsky*  
*Speaker*

**RETURNS, REPORTS AND PAPERS TABLED**

The following paper was laid upon the Table:

By the Hon. Mr. Hagel:

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Housing Corporation for the year ended December 31, 2002, including Supplier, Grant and other Payments for 2002 as well as Consolidation Schedule, Corporate and Housing Authority Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2002  
(Sessional Paper No. 22)

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

**Mr. Hillson asked the Government Question No. 5, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Nilson:**

To the Minister of Health: Since tobacco taxes were raised in the 2002-2003 budget, what has been the percentage increase/decrease in: (1) Sales of taxable tobacco products? (2) Sales of non-taxable tobacco products?

Answer:

This question does not fall within Saskatchewan Health's jurisdiction.

**Mr. Wall asked the Government Question No. 6, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Osika:**

To the Minister of Crown Investments Corporation: (1) What were the terms of the sale of the fresh-pak potato plant at Lucky Lake to Pak-Wel Produce of Vauxhaul, Alberta? (2) When did the purchaser take full possession of the facility? (3) On what date did the deal close? (4) On what date was CIC paid in full for the facility?

Answer:

- (1) The terms of the sale were that SaskWater sold the plant for \$1 million.
- (2) The purchaser took possession on April 26, 2000.
- (3) The deal closed on June 29, 2000.
- (4) Cash was paid to SaskWater on June 29, 2000.

## NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

**The following Questions were given notice on day no. 7 and are to be answered by day no. 12:**

Mr. Dearborn, to ask the Government the following Question No. 8:

To the Minister of Learning: How much funding did Pre-kindergarten programs receive in fiscal year 1998-1999?

Mr. Dearborn, to ask the Government the following Question No. 9:

To the Minister of Learning: How much funding did Pre-kindergarten programs receive in fiscal year 1999-2000?

Mr. Dearborn, to ask the Government the following Question No. 10:

To the Minister of Learning: How much funding did Pre-kindergarten programs receive in fiscal year 2000-2001?

Mr. Dearborn, to ask the Government the following Question No. 11:

To the Minister of Learning: How much funding did Pre-kindergarten programs receive in fiscal year 2001-2002?

Mr. Dearborn, to ask the Government the following Question No. 12:

To the Minister of Learning: How much funding did Pre-kindergarten programs receive in fiscal year 2002-2003?

Mr. Brkich, to ask the Government the following Question No. 13:

To the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Revitalization: (1) What is the total amount of money deducted from 2002 farmer claims regarding the grasshopper control penalty? (2) Further to that, how many producers were assessed a penalty in 2002? (3) Also, what was the criteria for assessing grasshopper penalties in 2002 and were these grasshopper control penalties assessed to organic grain growers last year?

**The following Questions were given notice on day no. 8 and are to be answered by day no. 13:**

Mr. Wiberg, to ask the Government the following Question No. 14:

To the Minister of the Environment: (1) Due to the dramatic increase of the elk herd in zone 50, will your department be increasing the number of bull and cow elk hunting licenses for the fall of 2003? (2) And, if so by how much?

Mr. Dearborn, to ask the Government the following Question No. 15:

To the Minister of Social Services: What is the department's policy in determining the amount of subsidization for families with children in licensed childcare centres?

Mr. Dearborn, to ask the Government the following Question No. 16:

To the Minister of Social Services: How much funding did Licensed Child Care Centres, that is Child Care Centres and Family Child Care Homes, receive in the form of either subsidies or grants in the fiscal year 1998-1999?

Mr. Dearborn, to ask the Government the following Question No. 17:

To the Minister of Social Services: How much funding did Licensed Child Care Centres, that is Child Care Centres and Family Child Care Homes, receive in the form of either subsidies or grants in the fiscal year 1999-2000?

Mr. Dearborn, to ask the Government the following Question No. 18:

To the Minister of Social Services: How much funding did Licensed Child Care Centres, that is Child Care Centres and Family Child Care Homes, receive in the form of either subsidies or grants in the fiscal year 2000-2001?

Mr. Dearborn, to ask the Government the following Question No. 19:

To the Minister of Social Services: How much funding did Licensed Child Care Centres, that is Child Care Centres and Family Child Care Homes, receive in the form of either subsidies or grants in the fiscal year 2001-2002?

Mr. Dearborn, to ask the Government the following Question No. 20:

To the Minister of Social Services: How much funding did Licensed Child Care Centres, that is Child Care Centres and Family Child Care Homes, receive in the form of either subsidies or grants in the fiscal year 2002-2003?

Mr. Dearborn, to ask the Government the following Question No. 21:

To the Minister of Learning: How much funding did Kindergarten programs receive in the fiscal year 1998-1999?

Mr. Dearborn, to ask the Government the following Question No. 22:

To the Minister of Learning: How much funding did Kindergarten programs receive in the fiscal year 1999-2000?

Mr. Dearborn, to ask the Government the following Question No. 23:

To the Minister of Learning: How much funding did Kindergarten programs receive in the fiscal year 2000-2001?

Mr. Dearborn, to ask the Government the following Question No. 24:

To the Minister of Learning: How much funding did Kindergarten programs receive in the fiscal year 2001-2002?

Mr. Dearborn, to ask the Government the following Question No. 25:

To the Minister of Learning: How much funding did Kindergarten programs receive in the fiscal year 2002-2003?

Ms. Harpauer, to ask the Government the following Question No. 26:

To the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Revitalization: (1) What was the final balance between revenues and expenses for Saskatchewan Crop Insurance in 1992? (2) Were any funds from Saskatchewan Crop Insurance transferred to the General Revenue Fund in this year?

Ms. Harpauer, to ask the Government the following Question No. 27:

To the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Revitalization: (1) What was the final balance between revenues and expenses for Saskatchewan Crop Insurance in 1993? (2) Were any funds from Saskatchewan Crop Insurance transferred to the General Revenue Fund in this year?

Ms. Harpauer, to ask the Government the following Question No. 28:

To the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Revitalization: (1) What was the final balance between revenues and expenses for Saskatchewan Crop Insurance in 1994? (2) Were any funds from Saskatchewan Crop Insurance transferred to the General Revenue Fund in this year?

Ms. Harpauer, to ask the Government the following Question No. 29:

To the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Revitalization: (1) What was the final balance between revenues and expenses for Saskatchewan Crop Insurance in 1995? (2) Were any funds from Saskatchewan Crop Insurance transferred to the General Revenue Fund in this year?

Ms. Harpauer, to ask the Government the following Question No. 30:

To the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Revitalization: (1) What was the final balance between revenues and expenses for Saskatchewan Crop Insurance in 1996? (2) Were any funds from Saskatchewan Crop Insurance transferred to the General Revenue Fund in this year?

Ms. Harpauer, to ask the Government the following Question No. 31:

To the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Revitalization: (1) What was the final balance between revenues and expenses for Saskatchewan Crop Insurance in 1997? (2) Were any funds from Saskatchewan Crop Insurance transferred to the General Revenue Fund in this year?

Ms. Harpauer, to ask the Government the following Question No. 32:

To the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Revitalization: (1) What was the final balance between revenues and expenses for Saskatchewan Crop Insurance in 1998? (2) Were any funds from Saskatchewan Crop Insurance transferred to the General Revenue Fund in this year?

Ms. Harpauer, to ask the Government the following Question No. 33:

To the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Revitalization: (1) What was the final balance between revenues and expenses for Saskatchewan Crop Insurance in 1999? (2) Were any funds from Saskatchewan Crop Insurance transferred to the General Revenue Fund in this year?

Ms. Harpauer, to ask the Government the following Question No. 34:

To the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Revitalization: (1) What was the final balance between revenues and expenses for Saskatchewan Crop Insurance in 2000? (2) Were any funds from Saskatchewan Crop Insurance transferred to the General Revenue Fund in this year?

Ms. Harpauer, to ask the Government the following Question No. 35:

To the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Revitalization: (1) What was the final balance between revenues and expenses for Saskatchewan Crop Insurance in 2001? (2) Were any funds from Saskatchewan Crop Insurance transferred to the General Revenue Fund in this year?

Ms. Harpauer, to ask the Government the following Question No. 36:

To the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Revitalization: (1) What was the final balance between revenues and expenses for Saskatchewan Crop Insurance in 2002? (2) Were any funds from Saskatchewan Crop Insurance transferred to the General Revenue Fund in this year?

**The following Question was given notice on day no. 9 and is to be answered by day no. 14:**

Mr. Brkich, to ask the Government the following Question No. 37:

To the Minister responsible for Crown Investments Corporation: (1) What is the policy for SaskPower regarding the policy for fighting fires caused by the failure of power transformers, power lines, power poles and related equipment? (2) Are these costs the responsibility of SaskPower where it is clear its equipment has caused the blaze? (3) Further to that, in 2002, how many claims were made against SaskPower and were the claims honoured?

**The following Questions were given notice on day no. 10 and are to be answered by day no. 15:**

Ms. Julé, to ask the Government the following Question No. 38:

To the Minister of Government Relations: (1) How many municipalities (cities, northern municipalities, rural municipalities, resort villages, towns and villages) applied to have projects approved under the Canada Saskatchewan Infrastructure Program (CSIP) in the fiscal year 2001-2002? (2) Could the Minister please provide the names of the communities that applied for CSIP projects in the fiscal year 2001-2002? (3) Could the Minister please provide the types of projects these communities applied for in the fiscal year 2001-2002? (4) Could the Minister please provide the names of the communities who had their CSIP projects approved in the fiscal year 2001-2002?

Ms. Julé, to ask the Government the following Question No. 39:

To the Minister of Government Relations: (1) How many municipalities (cities, northern municipalities, rural municipalities, resort villages, towns and villages) applied to have projects approved under the Canada Saskatchewan Infrastructure Program (CSIP) in the fiscal year 2002-2003? (2) Could the Minister please provide the names of the communities that applied for CSIP projects in the fiscal year 2002-2003? (3) Could the Minister please provide the types of projects these communities applied for in the fiscal year 2002-2003? (4) Could the Minister please provide the names of the communities who had their CSIP projects approved in the fiscal year 2002-2003?

Mr. Dearborn, to ask the Government the following Question No. 40:

To the Minister of Social Services: How much funding did the Early Childhood Intervention Program receive in the fiscal year 1998-1999?

Mr. Dearborn, to ask the Government the following Question No. 41:

To the Minister of Social Services: How much funding did the Early Childhood Intervention Program receive in the fiscal year 1999-2000?

Mr. Dearborn, to ask the Government the following Question No. 42:

To the Minister of Social Services: How much funding did the Early Childhood Intervention Program receive in the fiscal year 2000-2001?

Mr. Dearborn, to ask the Government the following Question No. 43:

To the Minister of Social Services: How much funding did the Early Childhood Intervention Program receive in the fiscal year 2001-2002?



Mr. Dearborn, to ask the Government the following Question No. 44:

To the Minister of Social Services: How much funding did the Early Childhood Intervention Program receive in the fiscal year 2002-2003?

Mr. Dearborn, to ask the Government the following Question No. 45:

To the Minister of Social Services: How much funding did the HeadStart program receive in the fiscal year 1998-1999?

Mr. Dearborn, to ask the Government the following Question No. 46:

To the Minister of Social Services: How much funding did the HeadStart program receive in the fiscal year 1999-2000?

Mr. Dearborn, to ask the Government the following Question No. 47:

To the Minister of Social Services: How much funding did the HeadStart program receive in the fiscal year 2000-2001?

Mr. Dearborn, to ask the Government the following Question No. 48:

To the Minister of Social Services: How much funding did the HeadStart program receive in the fiscal year 2001-2002?

Mr. Dearborn, to ask the Government the following Question No. 49:

To the Minister of Social Services: How much funding did the HeadStart program receive in the fiscal year 2002-2003?

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#### **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

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