



No. 13

# **VOTES and PROCEEDINGS**

OF THE

**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

**FOURTH SESSION – TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE**

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**Thursday, April 3, 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, Wall 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 take the necessary steps to ensure current Crown land lessees maintain their first option to renew those leases.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 12)

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 47 South in order to avoid serious injury and property damage.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 13)

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 reverse the 2003 premium increases and restore affordable crop insurance premiums to our struggling farmers.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 18)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to make the necessary repairs to Highway 42 in the Arm River Constituency in order to prevent injury or loss of life and to prevent the loss of economic opportunity in the area.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 19)

#### **REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON RULES AND PROCEDURES**

The Speaker, as Chair, laid before the Assembly, the Third Report of the Special Committee on Rules and Procedures of the Legislative Assembly dated April 2, 2003.

(Sessional Paper No. 28)

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Thomson, seconded by Mr. D'Autremont:

That the Third Report of the Special Committee on Rules and Procedures be now concurred in.

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

#### **MOTIONS RESULTING FROM THE THIRD REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON RULES AND PROCEDURES**

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Thomson, seconded by Mr. D'Autremont:

Ordered, That the modifications and amendments to the practices and rules of the Legislative Assembly, as specified in the Appendix to the Third Report of the Special Committee on Rules and Procedures be adopted and;

That when the said practices and rules are implemented by the Legislative Assembly, they be incorporated into the Rules and Procedures of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan as soon as is practicable, and further;

That upon implementation, the Clerk take steps to ensure the Rules and Procedures of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan are made, printed and re-published in English and French as expeditiously as possible.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Thomson, seconded by Mr. D'Autremont:

Ordered, That in the interim period before refurbishment of the Chamber and technology upgrades can provide a more secure environment, the Legislative Assembly shall provide wireless access to the Internet from the Chamber and Members' lounges and that the said access be in place as soon as possible during 2003 Spring session.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Thomson, seconded by Mr. D'Autremont:

Ordered, That the order of reference for the Special Committee on Regulations be amended to provide a deadline for a final report, which shall be no later than 30 sitting days past the date of implementation of the new rules recommended in the Third Report of the Special Committee on Rules and Procedures by the Assembly.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Thomson, seconded by Mr. D'Autremont:

Ordered, That any outstanding business identified by the Standing Committee on Crown Corporations in its Fourth Report be redirected to the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies at such time as the Assembly implements the new rules recommended in the Third Report of the Special Committee on Rules and Procedures.

### **WRITTEN QUESTIONS**

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 14 to 36, 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.

and the proposed amendment thereto moved by Mr. Krawetz, seconded by Ms. Julé:

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, it was on motion of Mr. Wiberg, adjourned.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Lautermilch:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

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The Assembly adjourned at 4:58 p.m. until Friday at 10:00 a.m.

***Hon. P. Myron Kowalsky***  
***Speaker***

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

**Mr. Wiberg asked the Government Question No. 14, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Belanger:**

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?

Answer:

- (1) No
- (2) Not applicable

**Mr. Dearborn asked the Government Question No. 15, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hagel:**

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?

Answer:

Parents or a parent may be eligible for a subsidy if they have a dependent child or children under the age of 13 years who needs and attends a licensed child care center or home for at least 36 hours per month while at paid employment, attending school, looking for a job, or because of special medical or social needs of the family. The monthly family income must fall within the requirements of the Child Care Subsidy program.

The following monthly family incomes may qualify for the highest amount of subsidy:

- \$1640 or less gross income with one dependent child.
- \$1740 or less gross income with two dependent children
- \$1840 or less gross income with three dependent children

Families with gross incomes higher than these amounts can expect their subsidy to go down by about \$5 for every \$20 that their income is over the amount stated.

**Mr. Dearborn asked the Government Question No. 16, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hagel:**

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?

Answer:

\$15,196,647

**Mr. Dearborn asked the Government Question No. 17, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hagel:**

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?

Answer:

\$15,325,952

**Mr. Dearborn asked the Government Question No. 18, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hagel:**

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?

Answer:

\$16,331,911

**Mr. Dearborn asked the Government Question No. 19, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hagel:**

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?

Answer:

\$17,522,440

**Mr. Dearborn asked the Government Question No. 20, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hagel:**

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?

Answer:

\$18,927,727

**Mr. Dearborn asked the Government Question No. 21, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Junor:**

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

Answer:

Government (Saskatchewan Learning) does not break out the level of funding for a specific level of education (e.g. kindergarten). Funding is primarily provided to school divisions unconditionally, and is not broken out by grade level. All students receive the benefits of global funding in a system, such as funding factored in for transportation, technology, diversity and other factors.

Specific Basic Rates for kindergarten for 1998-1999 are as follows:

Rural \$1,776

Urban \$1,658

**Mr. Dearborn asked the Government Question No. 22, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Junor:**

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

Answer:

Government (Saskatchewan Learning) does not break out the level of funding for a specific level of education (e.g. kindergarten). Funding is primarily provided to school divisions unconditionally, and is not broken out by grade level. All students receive the benefits of global funding in a system, such as funding factored in for transportation, technology, diversity and other factors.

Specific Basic Rates for kindergarten for 1999-2000 are as follows:

Rural	\$1,803
Urban	\$1,683

**Mr. Dearborn asked the Government Question No. 23, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Junor:**

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

Answer:

Government (Saskatchewan Learning) does not break out the level of funding for a specific level of education (e.g. kindergarten). Funding is primarily provided to school divisions unconditionally, and is not broken out by grade level. All students receive the benefits of global funding in a system, such as funding factored in for transportation, technology, diversity and other factors.

Specific Basic Rates for kindergarten for 2000-2001 are as follows:

Rural	\$1,934
Urban	\$1,814

**Mr. Dearborn asked the Government Question No. 24, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Junor:**

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

Answer:

Government (Saskatchewan Learning) does not break out the level of funding for a specific level of education (e.g. kindergarten). Funding is primarily provided to school divisions unconditionally, and is not broken out by grade level. All students receive the benefits of global funding in a system, such as funding factored in for transportation, technology, diversity and other factors.

Specific Basic Rates for kindergarten for 2001-2002 are as follows:

Rural	\$2,132
Urban	\$2,012

**Mr. Dearborn asked the Government Question No. 25, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Junor:**

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

Answer:

Government (Saskatchewan Learning) does not break out the level of funding for a specific level of education (e.g. kindergarten). Funding is primarily provided to school divisions unconditionally, and is not broken out by grade level. All students receive the benefits of global funding in a system, such as funding factored in for transportation, technology, diversity and other factors.

Specific Basic Rates for kindergarten for 2002-2003 are as follows:

Rural	\$2,189
Urban	\$2,069

**Mr. Dearborn asked the Government Question No. 26, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Serby:**

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?

Answer:

- (1) This information is available in the corporation's annual report for the year ended March 31, 1992, which can be found in the Legislative Library.
- (2) No

**Ms. Harpauer asked the Government Question No. 27, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Serby:**

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?

Answer:

- (1) This information is available in the corporation's annual report for the year ended March 31, 1993, which can be found in the Legislative Library.
- (2) No

**Ms. Harpauer asked the Government Question No. 28, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Serby:**

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?

Answer:

- (1) This information is available in the corporation's annual report for the year ended March 31, 1994, which can be found in the Legislative Library.
- (2) No

**Ms. Harpauer asked the Government Question No. 29, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Serby:**

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?

Answer:

- (1) This information is available in the corporation's annual report for the year ended March 31, 1995, which can be found in the Legislative Library.
- (2) No

**Ms. Harpauer asked the Government Question No. 30, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Serby:**

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?

Answer:

- (1) This information is available in the corporation's annual report for the year ended March 31, 1996, which can be found in the Legislative Library.
- (2) No

**Ms. Harpauer asked the Government Question No. 31, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Serby:**

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?

Answer:

- (1) This information is available in the corporation's annual report for the year ended March 31, 1997, which can be found in the Legislative Library.
- (2) No

**Ms. Harpauer asked the Government Question No. 32, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Serby:**

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?

Answer:

- (1) This information is available in the corporation's annual report for the year ended March 31, 1998, which can be found in the Legislative Library.
- (2) No

**Ms. Harpauer asked the Government Question No. 33, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Serby:**

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?

Answer:

- (1) This information is available in the corporation's annual report for the year ended March 31, 1999, which can be found in the Legislative Library.
- (2) No funds were transferred from Saskatchewan Crop Insurance to the General Revenue Fund in this year, except for \$26,644 that represented the excess of the operating grant received over administration expenses, which was transferred to the General Revenue Fund.



**Ms. Harpauer asked the Government Question No. 34, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Serby:**

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?

Answer:

- (1) This information is available in the corporation's annual report for the year ended March 31, 2000, which can be found in the Legislative Library.
- (2) No funds were transferred from Saskatchewan Crop Insurance to the General Revenue Fund in this year, except for \$385,675 that represented the excess of the operating grant received over administration expenses, which was transferred to the General Revenue Fund.

**Ms. Harpauer asked the Government Question No. 35, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Serby:**

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?

Answer:

- (1) This information is available in the corporation's annual report for the year ended March 31, 2001, which can be found in the Legislative Library.
- (2) No

**Ms. Harpauer asked the Government Question No. 36, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Serby:**

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?

Answer:

- (1) Pursuant to the corporation's annual report, Crop Insurance Fund expenses exceeded revenues by \$128,118,501 for the year ended March 31, 2002.
- (2) No

## **NOTICE OF MOTIONS FOR FIRST READING OF BILLS**

On Monday:

Hon. Mr. Serby to move First Reading of Bill No. 9 – The Agricultural Implements Amendment Act, 2003.

Hon. Mr. Serby to move First Reading of Bill No. 10 – The Saskatchewan 4-H Foundation Amendment Act, 2003.

Hon. Mr. Melenchuk to move First Reading of Bill No. 11 – The Municipal Employees' Pension Amendment Act, 2003.

## NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

**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?

**The following Questions were given notice on day no. 11 and are to be answered by day no. 16:**

Mr. Wall, to ask the Government the following Question No. 50:

To the Minister of Corrections and Public Safety: Were managers at the Regina Correctional Facility warned by guards as to the danger of holding inmates in the auditorium from which recent inmate escapes occurred?

Ms. Draude, to ask the Government the following Question No. 51:

To the Minister of Learning: In reference to the \$32.4 million to be expended under the Education Infrastructure Financing Corporation in 2003-2004, what is the split between K-12 and post-secondary capital projects and what is the amortization rate under this program for these projects?

Mr. Dearborn, to ask the Government the following Question No. 52:

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

Mr. Dearborn, to ask the Government the following Question No. 53:

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

**The following Question was given notice on day no. 12 and is to be answered by day no. 17:**

Mr. Dearborn, to ask the Government the following Question No. 54:

To the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Revitalization: (1) How many Crown land leases are there currently in Saskatchewan? (2) And, further to that, how many total quarter sections of Crown Leased land are there right now in Saskatchewan?

**The following Questions were given notice on day no. 13 and is to be answered by day no. 18:**

Mr. Wakefield, to ask the Government the following Question No. 55:

To the Minister of Crown Investments Corporation: (1) In reference to the commitment made by the Premier in the wake of the SPUDCO affair, that all potential CIC investments will require a third party review, is the mechanism for such a review process now in place? (2) What is that mechanism? (3) How many potential CIC investments have undergone such a review and how many have been rejected after such a third party review?

Mr. Hillson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 56:

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

Ms. Harpauer, to ask the Government the following Question No. 57:

To the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Revitalization: How much money did the producers of Saskatchewan receive from the \$600 million transition fund announced by the federal government in 2002?

Mr. Wall, to ask the Government the following Question No. 58:

To the Minister of Health: In light of yesterday's announcement for \$500,000 in funding for planning an evaluation for the new regional hospital in Swift Current, has the government also formally approved it's 65% share of the funding for the actual cost of the new hospital?

Mr. Dearborn, to ask the Government the following Question No. 59:

To the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Revitalization: (1) Was any money paid out to farmers who purchased crop insurance in the rainfall pilot program of last year (2002-2003) in the forage side and grain side? (2) What was that payout?

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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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