



No. 14

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

FOURTH SESSION – TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

Friday, April 4, 2003

10:00 a.m.

PRAYERS

PRESENTING PETITIONS

Petitions of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan were presented and laid upon the Table by the following Members: Elhard, Stewart, Eagles, Hart 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)

WRITTEN QUESTION

The Order of the Day being called for Question No. 37, pursuant to Rule 42(5) it was transferred to Motions for Returns (Debatable) No. 1.

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, the Speaker interrupted proceedings pursuant to Rule 15(3) and put the question on the amendment, which was negatived on the following Recorded Division:

YEAS – 23

Toth	Heppner	Julé	Krawetz
Gantefer	Bjornerud	Elhard	Wakefield
Stewart	Harpauer	Eagles	McMorris
D’Autremont	Bakken	Huyghebaert	Dearborn
Brkich	Wiberg	Weekes	Lorenz
Hart	Allchurch	Hillson	

NAYS – 30

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Lautermilch	Serby	Melenchuk	Cline
Sonntag	Osika	Lorjé	Kasperski
Goulet	Van Mulligen	Prebble	Belanger
Thomson	Junor	Nilson	Atkinson
Hamilton	Harper	Forbes	Jones
Higgins	Trew	Wartman	Yates
McCall	Iwanchuk		

The question being put on the motion, it was agreed to on the following Recorded Division:

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The Assembly, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Finance.

Progress was reported and the Committee given leave to sit again.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Lautermilch:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 12:58 p.m. until Monday at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. P. Myron Kowalsky
Speaker

NOTICE OF MOTIONS FOR FIRST READING OF BILLS

On Tuesday:

Hon. Mr. Belanger to move First Reading of Bill No. 13 – The Parks Amendment Act, 2003

Hon. Mr. Nilson to move First Reading of Bill No. 14 – The Registered Nurses Amendment Act, 2003

NOTICE OF MOTION FOR A SEVENTY-FIVE MINUTE DEBATE

On Tuesday:

Ms. Harpauer, to move the following Motion for a Seventy-five Minute Debate:

That this Assembly recommends to the federal government that current agriculture support programs be extended for a minimum of one year to allow the Agriculture Policy Framework to be fully developed and a complete set of details made available to producers.

NOTICE OF PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTIONS

On Tuesday:

Mr. Van Mulligen, to move the following Motion:

That this Assembly affirm the value to the people of Saskatchewan of our Crown Corporations, which provide essential services throughout the province, create jobs for Saskatchewan people, contribute to the social, cultural and recreational life of Saskatchewan communities, and which have generated \$1.6 billion in contributions to the GRF over the past 8 years.

Mr. D'Autremont, to move the following Motion:

That this Assembly declares its non-confidence in the current Premier and Cabinet.

Ms. Hamilton, to move the following Motion:

That this Assembly recognizes the achievement of this government for announcing the largest expansion of child care services in the history of the province, an announcement that will enable Saskatchewan children and parents alike the opportunity to partake fully in the economic and social life of this province.

Mr. Krawetz, to move the following Motion:

That this Assembly urges the government to follow the financial reporting model put forward by the Provincial Auditor when it moves to summary financial budgeting.

Mr. Yates, to move the following Motion:

That this Assembly recognize the advancements that this government has initiated with democratic reform of the Legislature, reforms that bring the people closer to government and make the operations of government more transparent, open and accountable.

NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

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:

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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 are 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?

The following Questions were given notice on day no. 14 and are to be answered by day no. 19:

Mr. Hart, to ask the Government the following Question No. 60:

To the Government of Saskatchewan: (1) In 2001-2002, how much of the provincial Highways and Transportation budget came from federal programs? (2) What were those federal programs? (3) How much did each federal program contribute?

Mr. Hart, to ask the Government the following Question No. 61:

To the Government of Saskatchewan: (1) In 2002-2003, how much of the provincial Highways and Transportation budget came from federal programs? (2) What were those federal programs? (3) How much did each federal program contribute?

Mr. Hart, to ask the Government the following Question No. 62:

To the Government of Saskatchewan: (1) In 2003-2004, how much of the provincial Highways and Transportation budget came from federal programs? (2) What were those federal programs? (3) How much did each federal program contribute?

Mr. Dearborn, to ask the Government the following Question No. 63:

To the Minister Responsible for the Public Service Commission: (1) Under the existing process, how many cases of confirmed sexual harassment were found to have occurred in the fiscal year 1994-1995? (2) How many of these findings were passed on by the Public Service Commission to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police for possible criminal investigation?

Mr. Dearborn, to ask the Government the following Question No. 64:

To the Minister Responsible for the Public Service Commission: (1) Under the existing process, how many cases of confirmed sexual harassment were found to have occurred in the fiscal year 1995-1996. (2) How many of these findings were passed on by the Public Service Commission to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police for possible criminal investigation?

Mr. Dearborn, to ask the Government the following Question No. 65:

To the Minister Responsible for the Public Service Commission: (1) Under the existing process, how many cases of confirmed sexual harassment were found to have occurred in the fiscal year 1996-1997? (2) How many of these findings were passed on by the Public Service Commission to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police for possible criminal investigation?

Mr. Dearborn, to ask the Government the following Question No. 66:

To the Minister Responsible for the Public Service Commission: (1) Under the existing process, how many cases of confirmed sexual harassment were found to have occurred in the fiscal year 1997-1998? (2) How many of these findings were passed on by the Public Service Commission to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police for possible criminal investigation?

Mr. Dearborn, to ask the Government the following Question No. 67:

To the Minister Responsible for the Public Service Commission: (1) Under the existing process, how many cases of confirmed sexual harassment were found to have occurred in the fiscal year 1998-1999? (2) How many of these findings were passed on by the Public Service Commission to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police for possible criminal investigation?

Mr. Dearborn, to ask the Government the following Question No. 68:

To the Minister Responsible for the Public Service Commission: (1) Under the existing process, how many cases of confirmed sexual harassment were found to have occurred in the fiscal year 1999-2000? (2) How many of these findings were passed on by the Public Service Commission to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police for possible criminal investigation?

Mr. Dearborn, to ask the Government the following Question No. 69:

To the Minister Responsible for the Public Service Commission: (1) Under the existing process, how many cases of confirmed sexual harassment were found to have occurred in the fiscal year 2000-2001? (2) How many of these findings were passed on by the Public Service Commission to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police for possible criminal investigation?

Mr. Dearborn, to ask the Government the following Question No. 70:

To the Minister Responsible for the Public Service Commission: (1) Under the existing process, how many cases of confirmed sexual harassment were found to have occurred in the fiscal year 2001-2002? (2) How many of these findings were passed on by the Public Service Commission to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police for possible criminal investigation?

Mr. Dearborn, to ask the Government the following Question No. 71:

To the Minister Responsible for the Public Service Commission: (1) Under the existing process, how many cases of confirmed sexual harassment were found to have occurred in the fiscal year 2002-2003? (2) How many of these findings were passed on by the Public Service Commission to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police for possible criminal investigation?

Mr. Wiberg, to ask the Government the following Question No. 72:

To the Minister of the Environment: (1) For fiscal year 1995-1996, how many ranchers in Hunting Zone #50 did your department construct fences for to protect feed stocks? (2) For that same year, how many requests to construct these fences did your department receive?

Mr. Wiberg, to ask the Government the following Question No. 73:

To the Minister of the Environment: (1) For fiscal year 1996-1997, how many ranchers in Hunting Zone #50 did your department construct fences for to protect feed stocks? (2) For that same year, how many requests to construct these fences did your department receive?

Mr. Wiberg, to ask the Government the following Question No. 74:

To the Minister of the Environment: (1) For fiscal year 1997-1998, how many ranchers in Hunting Zone #50 did your department construct fences for to protect feed stocks? (2) For that same year, how many requests to construct these fences did your department receive?

Mr. Wiberg, to ask the Government the following Question No. 75:

To the Minister of the Environment: (1) For fiscal year 1998-1999, how many ranchers in Hunting Zone #50 did your department construct fences for to protect feed stocks? (2) For that same year, how many requests to construct these fences did your department receive?

Mr. Wiberg, to ask the Government the following Question No. 76:

To the Minister of the Environment: (1) For fiscal year 1999-2000, how many ranchers in Hunting Zone #50 did your department construct fences for to protect feed stocks? (2) For that same year, how many requests to construct these fences did your department receive?

Mr. Wiberg, to ask the Government the following Question No. 77:

To the Minister of the Environment: (1) For fiscal year 2000-2001, how many ranchers in Hunting Zone #50 did your department construct fences for to protect feed stocks? (2) For that same year, how many requests to construct these fences did your department receive?

Mr. Wiberg, to ask the Government the following Question No. 78:

To the Minister of the Environment: (1) For fiscal year 2001-2002, how many ranchers in Hunting Zone #50 did your department construct fences for to protect feed stocks? (2) For that same year, how many requests to construct these fences did your department receive?

Mr. Wiberg, to ask the Government the following Question No. 79:

To the Minister of the Environment: (1) For fiscal year 2002-2003, how many ranchers in Hunting Zone #50 did your department construct fences for to protect feed stocks? (2) For that same year, how many requests to construct these fences did your department receive?

Mr. Wiberg, to ask the Government the following Question No. 80:

To the Minister of the Environment: (1) For fiscal year 2003-2004, how many ranchers in Hunting Zone #50 will your department construct fences for to protect feed stocks? (2) Further to that, to date, how many requests by ranchers for further fencing to be done have you received?

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
