



No. 18

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

FOURTH SESSION – TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

Thursday, April 10, 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: Eagles, Brkich, 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 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)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bill was received, read the first time, and by leave of the Assembly and pursuant to Rule 55, ordered to be read a second time later this day:

Bill No. 18 – The Workers’ Compensation Amendment Act, 2003

(Hon. Ms. Higgins)

The following Bill was received, read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time at the next sitting:

Bill No. 19 – The Provincial Emblems and Honours Amendment Act, 2003

(Hon. Ms. Crofford)

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 55 to 59, they were answered. (See Appendix)

SECOND READINGS

Bill No. 18 – The Workers’ Compensation Amendment Act, 2003

Moved by the Hon. Ms. Higgins: That Bill No. 18 – The Workers’ Compensation Amendment Act, 2003 – be now read a second time.

A debate arising, it was on motion of Mr. McMorris, adjourned.

Bill No. 6 – The Podiatry Act

The Hon. Mr. Nilson, a member of the Executive Council, having acquainted the Assembly that Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the Bill, recommends it to the consideration of the Assembly, moved: That Bill No. 6 – The Podiatry Act – be now read a second time.

A debate arising, it was on motion of Mr. D’Autremont, adjourned.

Bill No. 7 – The Occupational Therapists Amendment Act, 2003

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Nilson: That Bill No. 7 – The Occupational Therapists Amendment Act, 2003 – be now read a second time.

A debate arising, it was on motion of Mr. D’Autremont, adjourned.

Bill No. 14 – The Registered Nurses Amendment Act, 2003

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Nilson: That Bill No. 14 – The Registered Nurses Amendment Act, 2003 – be now read a second time.

A debate arising, it was on motion of Mr. D'Autremont, adjourned.

COMMITTEE OF FINANCE

The Assembly, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Finance to consider Estimates for the Department of Government Relations and Aboriginal Affairs.

The Committee then considered Estimates for the Department of Health.

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

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Hagel:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 4:57 p.m. until Friday at 10:00 a.m.

Hon. P. Myron Kowalsky
Speaker

RETURNS, REPORTS AND PAPERS TABLED

The following papers were laid upon the table:

By the Hon. Mr. Melenchuk:

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Pension Plan for the year ended December 31, 2002, including Supplementary Payment Information

(Sessional Paper No. 32)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Municipal Financing Corporation of Saskatchewan for the year ended December 31, 2002

(Sessional Paper No. 33)

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Mr. Wakefield asked the Government Question No. 55, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Sonntag:

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?

Answer:

- (1) This policy is currently being drafted. In the meantime, all new investments are subject to a third party review on a case-by-case basis.
- (2) The policy is not yet complete.
- (3) One investment has been reviewed. None have been rejected.

Mr. Hillson asked the Government Question No. 56, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Melenchuk:

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?

Answer:

Since the tobacco tax increase in the 2002-03 Budget:

- (1) Sales of taxable cigarettes have decreased by 22.9 per cent, sales of taxable cut tobacco have decreased by 14.3 per cent, combined, taxable cigarettes/cut tobacco has decreased 21.5 per cent; and,
- (2) Sales of non-taxable cigarettes have increased by 83.7 per cent, sales of non-taxable cut tobacco have increased by 106.7 per cent, combined, non-taxable cigarettes/cut tobacco has increased by 90.3 per cent.

These percentages reflect data for April 2002 to January 2003 compared to the same ten- month period in the previous fiscal year (April 2001 to January 2002).

Ms. Harpauer asked the Government Question No. 57, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Serby:

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?

Answer:

The Federal Government paid out \$183,487,200 to 61,822 NISA participants in Saskatchewan.

Mr. Wall asked the Government Question No. 58, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Nilson:

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?

Answer:

Yes, our government is committed to provide 65% of the approved project cost for Swift Current's new hospital.

Mr. Dearborn asked the Government Question No. 59, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Serby

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?

Answer:

- (1) Yes
- (2) Forage Rainfall Program paid \$6,045,473
Crop Rainfall Pilot Program paid \$828,622

NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The following Questions were given notice on day no. 15 and are to be answered by day no. 20:

Ms. Draude, to ask the Government the following Question No. 81:

To the Minister of Learning: What will each school division in Saskatchewan receive from the provincial government in grants as the result of the 2003-2004 provincial budget?

Mr. Wall, to ask the Government the following Question No. 82:

To the Minister of Crown Investments Corporation: How much money does SaskTel plan to spend on advertising in each quarter of the 2003-2004 fiscal year?

Mr. Wall, to ask the Government the following Question No. 83:

To the Minister of Crown Investments Corporation: How much money does SGI plan to spend on advertising in each quarter of the 2003-2004 fiscal year?

Mr. Wall, to ask the Government the following Question No. 84:

To the Minister of Crown Investments Corporation: How much money does SaskPower plan to spend on advertising in each quarter of the 2003-2004 fiscal year?

Mr. Wall, to ask the Government the following Question No. 85:

To the Minister of Crown Investments Corporation: How much money does SaskEnergy plan to spend on advertising in each quarter of the 2003-2004 fiscal year?

Mr. Wall to ask the Government the following Question No. 86:

To the Minister of Crown Investments Corporation: During the fiscal year 2002-2003, how much money did SaskEnergy spend on television ads aired on Global TV in Saskatchewan?

Mr. Wall, to ask the Government the following Question No. 87:

To the Minister of Crown Investments Corporation: During the fiscal year 2002-2003, how much money did SaskEnergy spend on television ads aired on CKCK-TV?

Mr. Wall, to ask the Government the following Question No. 88:

To the Minister of Crown Investments Corporation: During the fiscal year 2002-2003, how much money did SaskEnergy spend on television ads aired on CFQC-TV?

Mr. Wall, to ask the Government the following Question No. 89:

To the Minister of Crown Investments Corporation: During the fiscal year 2002-2003, how much money did SaskEnergy spend on television ads aired on CBC-TV in Saskatchewan?

Mr. Wall, to ask the Government the following Question No. 90:

To the Minister of Crown Investments Corporation: During the fiscal year 2002-2003, how much money did SaskEnergy spend on television ads aired on CTV-Yorkton?

Mr. Wall, to ask the Government the following Question No. 91:

To the Minister of Crown Investments Corporation: During the fiscal year 2002-2003, how much money did SGI spend on television ads aired on Global TV in Saskatchewan?

Mr. Wall, to ask the Government the following Question No. 92:

To the Minister of Crown Investments Corporation: During the fiscal year 2002-2003, how much money did SGI spend on television ads aired on CKCK-TV?

Mr. Wall, to ask the Government the following Question No. 93:

To the Minister of Crown Investments Corporation: During the fiscal year 2002-2003, how much money did SGI spend on television ads aired on CFQC-TV?

Mr. Wall, to ask the Government the following Question No. 94:

To the Minister of Crown Investments Corporation: During the fiscal year 2002-2003, how much money did SGI spend on television ads aired on CBC-TV in Saskatchewan?

Mr. Wall, to ask the Government the following Question No. 95:

To the Minister of Crown Investments Corporation: During the fiscal year 2002-2003, how much money did SGI spend on television ads aired on CTV-Yorkton?

Mr. Wall, to ask the Government the following Question No. 96:

To the Minister of Crown Investments Corporation: During the fiscal year 2002-2003, how much money did SaskTel spend on television ads aired on Global TV in Saskatchewan?

Mr. Wall, to ask the Government the following Question No. 97:

To the Minister of Crown Investments Corporation: During the fiscal year 2002-2003, how much money did SaskTel spend on television ads aired on CKCK-TV?

Mr. Wall, to ask the Government the following Question No. 98:

To the Minister of Crown Investments Corporation: During the fiscal year 2002-2003, how much money did SaskTel spend on television ads aired on CFQC-TV?

Mr. Wall, to ask the Government the following Question No. 99:

To the Minister of Crown Investments Corporation: During the fiscal year 2002-2003, how much money did SaskEnergy spend on television ads aired on CBC-TV in Saskatchewan?

Mr. Wall to ask the Government the following Question No. 100:

To the Minister of Crown Investments Corporation: During the fiscal year 2002-2003, how much money did SaskTel spend on television ads aired on CTV-Yorkton?

Mr. Wall, to ask the Government the following Question No. 101:

To the Minister of Industry and Resources: During the fiscal year 2002-2003, how much money did the Government of Saskatchewan spend on “The Future is Wide Open” television ads aired on Global TV in Saskatchewan?

Mr. Wall, to ask the Government the following Question No. 102:

To the Minister of Industry and Resources: During the fiscal year 2002-2003, how much money did the Government of Saskatchewan spend on “The Future is Wide Open” television ads aired on CKCK-TV?

Mr. Wall, to ask the Government the following Question No. 103:

To the Minister of Industry and Resources: During the fiscal year 2002-2003, how much money did the Government of Saskatchewan spend on “The Future is Wide Open” television ads aired on CFQC-TV?

Mr. Wall, to ask the Government the following Question No. 104:

To the Minister of Industry and Resources: During the fiscal year 2002-2003, how much money did the Government of Saskatchewan spend on “The Future is Wide Open” television ads aired on CBC-TV in Saskatchewan?

Mr. Wall, to ask the Government the following Question No. 105:

To the Minister of Industry and Resources: During the fiscal year 2002-2003, how much money did the Government of Saskatchewan spend on “The Future is Wide Open” television ads aired on CTV-Yorkton?

Mr. Wall, to ask the Government the following Question No. 106:

To the Minister of Industry and Resources: (1) How much money does the government plan to spend on Future is Wide Open television advertising in each quarter of the 2003-2004 fiscal year? (2) For each quarter, what percentage of that advertising will be inside Saskatchewan? (3) For each quarter, what percentage of that advertising will be outside Saskatchewan?

Mr. Wall, to ask the Government the following Question No. 107:

To the Minister of Industry and Resources: (1) How much money does the government plan to spend on Future is Wide Open radio advertising in each quarter of the 2003-2004 fiscal year? (2) For each quarter, what percentage of that advertising will be inside Saskatchewan? (3) For each quarter, what percentage of that advertising will be outside Saskatchewan?

Mr. Wall, to ask the Government the following Question No. 108:

To the Minister of Industry and Resources: (1) How much money does the government plan to spend on Future is Wide Open print advertising in each quarter of the 2003-2004 fiscal year? (2) For each quarter, what percentage of that advertising will be inside Saskatchewan? (3) For each quarter, what percentage of that advertising will be outside Saskatchewan?

Mr. Wall, to ask the Government the following Question No. 109:

To the Minister of Industry and Resources: (1) How much money does the government plan to spend on Future is Wide Open travel and events in each quarter of the 2003-2004 fiscal year? (2) For each quarter, what percentage of that travel and event spending will be inside Saskatchewan? (3) For each quarter, what percentage of that travel and event spending will be outside Saskatchewan?

Mr. Wall, to ask the Government the following Question No. 110:

To the Minister of Crown Investments Corporation: During the fiscal year 2002-2003, how much money did SaskPower spend on television ads aired on Global TV in Saskatchewan?

Mr. Wall, to ask the Government the following Question No. 111:

To the Minister of Crown Investments Corporation: During the fiscal year 2002-2003, how much money did SaskPower spend on television ads aired on CKCK-TV?

Mr. Wall, to ask the Government the following Question No. 112:

To the Minister of Crown Investments Corporation: During the fiscal year 2002-2003, how much money did SaskPower spend on television ads aired on CFQC-TV?

Mr. Wall, to ask the Government the following Question No. 113:

To the Minister of Crown Investments Corporation: During the fiscal year 2002-2003, how much money did SaskPower spend on television ads aired on CBC-TV in Saskatchewan?

Mr. Wall, to ask the Government the following Question No. 114:

To the Minister of Crown Investments Corporation: During the fiscal year 2002-2003, how much money did SaskPower spend on television ads aired on CTV-Yorkton?

Mr. Wall, to ask the Government the following Question No. 115:

To the Minister of Crown Investments Corporation: During the fiscal year 2002-2003, how much money did SaskPower spend on television ads aired during "The West Wing"?

Mr. Wall, to ask the Government the following Question No. 116:

To the Minister of Crown Investments Corporation: During the fiscal year 2002-2003, how much money did SaskPower spend on television ads aired during “Survivor”?

Mr. Wall, to ask the Government the following Question No. 117:

To the Minister of Crown Investments Corporation: During the fiscal year 2002-2003, how much money did SaskPower spend on television ads aired during “The Oprah Winfrey Show”?

Mr. Wall, to ask the Government the following Question No. 118:

To the Minister of Industry and Resources: During the fiscal year 2002-2003, how much money did the Government of Saskatchewan spend on “The Future is Wide Open” television ads aired during “The West Wing”?

Mr. Wall, to ask the Government the following Question No. 119:

To the Minister of Industry and Resources: During the fiscal year 2002-2003, how much money did the Government of Saskatchewan spend on “The Future is Wide Open” television ads aired during “Survivor”?

Mr. Wall, to ask the Government the following Question No. 120:

To the Minister of Industry and Resources: During the fiscal year 2002-2003, how much money did the Government of Saskatchewan spend on “The Future is Wide Open” television ads aired during “The Oprah Winfrey Show”?

Mr. Wall, to ask the Government the following Question No. 121:

To the Minister of Crown Investments Corporation: During the fiscal year 2002-2003, how much money did SaskTel spend on television ads aired during “The West Wing”?

Mr. Wall, to ask the Government the following Question No. 122:

To the Minister of Crown Investments Corporation: During the fiscal year 2002-2003, how much money did SaskTel spend on television ads aired during “Survivor”?

Mr. Wall, to ask the Government the following Question No. 123:

To the Minister of Crown Investments Corporation: During the fiscal year 2002-2003, how much money did SaskTel spend on television ads aired during “The Oprah Winfrey Show”?

Mr. Wall, to ask the Government the following Question No. 124:

To the Minister of Crown Investments Corporation: During the fiscal year 2002-2003, how much money did SGI spend on television ads aired during “The West Wing”?

Mr. Wall, to ask the Government the following Question No. 125:

To the Minister of Crown Investments Corporation: During the fiscal year 2002-2003, how much money did SGI spend on television ads aired during “Survivor”?

Mr. Wall, to ask the Government the following Question No. 126:

To the Minister of Crown Investments Corporation: During the fiscal year 2002-2003, how much money did SGI spend on television ads aired during “The Oprah Winfrey Show”?

Mr. Wall, to ask the Government the following Question No. 127:

To the Minister of Crown Investments Corporation: During the fiscal year 2002-2003, how much money did SaskEnergy spend on television ads aired during “The West Wing”?

Mr. Wall, to ask the Government the following Question No. 128:

To the Minister of Crown Investments Corporation: During the fiscal year 2002-2003, how much money did SaskEnergy spend on television ads aired during “Survivor”?

The following Questions were given notice on day no. 16 and are to be answered by day no. 21:

Mr. Weekes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 129:

To the Minister of the Environment: Which municipal drinking water supplies failed to meet with provincial standards in 2002?

Ms. Julé, to ask the Government the following Question No. 130:

To the Minister of Government Relations: Of the municipalities (cities, northern municipalities, rural municipalities, resort villages, towns and villages) approved to have projects funded under the Canada-Saskatchewan Infrastructure Program (CSIP) in the year 2002-2003, could the Minister please provide the amount of funding each project will receive?

Ms. Julé, to ask the Government the following Question No. 131:

To the Minister of Government Relations: Of the municipalities (cities, northern municipalities, rural municipalities, resort villages, towns and villages) approved to have projects funded under the Canada-Saskatchewan Infrastructure Program (CSIP) in the year 2001-2002, could the Minister please provide the amount of funding each project received?

Mr. Brkich, to ask the Government the following Question No. 132:

To the Minister of Health: (1) How long is the waiting list right now for autism assessments? (2) Further to that, how many patients were sent out of province in the year 2002 and to where?

Ms. Draude, to ask the Government the following Question No. 133:

To the Minister of Learning: (1) How much money has the government allocated and /or spent on school board amalgamations? (2) How many school boards have indicated, as of this date, that they are considering amalgamations? (3) How many amalgamations are considered “agreed”?

The following Questions were given notice on day no. 18 and are to be answered by day no. 23:

Mr. Weekes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 134:

To the Minister of the Environment: (1) What was the total cost for forest fire fighting in the calendar year 2000 in Saskatchewan? (2) Further to that, what was the total number of forest fire fighting sub-contractor contracts given out in the year 2000, and as well, what was the value of each of those contracts and to whom were they awarded?

Mr. Weekes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 135:

To the Minister of the Environment: (1) What was the total cost for forest fire fighting in the calendar year 2001 in Saskatchewan? (2) Further to that, what was the total number of forest fire fighting sub-contractor contracts given out in the year 2001, and as well, what was the value of each of those contracts and to whom were they awarded?

Mr. Weekes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 136:

To the Minister of the Environment: (1) What was the total cost for forest fire fighting in the calendar year 2002 in Saskatchewan? (2) Further to that, what was the total number of forest fire fighting sub-contractor contracts given out in the year 2002 and as well, what was the value of each of those contracts and to whom were they awarded?

Mr. Elhard, to ask the Government the following Question No. 137:

To the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Revitalization: (1) What are the terms of reference for the Crown Land Lease Review proposed by the Department of Agriculture? (2) Which departments are involved in this review and what are their respective responsibilities? (3) Will the public have an opportunity to have input into this review? (4) What is the anticipated end date of this review? (5) Will there be a final public report upon the completion of this review?

Mr. Hillson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 138:

To the Minister of Health: Regarding gambling addictions treatment: Why is the new gambling addictions treatment program of the Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region a cost to the health budget as opposed to being taken from the profits of Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming?

Mr. Wall, to ask the Government the following Question No. 139:

To the Minister of Health: (1) Has the provincial government formally budgeted for its 65% of the approved cost for Swift Current's new hospital? (2) Has the provincial government included an amount in its health care capital press release, issued with the provincial budget for its share of the capital costs of the Swift Current hospital project in either 2003-2004 or 2004-2005?

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
