



No. 19

# **VOTES and PROCEEDINGS**

OF THE

**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

**FOURTH SESSION – TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE**

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**Friday, April 11, 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: Eagles and McMorris.

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

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 21)

**WRITTEN QUESTIONS**

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 60 to 80, they were answered. (See Appendix)

**SECOND READINGS****Bill No. 10 – The Saskatchewan 4-H Foundation Amendment Act, 2003**

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Serby: That Bill No. 10 – The Saskatchewan 4-H Foundation Amendment Act, 2003 – be now read a second time.

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

**Bill No. 13 – The Parks Amendment Act, 2003**

The Hon. Mr. Belanger, 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. 13 – The Parks Amendment Act, 2003 – be now read a second time.

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

**COMMITTEE OF FINANCE**

The Assembly, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Finance to consider Estimates for the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Revitalization.

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.

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The Assembly adjourned at 12:21 p.m. until Monday at 1:30 p.m.

*Hon. P. Myron Kowalsky*  
*Speaker*

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

**Mr. Hart asked the Government Question No. 60, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Wartman:**

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?

Answer:

- (1) \$18,648,000 of the \$311,692,000 Highways and Transportation budget came from the Federal Government.
- (2) Prairie Grain Roads Program and the Airport Capital Assistance Program.
- (3) Prairie Grain Roads Program - \$14,950,000  
Airport Capital Assistance Program - \$3,698,000

**Mr. Hart asked the Government Question No. 61, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Wartman:**

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?

Answer:

- (1) \$19,504,000 of the \$292,900,000 Highways and Transportation budget came from the Federal Government.
- (2) National Safety Code, Prairie Grain Roads Program, and the Strategic Highway Infrastructure Program.
- (3) National Safety Code - \$193,000  
Prairie Grain Roads Program - \$14,686,000  
Strategic Highway Infrastructure Program - \$4,625,000

**Mr. Hart asked the Government Question No. 62, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Wartman:**

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?

Answer:

- (1) \$28,811,000 of the \$296,192,000 Highways and Transportation Budget is expected to come from the Federal Government.
- (2) National Safety Code, Prairie Grain Roads Program, Strategic Highway Infrastructure Program and the Canada Strategic Infrastructure Fund.
- (3) National Safety Code - \$193,000  
Prairie Grain Roads Program - \$14,690,000  
Strategic Highway Infrastructure Program - \$7,903,000  
Canada Strategic Infrastructure Fund - \$6,025,000

**Mr. Dearborn asked the Government Question No. 63, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Crofford:**

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?

Answer:

- (1) None
- (2) N/A

**Mr. Dearborn asked the Government Question No. 64, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Crofford:**

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?

Answer:

- (1) One
- (2) None

**Mr. Dearborn asked the Government Question No. 65, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Crofford:**

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?

Answer:

- (1) None
- (2) N/A

**Mr. Dearborn asked the Government Question No. 66, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Crofford:**

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?

Answer:

- (1) One
- (2) None

**Mr. Dearborn asked the Government Question No. 67, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Crofford:**

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?

Answer:

- (1) Two
- (2) None

**Mr. Dearborn asked the Government Question No. 68, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Crofford:**

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?

Answer:

- (1) One
- (2) None

**Mr. Dearborn asked the Government Question No. 69, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Crofford:**

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?

Answer:

- (1) Two
- (2) None

**Mr. Dearborn asked the Government Question No. 70, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Crofford:**

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?

Answer:

- (1) None
- (2) N/A

**Mr. Dearborn asked the Government Question No. 71, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Crofford:**

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?

Answer:

- (1) One
- (2) None

**Mr. Wiberg asked the Government Question No. 72, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Belanger:**

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?

Answer:

- (1) For the year 1995-1996 Saskatchewan Environment provided no permanent fence packages to ranchers in Wildlife Management Zone 50.
- (2) There were no requests in 1995-1996 for permanent fence packages.

**Mr. Wiberg asked the Government Question No. 73, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Belanger:**

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?

Answer:

- (1) For the year 1996-1997 Saskatchewan Environment provided 1 permanent fence package to ranchers in Wildlife Management Zone 50.
- (2) There was 1 request in 1996-1997 for permanent fence packages.

**Mr. Wiberg asked the Government Question No. 74, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Belanger:**

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?

Answer:

- (1) For the year 1997-1998 Saskatchewan Environment provided no permanent fence package to ranchers in Wildlife Management Zone 50.
- (2) There were no requests in 1997-1998 for permanent fence packages.

**Mr. Wiberg asked the Government Question No. 75, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Belanger:**

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?

Answer:

- (1) For the year 1998-1999 Saskatchewan Environment provided 3 permanent fence packages to ranchers in Wildlife Management Zone 50.
- (2) There were 3 requests in 1998-1999 for permanent fence packages.

**Mr. Wiberg asked the Government Question No. 76, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Belanger:**

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?

Answer:

- (1) For the year 1999-2000 Saskatchewan Environment provided 5 permanent fence packages to ranchers in Wildlife Management Zone 50.
- (2) There were 5 requests in 1999-2000 for permanent fence packages.

**Mr. Wiberg asked the Government Question No. 77, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Belanger:**

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?

Answer:

- (1) For the year 2000-2001 Saskatchewan Environment provided 3 permanent fence packages to ranchers in Wildlife Management Zone 50.
- (2) There were 3 requests in 2000-2001 for permanent fence packages.

**Mr. Wiberg asked the Government Question No. 78, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Belanger:**

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?

Answer:

- (1) For the year 2001-2002 Saskatchewan Environment provided 2 permanent fence packages to ranchers in Wildlife Management Zone 50.
- (2) There were 2 requests in 2001-2002 for permanent fence packages.

**Mr. Wiberg asked the Government Question No. 79, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Belanger:**

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?

Answer:

- (1) For the year 2002-2003 Saskatchewan Environment provided 5 permanent fence packages to ranchers in Wildlife Management Zone 50.
- (2) There were 5 requests in 2002-2003 for permanent fence packages.

**Mr. Wiberg asked the Government Question No. 80, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Belanger:**

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?

Answer:

- (1) The expectations for the year 2003-2004 is that Saskatchewan Environment will provide as many permanent fence packages to ranchers in Wildlife Management Zone 50 as budget dollars will allow.
- (2) To this date there are 3 requests in 2003-2004 for permanent fence packages.

## **NOTICE OF PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTIONS**

On Tuesday:

Mr. Wall, to move the following Motion:

That this Assembly condemns the current Premier and cabinet for a continuing practice of covering up financial losses in its numerous business ventures such as SPUDCO and Mega-Bingo despite numerous promises in the past to be more forthright over such losses.

Ms. Hamilton, to move the following Motion:

That this Assembly recognize 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. D'Autremont, to move the following Motion:

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

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.

Mr. Forbes, to move the following Motion:

That this Assembly recognize and praise the many initiatives of the government and its Crown Corporations, in particular SaskPower, to create and maintain a cleaner environment and to ameliorate the environmentally harmful effects of global warming.

## NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

**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?

**The following Questions were given notice on day no. 19 and are to be answered by day no. 24:**

Mr. Gantefer, to ask the Government the following Question No. 140:

To the Minister of Health: Please provide a list of current publicly insured medical procedures, how many were done of each during 2001-2002, and the cost per procedure.

Mr. Elhard, to ask the Government the following Question No. 141:

To the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Revitalization: (1) Of the 10,458 existing Crown Land Leases in Saskatchewan, how many were renewed in the fiscal year 2001-02? (2) Further to that, in the fiscal year 2001-02, how many of these leases were not renewed pending the proposed Crown Land Lease review? (3) Of the leases that were not renewed, how many were subject to a Treaty Land Entitlement Claim in the fiscal year 2001-02? (4) In the cases where Treaty Land Entitlement Claims were denied, how many leases were still not renewed in the fiscal year 2001-02?

Mr. Elhard, to ask the Government the following Question No. 142:

To the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Revitalization: (1) Of the 10,458 existing Crown Land Leases in Saskatchewan, how many were renewed in the fiscal year 2002-03? (2) Further to that, in the fiscal year 2002-03, how many of these leases were not renewed pending the proposed Crown Land Lease review? (3) Of the leases that were not renewed, how many were subject to a Treaty Land Entitlement Claim in the fiscal year 2002-03? (4) In the cases where Treaty Land Entitlement Claims were denied, how many leases were still not renewed in the fiscal year 2002-03?

Ms. Bakken, to ask the Government the following Question No. 143:

To the Minister of Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority: (1) What services were provided by Wascana Gaming Inc. in 2000-2001 for the \$169,500 paid to that firm by SLGA? (2) Was this work awarded based on a tender or Request for Proposal?

Ms. Bakken, to ask the Government the following Question No. 144:

To the Minister of Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority: (1) What services were provided by Wascana Gaming Inc. in 2001-2002 for the \$254,250 paid to that firm by SLGA? (2) Was this work awarded based on a tender or Request for Proposal?

Mr. Lorenz, to ask the Government the following Question No. 145:

To the Minister of Health: (1) What provincial funding is available to municipalities for the control of West Nile virus? (2) When will the criteria for access to this funding be made available to municipalities which are currently preparing their budgets and need this information? (3) Will this funding be targeted to those municipalities with problems with West Nile virus?

Mr. Huyghebaert, to ask the Government the following Question No. 146:

To the Minister of the Environment: In 2002-2003: (1) What flights were charged to the Department of Environment by Courtesy Air? (2) What was the departure point, all stops and final destination of each flight? (3) What was the date of each flight? (4) Who was aboard each flight?

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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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