



No. 20

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

FOURTH SESSION – TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

Monday, April 14, 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: Hermanson, Draude, Elhard, Stewart, Eagles, Bakken, Dearborn, Brkich, Weekes and Hart.

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

According to Order, the Deputy Clerk having favourably reported on the same pursuant to Rule 12(7), the following Petition was 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)

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 81, pursuant to Rule 43(1), the answer was Tabled and, by reason of its length, converted by the Clerk to Return No. 4.

(Sessional Paper No. 34)

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 82 to 85, they were answered. (See Appendix)

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 86 to 128, pursuant to Rule 42(5), they were transferred to Motions for Returns (Debatable) Nos. 5 to 47.

SECOND READINGS

Bill No. 9 – The Agricultural Implements Amendment Act, 2003

The Hon. Mr. Serby, 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. 9 – The Agricultural Implements Amendment Act, 2003 – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 11 – The Municipal Employees' Pension Amendment Act, 2003

The Hon. Mr. Melenchuk, 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. 11 – The Municipal Employees' Pension Amendment Act, 2003 – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 15 – The Saskatchewan Insurance Amendment Act, 2003

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Cline: That Bill No. 15 – The Saskatchewan Insurance Amendment Act, 2003 – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 16 – The Coroners Amendment Act, 2003

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Cline: That Bill No. 16 – The Coroners Amendment Act, 2003 – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 17 – The Land Surveys Amendment Act, 2003

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Cline: That Bill No. 17 – The Land Surveys 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 Northern Affairs.

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 4:44 p.m. until Tuesday at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. P. Myron Kowalsky
Speaker

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Mr. Wall asked the Government Question No. 82, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Sonntag:

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?

Answer:

SaskTel's fiscal year is January 1 to December 31. SaskTel does not provide budget projections for current or future fiscal years. Actual figures will be available at the end of each fiscal year.

Mr. Wall asked the Government Question No. 83, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Sonntag:

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?

Answer:

SGI's fiscal year is January 1 to December 31. SGI does not provide budget projections for current or future fiscal years. Actual figures will be available at the end of each fiscal year.

Mr. Wall asked the Government Question No. 84, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Sonntag:

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?

Answer:

SaskPower's fiscal year is January 1 to December 31. SaskPower does not provide budget projections for current or future fiscal years. Actual figures will be available at the end of each fiscal year.

Mr. Wall asked the Government Question No. 85, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Sonntag:

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?

Answer:

SaskEnergy's fiscal year is January 1 to December 31. SaskEnergy does not provide budget projections for current or future fiscal years. Actual figures will be available at the end of each fiscal year.

NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

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. Gantefoer, 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?

The following Question was given notice on day no. 20 and is to be answered by day no. 25:

Mr. Hillson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 147:

To the Minister of Finance: In reference to the 6.8% growth in GDP forecast in the 2003-2004 budget and the related revenue estimates, what would be the revenues generated based on the 2.8% GDP growth rate projected by the Finance Department of the Government of Canada?

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
