



No. 21

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

FOURTH SESSION – TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

Tuesday, April 15, 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, Gantefoer, 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 urge the provincial government to take all possible action to cause a reduction in the education tax burden carried by Saskatchewan residents and employers.

(Sessional Paper No. 35)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to take necessary action to provide the people of Moose Jaw and district with a hemodialysis unit for their community.

(Sessional Paper No. 36)

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)

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 22 in order to address safety and economic concerns.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 27)

SPEAKER TABLES REPORT

The Speaker laid before the Assembly the Annual Report of the Children's Advocate for the year 2002.

(Sessional Paper No. 37)

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 129, 132 and 133, they were answered. (See Appendix)

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 130 and 131, pursuant to Rule 43(1), the answers were Tabled and, by reason of their length, converted by the Clerk to Return Nos. 48 and 49.

(Sessional Paper Nos. 38 and 39)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Motion No. 2, it was moved by Mr. Wall, seconded by Ms. Bakken:

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.

A debate arising, it was moved by Mr. Forbes, seconded by Mr. Harper, in amendment thereto:

That all the words after the word “Assembly” be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

commend the current Premier and Cabinet for a continuing practice of supporting business ventures that achieve economic diversification and community development in Saskatchewan.

The debate continuing, it was on motion of Mr. Yates, adjourned.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Lautermilch:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 4:58 p.m. until Wednesday at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. P. Myron Kowalsky
Speaker

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Mr. Weekes asked the Government Question No. 129, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Belanger:

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

Answer:

As of April 9, 2003, there are 30 municipal waterworks that do not meet the provincial standards for minimum water treatment. The municipal waterworks which do not meet minimum treatment requirements include: Antler, Beaubier, Broderick, Brooksby, Candiac, Colgate, Congress, Crooked River, Eldersely, Erwood, Fairy Glen, Gladmar, Goodsoil, Gronlid, Herschel, Keeler, Leader, Liberty, Mistatim, Osage, Prairie River, Readlyn, Ridgedale, Shell Lake, Spruce Lake, St. Victor, Trossachs, Uranium City, Verwood, and Wood Mountain. There are also five northern settlements which do not meet minimum treatment requirements including Bear Creek, Black Point, Descharme Lake, Garson Lake and Sled Lake.

Mr. Brkich asked the Government Question No. 132, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Nilson:

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?

Answer:

- (1) The waiting time for assessments for preschool children suspected of having autism or a related condition is 6-8 weeks at the Children's Program in the Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region, and 6 months at the Alvin Buckwold Child Development Program in the Saskatoon Health Region.
- (2) Saskatchewan Health does not provide funding for out of province assessments for people suspected of having autism or a related condition.

Ms. Draude asked the Government Question No. 133, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Junor:

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"?

Answer:

- (1) To date (April 9, 2003), approximately \$1.44 million has been paid towards school division amalgamation/restructuring.
- (2) To date (April 9, 2003), 43 school divisions have indicated they are considering amalgamating /restructuring.
- (3) To date (April 9, 2003), we've received motions for 11 amalgamation/restructuring arrangements involving 26 school divisions.

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?

The following Question was given notice on day no. 21 and is to be answered by day no. 26:

Mr. Wakefield to ask the Government the following Question No. 148:

To the Minister of Finance: (1) Will the flood at the MacArthur River uranium mine have a negative impact on the revenues of the provincial government due to lost royalties or other factors this fiscal year? (2) If so, what will be the impact in terms of dollars and in terms of projected provincial economic growth in the current year?

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
