



No. 23

# **VOTES and PROCEEDINGS**

OF THE

**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

**FOURTH SESSION – TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE**

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**Thursday, April 17, 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: Hermanson, Draude, Hillson, Stewart, Eagles, Bakken 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 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 all possible action to preserve the historic original Twin Bridges between Battleford and North Battleford.

(Sessional Paper No. 40)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to repair Highway 49 in order to address safety concerns and to facilitate economic growth in the area.

(Sessional Paper No. 41)

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)

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.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 36)

### WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 134 to 139, they were answered. (See Appendix)

### ADJOURNED DEBATES

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

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Serby: That Bill No. 9 – The Agricultural Implements Amendment Act, 2003 – be now read a second time.

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

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

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Cline: That Bill No. 15 – The Saskatchewan Insurance Amendment Act, 2003 – be now read a second time.

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

**Bill No. 16 – The Coroners Amendment Act, 2003**

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Cline: That Bill No. 16 – The Coroners Amendment Act, 2003 – be now read a second time.

The debate continuing, it was on motion of Ms. Draude, adjourned.

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

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Cline: That Bill No. 17 – The Land Surveys Amendment Act, 2003 – be now read a second time.

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

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

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Ms. Higgins: That Bill No. 18 – The Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 2003 – be now read a second time.

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

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

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Belanger: That Bill No. 13 – The Parks Amendment Act, 2003 – be now read a second time.

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

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Hagel:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

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The Assembly adjourned at 11:19 a.m. until Wednesday, April 23rd at 1:30 p.m., pursuant to an Order of the Assembly dated April 7, 2003.

*Hon. P. Myron Kowalsky*  
*Speaker*

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

**Mr. Weekes asked the Government Question No. 134, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Belanger:**

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?

Answer:

- (1) Environment spent \$38,214,123 in 2000-01 on forest fire fighting.
- (2) There were 180 contracts awarded during 2000/01, totalling \$8.9 Million.

**Mr. Weekes asked the Government Question No. 135, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Belanger:**

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?

Answer:

- (1) Environment spent \$49,394,942 in 2001-02 on forest fire fighting.
- (2) There were 414 contracts awarded during 2001/02, totalling \$10.8 Million.

**Mr. Weekes asked the Government Question No. 136, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Belanger:**

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?

Answer:

- (1) Environment estimates the total expenditure spent on forest fire fighting during fiscal year 2002-03 to be \$114,400,000. (Final expenditures will be available after April 18, 2003).
- (2) There were 1,255 contracts awarded during 2002-03, totalling \$52.3 Million.

**Mr. Elhard asked the Government Question No. 137, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Serby:**

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?

Answer:

- (1) The review will address issues related to the administration of Crown land consistent with the obligations within the Treaty Land Entitlement Framework Agreement.
- (2) Executive Council – Co-ordinating role  
Government Relations and Aboriginal Affairs – department responsible for aboriginal issues and for implementing the Treaty Land Entitlement Framework Agreement  
Saskatchewan Agriculture, Food and Rural Revitalization – Crown land administering department  
Saskatchewan Environment – Crown land administering Department  
Saskatchewan Justice – Provide legal advice  
Saskatchewan Industry and Resources – department that administers Crown minerals

- (3) Yes
- (4) The review is expected to be complete before the end of the calendar year.
- (5) Any action with respect to Crown land leases will be announced after the review is complete.

**Mr. Hillson asked the Government Question No. 138, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Nilson:**

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?

Answer:

The continuum of services to address problem gambling is funded from three sources: Saskatchewan Health, Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority and the Community Initiatives Fund, managed by the Department of Culture, Youth and Recreation. The range of services funded includes: treatment, prevention and education initiatives, a 1-800 help line and a public awareness campaign.

**Mr. Wall asked the Government Question No. 139, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Nilson:**

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?

Answer:

- (1) Yes
- (2) No. The March 28, 2003 Media Release listed a number of existing projects that would be funded and indicated that "other capital facility announcements will be made in the weeks ahead". The announcement of funding to support planning for a new hospital in Swift Current was the first of these announcements.

## NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

**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?

**The following Question was given notice on day no. 22 and is to be answered by day no. 27:**

Mr. Dearborn to ask the Government the following Question No. 149:

To the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Revitalization: (1) What is the total assessment of the Crown Lease ranch land? (2) What is the average quarter section assessment of this same land?

**The following Question was given notice on day no. 23 and is to be answered by day no. 28:**

Ms. Julé to ask the Government the following Question No. 150:

To the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Revitalization: What is the total amount of money the provincial government has spent on the ACRE committee since its inception?

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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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