



No. 25

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

FOURTH SESSION – TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

Thursday, April 24, 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: Julé, Hermanson, Draude, Elhard, Hillson, Stewart, Eagles, Bakken, Brkich, Weekes, Lorenz, 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 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 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)

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.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 40)

SPEAKER TABLES REPORTS

The Speaker informed the Assembly that the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly had received from the Chief Electoral Officer:

A certificate of the following elections and returns:

Of Mr. Walter Lorenz as Member of the Constituency of Battleford-Cut Knife

(Sessional Paper No. 88)

Of Mr. Andy Iwanchuk as Member of the Constituency of Saskatoon Fairview

(Sessional Paper No. 89)

WRITTEN QUESTION

The Order of the Day being called for Question No. 147, it was answered. (See Appendix)

COMMITTEE OF FINANCE

The Assembly, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Finance to consider Estimates for the Department of Justice.

The Committee then considered Estimates for the Department of Government Relations.

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 5:00 p.m. until Friday at 10:00 a.m.

Hon. P. Myron Kowalsky
Speaker

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Mr. Hillson asked the Government Question No. 147, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Melenchuk:

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?

Answer:

It is nominal GDP that matters in terms of revenue generation, not real GDP.

The provincial revenue forecast is based on the economic forecast. In other words, there is not a one-to-one correspondence between GDP and revenue. A smaller level of GDP depends on the specific economic changes across a myriad of economic sectors. The large-scale econometric model used to forecast the level of economic output has 404 variables and 333 equations.

As a recipient province, there will be equalization offsets to changes in own-source revenue, other things being equal.

NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

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?

The following Questions were given notice on day no. 24 and are to be answered by day no. 29:

Mr. Weekes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 151:

To the Minister of the Environment: (1) What specific environmental groups does your department get consultation on relating to current environment issues?

Mr. Dearborn, to ask the Government the following Question No. 152:

To the Minister of Crown Investments Corporation: (1) What are the lending guidelines for Crown investments Corporations to Crown Corporations and their subsidiaries for 2002-2003, specifically, the lending ratios relative to corporate equity to loans granted? (2) Further to that, do these guidelines change proportionately with fluctuations in the provincial credit rating?

The following Question was given notice on day no. 25 and is to be answered by day no. 30:

Mr. Allchurch, to ask the Government the following Question No. 153:

To the Minister of Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs: (1) How many First Nations in Saskatchewan have outstanding claims under the Treaty Land Entitlements and which First Nations are these? (2) In the case of each First Nation, how much land is left to be claimed under TLE? (3) How much land has been claimed so far in the TLE process in Saskatchewan?

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
