



No. 26

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

FOURTH SESSION – TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

Friday, April 25, 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: Draude, Elhard, Hillson, Stewart, Eagles, Bakken, Huyghebaert, Dearborn, Brkich, Hart, Allchurch and Wiberg.

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

(Addendum to 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.

(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)

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.

(Addendum to 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 make the necessary repairs to Highways 13, 35, 18, 28, 6, 34, 334 and 36 in the Weyburn – Big Muddy 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. 42)

WRITTEN QUESTION

The Order of the Day being called for Question No. 148, it was answered. (See Appendix)

ADJOURNED DEBATES

Bill No. 19 – The Provincial Emblems and Honours Amendment Act, 2003

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Ms. Crofford: That Bill No. 19 – The Provincial Emblems and Honours Amendment Act, 2003 – be now read a second time.

The debate continuing and the question being put, it was agreed to and the said Bill was, accordingly, read a second time and referred to a Committee of the Whole at the next sitting.

Bill No. 6 – The Podiatry Act

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Nilson: That Bill No. 6 – The Podiatry Act – be now read a second time.

The debate continuing and the question being put, it was agreed to and the said Bill was, accordingly, read a second time and referred to a Committee of the Whole at the next sitting.

Bill No. 7 – The Occupational Therapists Amendment Act, 2003

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Nilson: That Bill No. 7 – The Occupational Therapists Amendment Act, 2003 – be now read a second time.

The debate continuing and the question being put, it was agreed to and the said Bill was, accordingly, read a second time and referred to a Committee of the Whole at the next sitting.

Bill No. 14 – The Registered Nurses Amendment Act, 2003

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Nilson: That Bill No. 14 – The Registered Nurses Amendment Act, 2003 – be now read a second time.

The debate continuing and the question being put, it was agreed to and the said Bill was, accordingly, read a second time and referred to a Committee of the Whole at the next sitting.

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

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Serby: That Bill No. 10 – The Saskatchewan 4-H Foundation Amendment Act, 2003 – be now read a second time.

The debate continuing and the question being put, it was agreed to and the said Bill was, accordingly, read a second time and referred to a Committee of the Whole at the next sitting.

COMMITTEE OF FINANCE

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

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.

The Assembly adjourned at 12:32 p.m. until Monday at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. P. Myron Kowalsky
Speaker

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Mr. Wakefield asked the Government Question No. 148, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Melenchuk:

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?

Answer:

Provincial royalties are based on a company's sales of uranium, not on production. In the short term, existing inventory of uranium will continue to be sold and royalties paid.

A decline in provincial revenues from lower provincial economic activity related to events like the difficulties being experienced at the McArthur River uranium mine would result in an offsetting increase in Equalization entitlements.

NOTICE OF MOTION FOR FIRST READING OF A BILL

On Tuesday:

Mr. Stewart to move First Reading of Bill No. 201 – The Oil and Gas Industry Recognition Week Act

NOTICE OF MOTION FOR A SEVENTY-FIVE MINUTE DEBATE

On Tuesday:

Mr. Van Mulligen, to move the following Motion for a Seventy-five Minute Debate:

That this Assembly recognize it is in the best interest of the people of Saskatchewan to have continued public ownership of electrical production, transmission systems and electrical retail markets, and thereby limit the negative impacts of uncertain supply and higher prices resulting from electrical deregulation.

NOTICE OF PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTIONS

On Tuesday:

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.

Ms. Draude, to move the following Motion:

That this Assembly recognizes the unreasonable burden put on the shoulders of property owners in the province due to the provincial government's offloading of the cost of education onto the local tax base and further recognizes that Saskatchewan's high property taxes harm our province's competitiveness and ability to grow economically.

Mr. Prebble, 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 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?

The following Question was given notice on day no. 26 and is to be answered by day no. 31:

Mr. Allchurch, to ask the Government the following Question No. 154:

To the Minister of the Environment: (1) What is your department's policy regarding the tendering process for tree seedlings for reforestation? (2) Further to that, are these policies always followed?