



No. 27

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

FOURTH SESSION – TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

Monday, April 28, 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, Gantfoer, Elhard, Stewart, Eagles, Huyghebaert, Dearborn, 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 proper step to cause adequate medical services, including a physician be provided in Rockglen and to cause the Five Hill Health Region to provide better information to the citizens of Rockglen.

(Sessional Paper No. 90)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to take the necessary actions to ensure that crown lands and existing trails stay open for recreational and tourism purposes.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 7)

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 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 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)

MOMENT OF SILENCE

With unanimous consent, the Assembly observed a moment of silence in remembrance of workers killed or injured in the course of their employment.

WRITTEN QUESTION

The Order of the Day being called for Question No. 149, 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 Highways and Transportation.

The Committee then considered Estimates for the Department of Learning.

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 4:56 p.m. until Tuesday at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. P. Myron Kowalsky
Speaker

RETURNS, REPORTS AND PAPERS TABLED

The following papers were laid upon the table:

By the Hon. Mr. Melenchuk:

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Public Employees Dental Fund for the year ended December 31, 2002.

(Sessional Paper No. 91)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Municipal Employees' Pension Plan for the year ended December 31, 2002.

(Sessional Paper No. 92)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Public Employees Disability Income Fund for the year ended December 31, 2002.

(Sessional Paper No. 93)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Public Employees Group Life Insurance Fund for the year ended December 31, 2002.

(Sessional Paper No. 94)

By the Hon. Mr. Osika:

Financial Statements for the Municipal Potash Tax Sharing Administration Board for the year ended December 31, 2002.

(Sessional Paper No. 95)

Financial Statements for the Saskatchewan Irrigation Projects Association for the year ended March 31, 2002.

(Sessional Paper No. 96)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Liquor Board Superannuation Commission for the year ended December 31, 2002.

(Sessional Paper No. 97)

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Mr. Dearborn asked the Government Question No. 149, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Serby:

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?

Answer:

- (1) \$437,492,800
- (2) \$13,217

NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

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?

The following Questions were given notice on day no. 27 and are to be answered by day no. 32:

Ms. Bakken, to ask the Government the following Question No. 155:

To the Minister of Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority: (1) On what date was the final agreement to implement Mega-Bingo adopted and who was the Minister of SLGA when this occurred? (2) Who sits on the Board of Western Canada Lotteries Corporation as Saskatchewan's representatives and when were they appointed and by who? (3) What is the Provincial Marketing Organization, what is its mandate and organization structure?

Ms Julé, to ask the Government the following Questions No. 156:

To the Minister of Industry and Resources: What is the total dollar amount including monies invested in equity, working capital, and/or loans, loan guarantees, that the Government of Saskatchewan has invested into the OSB Plant at Meadow Lake?