



No. 28

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

FOURTH SESSION – TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

Tuesday, April 29, 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, Hillson, Harpauer, Eagles, Bakken, Huyghebaert, Dearborn, Brkich, 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 reverse its position on the isolated school grants and have them reinstated for negative grant divisions and further stop the discrimination against our rural citizens by supplying a quality education central in their community.

(Sessional Paper No. 98)

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 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 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 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.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 90)

WRITTEN QUESTION

The Order of the Day being called for Question No. 150, it was answered. (See Appendix)

MOTION FOR A SEVENTY-FIVE MINUTE DEBATE

The Order of the Day being called for the following Motion for a Seventy-five Minute Debate, it was moved by Mr. Van Mulligen, seconded by Mr. Harper:

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.

A debate arising, it was moved by Mr. Wall, seconded by Mr. D'Autremont, in amendment thereto:

That all the words after the word "recognize" be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

that the NDP government, despite its rhetoric, has initiated the end to monopoly public ownership of electrical production, transmissions systems and electrical retail markets and has further initiated the first steps towards electrical deregulation.

The debate continuing and the period of seventy-five minutes having expired, pursuant to Rule 17(5), the Speaker interrupted proceedings.

PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Motion No. 3, it was moved by Ms. Hamilton, seconded by Mr. Prebble:

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.

A debate arising, it was moved by Mr. Toth, seconded by Mr. Dearborn, in amendment thereto:

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

the importance of government-funded services such as child care and therefore regrets the NDP’s habitual propensity for wasting taxpayer dollars on ill-fated schemes such as SPUDCO, Mega Bingo and a myriad of foreign fiascos.

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

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Lautermilch:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 4:56 p.m. until Wednesday 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. Osika:

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Assessment Management Agency for the year ended December 31, 2002, including Supplementary Information.

(Sessional Paper No. 99)

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Ms. Julé asked the Government Question No. 150, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Serby:

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?

Answer:

From the 2000/2001 fiscal year through until March 31, 2003, the provincial government has spent \$724,542 in support of the Action Committee on the Rural Economy activities.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS FOR FIRST READING OF BILLS

On Thursday:

Hon. Mr. Hagel to move First Reading of Bill No. 20 – The Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Amendment Act, 2003

Hon. Mr. Melenchuk to move First Reading of Bill No. 21 – The Superannuation (Supplementary Provisions) Amendment Act, 2003

Hon. Mr. Nilson to move First Reading of Bill No. 22 – The Pharmacy Amendment Act, 2003

NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

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 Question 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?

The following Questions were given notice on day no. 28 and are to be answered by day no. 33:

Ms. Julé, to ask the Government the following Question No. 157:

To the Minister of Government Relations and Aboriginal Affairs: How many immigrants, including dependents, were admitted to live in Saskatchewan under the Saskatchewan Immigrant Nominee Program (formerly the Provincial Nominee Program) in the fiscal year 1999-2000?

Ms. Julé, to ask the Government the following Question No. 158:

To the Minister of Government Relations and Aboriginal Affairs: How many immigrants, including dependents, were admitted to live in Saskatchewan under the Saskatchewan Immigrant Nominee Program (formerly the Provincial Nominee Program) in the fiscal year 2000-2001?

Ms. Julé, to ask the Government the following Question No. 159:

To the Minister of Government Relations and Aboriginal Affairs: How many immigrants, including dependents, were admitted to live in Saskatchewan under the Saskatchewan Immigrant Nominee Program (formerly the Provincial Nominee Program) in the fiscal year 2001-2002?

Ms. Julé, to ask the Government the following Question No. 160:

To the Minister of Government Relations and Aboriginal Affairs: How many immigrants, including dependents, were admitted to live in Saskatchewan under the Saskatchewan Immigrant Nominee Program (formerly the Provincial Nominee Program) in the fiscal year 2002-2003?

Mr. McMorris, to ask the Government the following Question No. 161:

To the Minister of Labour: How much money did the Department of Labour give the Saskatchewan Federation of Labour in the year 1999 and for what purpose?

Mr. McMorris, to ask the Government the following Question No. 162:

To the Minister of Labour: How much money did the Department of Labour give the Saskatchewan Federation of Labour in the year 2000 and for what purpose?

Mr. McMorris, to ask the Government the following Question No. 163:

To the Minister of Labour: How much money did the Department of Labour give the Saskatchewan Federation of Labour in the year 2001 and for what purpose?

Mr. McMorris, to ask the Government the following Question No. 164:

To the Minister of Labour: How much money did the Department of Labour give the Saskatchewan Federation of Labour in the year 2002 and for what purpose?

Mr. McMorris, to ask the Government the following Questions No. 165:

To the Minister of Learning: How much money did the Department of Learning give the Saskatchewan Federation of Labour in the year 1999 and for what purpose?

Mr. McMorris, to ask the Government the following Question No. 166:

To the Minister of Learning: How much money did the Department of Learning give the Saskatchewan Federation of Labour in the year 2000 and for what purpose?

Mr. McMorris, to ask the Government the following Question No. 167:

To the Minister of Learning: How much money did the Department of Learning give the Saskatchewan Federation of Labour in the year 2001 and for what purpose?

Mr. McMorris, to ask the Government the following Question No. 168:

To the Minister of Learning: How much money did the Department of Learning give the Saskatchewan Federation of Labour in the year 2002 and for what purpose?

Mr. McMorris, to ask the Government the following Question No. 169:

To the Minister of Aboriginal Affairs: How much money did the Department of Aboriginal Affairs give the Saskatchewan Federation of Labour in the year 1999 and for what purpose?

Mr. McMorris to ask the Government the following Question No. 170:

To the Minister of Aboriginal Affairs: How much money did the Department of Aboriginal Affairs give the Saskatchewan Federation of Labour in the year 2000 and for what purpose?

Mr. McMorris, to ask the Government the following Question No. 171:

To the Minister of Aboriginal Affairs: How much money did the Department of Aboriginal Affairs give the Saskatchewan Federation of Labour in the year 2001 and for what purpose?

Mr. McMorris, to ask the Government the following Question No. 172:

To the Minister of Aboriginal Affairs: How much money did the Department of Aboriginal Affairs give the Saskatchewan Federation of Labour in the year 2002 and for what purpose?

Mr. McMorris, to ask the Government the following Question No. 173:

To the Minister of Government Relations: How much money did the Department of Government Relations give the Saskatchewan Federation of Labour in the year 1999 and for what purpose?

Mr. McMorris, to ask the Government the following Question No. 174:

To the Minister of Government Relations: How much money did the Department of Government Relations give the Saskatchewan Federation of Labour in the year 2000 and for what purpose?

Mr. McMorris, to ask the Government the following Question No. 175:

To the Minister of Government Relations: How much money did the Department of Government Relations give the Saskatchewan Federation of Labour in the year 2001 and for what purpose?

Mr. McMorris, to ask the Government the following Question No. 176:

To the Minister of Government Relations: How much money did the Department of Government Relations give the Saskatchewan Federation of Labour in the year 2002 and for what purpose?

Mr. McMorris, to ask the Government the following Question No. 177:

To the Minister of Community Resources and Employment: How much money did the Department of Community Resources and Employment give the Saskatchewan Federation of Labour in the year 1999 and for what purpose?

Mr. McMorris, to ask the Government the following Question No. 178:

To the Minister of Community Resources and Employment: How much money did the Department of Community Resources and Employment give the Saskatchewan Federation of Labour in the year 2000 and for what purpose?

Mr. McMorris, to ask the Government the following Question No. 179:

To the Minister of Community Resources and Employment: How much money did the Department of Community Resources and Employment give the Saskatchewan Federation of Labour in the year 2001 and for what purpose?

Mr. McMorris, to ask the Government the following Question No. 180:

To the Minister of Community Resources and Employment: How much money did the Department of Community Resources and Employment give the Saskatchewan Federation of Labour in the year 2002 and for what purpose?

Ms. Bakken, to ask the Government the following Question No. 181:

To the Minister of Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority: (1) In what country was the software developed by Wascana Gaming for use in Mega Bingo developed? (2) In what year's annual report for SLGA and on what page and under what heading were SLGA's costs associated with the development of software and hardware for Mega Bingo listed? (3) What is the Prism Project, its mandate, its annual budget and total cost as of this date? (4) What is the LINES Project, its mandate, its annual budget and total cost as of this date? (5) What is the Licensing Division Project, its mandate, its annual budget and total cost as of this date? (6) What is the Orion Project, its mandate, its annual budget and total cost as of this date?

Mr. Hillson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 182:

To the Minister of Crown Investments Corporation: How much and who was paid for Backhoe services in the North Battleford region in the fiscal year 2002-03?

Mr. Hillson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 183:

To the Minister of Finance: With reference to the 6.8% nominal growth in GDP forecast in the 2003-2004 budget and the related revenue estimates, and utilizing the large scale econometric model with 404 variables and 333 equations, what would be the revenues generated based on the 2.8% nominal GDP growth rate projected by the Finance Department of the Government of Canada?