



No. 29

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

FOURTH SESSION – TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

Wednesday, April 30, 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, Gantfoer, Elhard, Huyghebaert, Dearborn, Hart, Lorenz 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 continuation of the current level of services available at the Kindersley Hospital and to ensure the current specialty services are sustained to better serve the people of West Central Saskatchewan.

(Sessional Paper No. 100)

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 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)

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 QUESTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Question No. 151 and 152, they were answered. (See Appendix)

ADJOURNED DEBATES

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. Toth, 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 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. 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 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 Agriculture, Food and Rural Revitalization.

The Committee then considered Estimates for the Department of Community Resources & Employment.

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 4:58 p.m. until Thursday 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. Cline:

Annual Report of the Saskatchewan Public and Private Rights Board for the year ended December 31, 2002.

(Sessional Paper No. 101)

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

(Sessional Paper No. 102)

By the Hon. Mr. Nilson:

Annual Report of the Department of Health, Vital Statistics, for the calendar year 2002

(Sessional Paper No. 103)

By the Hon. Ms. Higgins:

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Workers' Compensation Board for the year ending December 31, 2002.

(Sessional Paper No. 104)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Workers' Compensation Board Superannuation Plan for the year ended December 31, 2002.

(Sessional Paper No. 105)

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Mr. Weekes asked the Government Question No. 151, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Belanger:

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

Answer:

Saskatchewan Environment's 2001-02 Annual Report lists the organizations that are considered primary partners/stakeholders.

Mr. Dearborn asked the Government Question No. 152, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Sonntag:

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?

Answer:

- (1) CIC does not lend money to Crown corporations or their subsidiaries.
- (2) Not applicable.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS FOR FIRST READING OF BILLS

On Friday:

Hon. Mr. Osika to move First Reading of Bill No. 23 – The Cities Amendment Act, 2003

Hon. Mr. Osika to move First Reading of Bill No. 24 – The Northern Municipalities Amendment Act, 2003

NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

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?

The following Questions were given notice on day no. 29 and are to be answered by day no. 34:

Mr. Wall, to ask the Government the following Question No. 184:

To the Minister of Crown Investments Corporation: Can the Minister please provide a copy of the cumulative investment of SaskTel International portfolio presentation currently being made by SaskTel CEO Don Ching and other senior SaskTel officials to various Saskatchewan groups including this morning's presentation to the Regina Chamber of Commerce?

Ms. Bakken, to ask the Government the following Question No. 185:

To the Minister of Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority: In fiscal year 2000-2001, how many employees and full time equivalents are found in each of the following branches and/or divisions of the SLGA: President's Office; Corporate Services Division; Financial Services Branch; Management Services Branch; Information Services Branch; Special Services Branch; Special Project Office; Audit Services Branch; Human Relations Division; Human Resources Branch; Organizational Development Branch; Communications Branch; Policy and Planning Division; Policy and Legislation Branch; Planning and Research Branch; Operations Division; Regional Management; Retail Services Branch; Distribution Branch; Regulatory Compliance Division; Liquor Licensing Branch; Operations Division – Saskatoon; Corporate Services Division – Saskatoon; Audit Services Branch – Saskatoon; Regulatory Compliance – Saskatoon; Inspection Services Branch – Saskatoon; Horse Racing Branch – Saskatoon; Charitable Gaming Licensing; Strategic Services Branch; Compliance Branch; Community Liaison Branch; Gaming Operations Branch, and; Liquor and Gaming Licensing Commission.

Ms. Bakken, to ask the Government the following Question No. 186:

To the Minister of Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority: In fiscal year 2001-2002, how many employees and full time equivalents are found in each of the following branches and/or divisions of the SLGA: President's Office; Corporate Services Division; Financial Services Branch; Management Services Branch; Information Services Branch; Special Services Branch; Special Project Office; Audit Services Branch; Human Relations Division; Human Resources Branch; Organizational Development Branch; Communications Branch; Policy and Planning Division; Policy and Legislation Branch; Planning and Research Branch; Operations Division; Regional Management; Retail Services Branch; Distribution Branch; Regulatory Compliance Division; Liquor Licensing Branch; Operations Division – Saskatoon; Corporate Services Division – Saskatoon; Audit Services Branch – Saskatoon; Regulatory Compliance – Saskatoon; Inspection Services Branch – Saskatoon; Horse Racing Branch – Saskatoon; Charitable Gaming Licensing; Strategic Services Branch; Compliance Branch; Community Liaison Branch; Gaming Operations Branch, and; Liquor and Gaming Licensing Commission.

Ms. Bakken, to ask the Government the following Question No. 187:

To the Minister of Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority: In fiscal year 2002-2003, how many employees and full time equivalents are found in each of the following branches and/or divisions of the SLGA: President's Office; Corporate Services Division; Financial Services Branch; Management Services Branch; Information Services Branch; Special Services Branch; Special Project Office; Audit Services Branch; Human Relations Division; Human Resources Branch; Organizational Development Branch; Communications Branch; Policy and Planning Division; Policy and Legislation Branch; Planning and Research Branch; Operations Division; Regional Management; Retail Services Branch; Distribution Branch; Regulatory Compliance Division; Liquor Licensing Branch; Operations Division – Saskatoon; Corporate Services Division – Saskatoon; Audit Services Branch – Saskatoon; Regulatory Compliance – Saskatoon; Inspection Services Branch – Saskatoon; Horse Racing Branch – Saskatoon; Charitable Gaming Licensing; Strategic Services Branch; Compliance Branch; Community Liaison Branch; Gaming Operations Branch, and; Liquor and Gaming Licensing Commission.

Ms. Bakken, to ask the Government the following Question No. 188:

To the Minister of Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority: Currently, how many employees and full time equivalents are found in each of the following branches and/or division of the SLGA: President's Office; Corporate Services Division; Financial Services Branch; Management Services Branch; Information Services Branch; Special Services Branch; Special Project Office; Audit Services Branch; Human Relations Division; Human Resources Branch; Organizational Development Branch; Communications Branch; Policy and Planning Division; Policy and Legislation Branch; Planning and Research Branch; Operations Division; Regional Management; Retail Services Branch; Distribution Branch; Regulatory Compliance Division; Liquor Licensing Branch; Operations Division – Saskatoon; Corporate Services Division – Saskatoon; Audit Services Branch – Saskatoon; Regulatory Compliance – Saskatoon; Inspection Services Branch – Saskatoon; Horse Racing Branch – Saskatoon; Charitable Gaming Licensing; Strategic Services Branch; Compliance Branch; Community Liaison Branch; Gaming Operations Branch, and; Liquor and Gaming Licensing Commission.

Ms. Julé, to ask the Government the following Question No. 189:

To the Minister of the Environment: (1) In the fiscal year 2000-2001, how many fire towers were there in the province of Saskatchewan? (2) In the same fiscal year, how many fire towers were there in the area north of Highway 3? (3) Of these fire towers north of Highway 3, how many were condemned in 2000-2001? (4) How many of these condemned fire towers were rebuilt in 2000-2001? (5) What was the total cost for inspection and rebuilding fire towers during the 2000-2001 fiscal year? (6) Which organizations and/or private companies conducted the inspection of fire towers in Saskatchewan in the 2000-01 fiscal year? (7) For each of these organizations and/or private companies, what were the final results of their inspections? (8) For each of these organizations and/or private companies, how many fire towers did they recommend be condemned? (9) Which organizations and/or private companies and/or government entities built fire towers in the province of Saskatchewan in the fiscal year 2000-2001?

Ms. Julé, to ask the Government the following Question No. 190:

To the Minister of the Environment: (1) In the fiscal year 2001-2002, how many fire towers were there in the province of Saskatchewan? (2) In the same fiscal year, how many fire towers were there in the area north of Highway 3? (3) Of these fire towers north of Highway 3, how many were condemned in 2001-2002? (4) How many of these condemned fire towers were rebuilt in 2001-2002? (5) What was the total cost for inspection and rebuilding fire towers during the 2001-2002 fiscal year? (6) Which organizations and/or private companies conducted the inspection of fire towers in Saskatchewan in the 2001-02 fiscal year? (7) For each of these organizations and/or private companies, what were the final results of their inspections? (8) For each of these organizations and/or private companies, how many fire towers did they recommend be condemned? (9) Which organizations and/or private companies and/or government entities built fire towers in the province of Saskatchewan in the fiscal year 2001-2002?

Ms. Julé, to ask the Government the following Question No. 191:

To the Minister of the Environment: (1) In the fiscal year 2002-2003, how many fire towers were there in the province of Saskatchewan? (2) In the same fiscal year, how many fire towers were there in the area north of Highway 3? (3) Of these fire towers north of Highway 3, how many were condemned in 2002-2003? (4) How many of these condemned fire towers were rebuilt in 2002-2003? (5) What was the total cost for inspection and rebuilding fire towers during the 2002-2003 fiscal year? (6) Which organizations and/or private companies conducted the inspection of fire towers in Saskatchewan in the 2002-03 fiscal year? (7) For each of these organizations and/or private companies, what were the final results of their inspections? (8) For each of these organizations and/or private companies, how many fire towers did they recommend be condemned? (9) Which organizations and/or private companies and/or government entities built fire towers in the province of Saskatchewan in the fiscal year 2002-2003?