



No. 30

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

FOURTH SESSION – TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

Thursday, May 1, 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: Krawetz, Draude, Gantefer, Hillson, Stewart, 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 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 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 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)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were received, read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time at the next sitting:

Bill No. 201 – The Oil and Gas Industry Recognition Week Act

(Mr. Stewart)

Bill No. 22 – The Pharmacy Amendment Act, 2003

(Hon. Mr. Nilson)

The Minister, in each case, having acquainted the Assembly that Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the Bills, recommends them to the consideration of the Assembly, the following Bills were received, read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time at the next sitting:

Bill No. 20 – The Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Amendment Act, 2003

(Hon. Mr. Hagel)

Bill No. 21 – The Superannuation (Supplementary Provisions) Amendment Act, 2003

(Hon. Mr. Melenchuk)

WRITTEN QUESTION

The Order of the Day being called for Question No. 153, pursuant to Rule 43(1), the answer was Tabled and, by reason of its length, converted by the Clerk to Return No. 53.

(Sessional Paper No. 106)

ADJOURNED DEBATES

Bill No. 15 – The Saskatchewan Insurance Amendment Act, 2003

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Cline: That Bill No. 15 – The Saskatchewan Insurance 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. 16 – The Coroners Amendment Act, 2003

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Cline: That Bill No. 16 – The Coroners 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. 17 – The Land Surveys Amendment Act, 2003

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Cline: That Bill No. 17 – The Land Surveys Amendment Act, 2003 – be now read a second time.

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

COMMITTEE OF FINANCE

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

The Committee then considered Estimates for the Department of Highways and Transportation.

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 5:02 p.m. until Friday at 10:00 a.m.

Hon. P. Myron Kowalsky
Speaker

NOTICE OF MOTIONS FOR FIRST READING OF BILLS

On Monday:

Hon. Mr. Nilson to move First Reading of Bill No. 25 – The Personal Care Homes Amendment Act, 2003

Mr. Brkich to move First Reading of Bill No. 202 – The Water Quality Recognition Day Act

NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

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?

The following Questions were given notice on day no. 30 and are to be answered by day no. 35:

Ms. Harpauer, to ask the Government the following Question No. 192:

To the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Revitalization: (1) How many Saskatchewan producers have made application to the Livestock Drought Loan Program announced on July 29, 2002? (2) How many of these applications have been approved and how many have not been approved? (3) Are any applications left to be processed and if so how many?

Mr. Hillson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 193:

To the Minister of Crown Investments Corporation: Regarding SaskTel Max: (1) How many subscribers did SaskTel's Max have on April 30, 2003? (2) How many subscribers was SaskTel Max supposed to have on April 30, 2003 according to its business plan projections?

Mr. Allchurch, to ask the Government the following Question No. 194:

To the Minister of the Environment: (1) How many acres of Crown land in the province is deemed critical habitat wildlife land? (2) Further to that, has any critical habitat wildlife land been sold to resolve TLE claims? (3) If yes, what are the land parcels and which band or reserve has claimed them? (4) If no, is the government looking at selling such land to resolve TLE claims?

Ms. Bakken, to ask the Government the following Question No. 195:

To the Minister of the Environment: In this 2003-04 fiscal year, of the fire towers that were condemned in the fiscal years 2000-01, 2001-02, 2002-03 what is the number that will be rebuilt? (2) Which organizations and/or private companies and/or government entities will build these fire towers in the province of Saskatchewan in the fiscal year 2003-04?

Mr. Hermanson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 196:

To the Minister of Crown Investments Corporation: (1) What taxes in lieu of grants did Sask Valley Potato Corporation pay to the RM's of Rudy and Canaan and the town of Lucky Lake in the year 2002? (2) Further to that, what was the assessment on the tax notices and did the Sask Valley Potato Corporation pay? (3) If not, why did they not go through the appeal process?

Mr. Hermanson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 197:

To the Minister of Crown Investments Corporation: (1) What taxes in lieu of grants did the Crown Investments Corporation pay to the RM's of Rudy and Canaan and the town of Lucky Lake? (2) Further to that, what was the assessment on the tax notices and did the Crown Investments Corporation pay? (3) If not, why did they not go through the appeal process?