



No. 32

# **VOTES and PROCEEDINGS**

OF THE

**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

**FOURTH SESSION – TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE**

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**Monday, May 5, 2003**

1:30 p.m.

*PRAYERS*

## **ABSENCE OF THE SPEAKER**

The Clerk advised the Assembly that the Speaker would not be present to open the sitting. Thereupon the Deputy Speaker took the chair.

## **PRESENTING PETITIONS**

Petitions of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan were presented and laid upon the Table by the following Members: Draude, Stewart, Harpauer, Eagles, Huyghebaert, Dearborn, Brkich, Weekes and Hart.

## **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 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)

### INTRODUCTION OF A BILL

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

Bill No. 25 – The Personal Care Homes Amendment Act, 2003

(Hon. Mr. Nilson)

### WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Question No. 155 and 156, they were 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 Justice.

The Committee then considered Estimates for the Department of Culture, Youth and Recreation.

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.

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The Assembly adjourned at 4:58 p.m. until Tuesday at 1:30 p.m.

***Hon. P. Myron Kowalsky***  
***Speaker***

**RETURNS, REPORTS AND PAPERS TABLED**

The following paper was laid upon the table:

By the Hon. Mr. Melenchuk:

Financial Statements Compendium, 2001-2002, Parts A and B (addenda to the Public Accounts 2001-2002 tabled August 1 and September 16, 2002 as Sessional Paper No. 307)

(Sessional Paper No. 107)

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

**Ms. Bakken asked the Government Question No. 155, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Osika:**

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?

Answer:

- (1) On April 8, 1997, Cabinet approved as part of a larger gaming strategy, the introduction of a provincial linked bingo game, and an electronic cash and paper management system. The Honourable Clay Serby was the Minister Responsible for the Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority (SLGA) at the time.
- (2) The Western Canada Lottery Corporation Board is comprised of 6 members (2 from each western province) appointed by the Governments of Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba. The Minister Responsible for Culture, Youth and Recreation is responsible for appointing the Saskatchewan representatives on the Board of the Western Canada Lottery Corporation (WCLC). Jim L. Burnett and Ian McKay are Saskatchewan's representatives on the Board of WCLC.
- (3) SaskSport is the Provincial Marketing Organization.

**Ms. Julé asked the Government Question No. 156, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Sonntag:**

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?

Answer:

CIC has committed to \$27.5 million in equity as well as a loan guarantee for \$27.5 million.

## NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

**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?

**The following Questions were given notice on day no. 31 and are to be answered by day no. 36:**

Ms. Bakken, to ask the Government the following Question No. 198:

To the Minister of Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority: (1) Who owns the copyright to the software developed for SLGA's Mega Bingo? (2) Where is this software located currently? (3) Does SLGA have any contracts with David Innes Gaming Consultancy? (4) If so, what specific services are being provided to SLGA through these contracts and at what cost? (5) Prior to implementation of Mega Bingo, did the SLGA explore using the satellite system used in Alberta to link bingos and did SLGA do a cost comparison between the system used in Alberta and the system put in place for Mega Bingo prior to Mega Bingo's implementation? (6) What was the cost comparison between the two systems?

Mr. Hillson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 199:

To the Minister of Labour: For the year 1972 what were the following numbers: (1) Size of the labour force? (2) Aboriginal people in the labour force? (3) Non-Aboriginal people in the labour force? (4) Aboriginal unemployment rate? (5) Non-Aboriginal unemployment rate? (6) Average income of Aboriginal persons? (7) Average income of Non-Aboriginal persons?

Mr. Hillson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 200:

To the Minister of Labour: For the year 1982 what were the following numbers: (1) Size of the labour force? (2) Aboriginal people in the labour force? (3) Non-Aboriginal people in the labour force? (4) Aboriginal unemployment rate? (5) Non-Aboriginal unemployment rate? (6) Average income of Aboriginal persons? (7) Average income of Non-Aboriginal persons?

Mr. Hillson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 201:

To the Minister of Labour: For the year 1992 what were the following numbers: (1) Size of the labour force? (2) Aboriginal people in the labour force? (3) Non-Aboriginal people in the labour force? (4) Aboriginal unemployment rate? (5) Non-Aboriginal unemployment rate? (6) Average income of Aboriginal persons? (7) Average income of Non-Aboriginal persons?

Mr. Hillson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 202:

To the Minister of Labour: For the year 2002 what were the following numbers: (1) Size of the labour force? (2) Aboriginal people in the labour force? (3) Non-Aboriginal people in the labour force? (4) Aboriginal unemployment rate? (5) Non-Aboriginal unemployment rate? (6) Average income of Aboriginal persons? (7) Average income of Non-Aboriginal persons?

Mr. Hillson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 203:

To the Minister of Crown Investments Corporation: How much and who was paid for Backhoe services in the North Battleford area in fiscal year 2000-2001?



Mr. Hart, to ask the Government the following Question No. 204:

To the Minister of Highways and Transportation: During fiscal year 2000-2001, how much revenue did the province collect from its Trucking Partnership program?

Mr. Hart, to ask the Government the following Question No. 205:

To the Minister of Highways and Transportation: During fiscal year 2001-2002, how much revenue did the province collect from its Trucking Partnership program?

Mr. Hart, to ask the Government the following Question No. 206:

To the Minister of Highways and Transportation: During fiscal year 2002-2003, how much revenue did the province collect from its Trucking Partnership program?

Ms. Eagles, to ask the Government the following Question No. 207:

To the Minister of Culture, Youth and Recreation: For fiscal year 2001-2002, what was the total amount of funding received from the Community Initiatives Fund by: (1) Saskatchewan Science Centre? (2) Waneskewin Heritage Park?

Ms. Eagles, to ask the Government the following Question No. 208:

To the Minister of Culture, Youth and Recreation: For fiscal year 2002-2003, what was the total amount of funding received from the Community Initiatives Fund by: (1) Saskatchewan Science Centre? (2) Waneskewin Heritage Park?

Ms. Eagles, to ask the Government the following Question No. 209:

To the Minister of Culture, Youth and Recreation: For fiscal year 2001-2002, what was the total amount of funding received from the General Revenue Fund by: (1) Saskatchewan Science Centre? (2) Waneskewin Heritage Park?

Ms. Eagles, to ask the Government the following Question No. 210:

To the Minister of Culture, Youth and Recreation: For fiscal year 2002-2003, what was the total amount of funding received from the General Revenue Fund by: (1) Saskatchewan Science Centre? (2) Waneskewin Heritage Park?