



No. 37

# **VOTES and PROCEEDINGS**

OF THE

**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

**FOURTH SESSION – TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE**

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**Monday, May 12, 2003**

1:30 p.m.

*PRAYERS*

## **ABSENCE OF THE SPEAKER**

The Deputy 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: Stewart, Huyghebaert, Dearborn, Hermanson, Elhard, 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 that the Davidson & Craik Health Centres be maintained at its current level of service at minimum, with 24-hour acute care, emergency and doctor services available, as well as lab services, public health, home care and long-term care services available to users from the Craik & Davidson area and beyond.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 10)

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 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 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)

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.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 100)

#### **ADJOURNED DEBATES**

##### **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. Bjornerud, adjourned.

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

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Hagel: That Bill No. 20 – The Legislative Assembly and Executive Council 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. 21 – The Superannuation (Supplementary Provisions) Amendment Act, 2003**

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Melenchuk: That Bill No. 21 – The Superannuation (Supplementary Provisions) Amendment Act, 2003 – be now read a second time.

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

**Bill No. 8 – The Youth Justice Administration Act**

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Thomson: That Bill No. 8 – The Youth Justice Administration Act – be now read a second time.

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

**SECOND READINGS / DEUXIÈME LECTURE**

**Bill No. 26 – The Income Tax Amendment Act, 2003**

The Hon. Mr. Melenchuk, a member of the Executive Council, having acquainted the Assembly that Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the Bill, recommends it to the consideration of the Assembly, moved: That Bill No. 26 – The Income Tax Amendment Act, 2003 – be now read a second time.

A debate arising, it was on motion of Mr. Toth, adjourned.

**Bill No. 31 – The Alcohol and Gaming Regulation Amendment Act, 2003 /  
Projet de loi n° 31 – Loi de 2003 modifiant la Loi de 1997 sur la réglementation des boissons  
alcoolisées et des jeux de hasard**

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Osika: That Bill No. 31 – The Alcohol and Gaming Regulation Amendment Act, 2003 – be now read a second time.

L'hon. M. Osika propose: Que le projet de loi n° 31 – Loi de 2003 modifiant la Loi de 1997 sur la réglementation des boissons alcoolisées et des jeux de hasard – soit maintenant lu une deuxième fois.

A debate arising, it was on motion of Mr. Weekes, adjourned.

Il s'élève un débat et sur motion de M. Weekes, le débat est ajourné.

**Bill No. 36 – The Agricultural Safety Net Amendment Act, 2003**

The Hon. Mr. Serby, a member of the Executive Council, having acquainted the Assembly that Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the Bill, recommends it to the consideration of the Assembly, moved: That Bill No. 36 – The Agricultural Safety Net Amendment Act, 2003 – be now read a second time.

A debate arising, it was on motion of Mr. Toth, adjourned.

**Bill No. 37 – The Crop Insurance Amendment Act, 2003**

The Hon. Mr. Serby, a member of the Executive Council, having acquainted the Assembly that Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the Bill, recommends it to the consideration of the Assembly, moved: That Bill No. 37 – The Crop Insurance Amendment Act, 2003 – be now read a second time.

A debate arising, it was on motion of Mr. Weekes, adjourned.

**Bill No. 38 – The Farm Financial Stability Amendment Act, 2003**

The Hon. Mr. Serby, a member of the Executive Council, having acquainted the Assembly that Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the Bill, recommends it to the consideration of the Assembly, moved: That Bill No. 38 – The Farm Financial Stability Amendment Act, 2003 – be now read a second time.

A debate arising, it was on motion of Mr. Toth, adjourned.

**Bill No. 27 – The Condominium Property Amendment Act, 2003**

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Cline: That Bill No. 27 – The Condominium Property Amendment Act, 2003 – be now read a second time.

A debate arising, it was on motion of Mr. Toth, adjourned.

**COMMITTEE OF FINANCE**

The Assembly, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Finance to consider Estimates for the Department of Northern Affairs.

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 4:57 p.m. until Tuesday at 1:30 p.m.

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

## NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

**The following Questions were given notice on day no. 34 and are to be answered by day no. 39:**

Mr. Hillson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 257:

To the Minister of Health: For the year 1972: (1) What was the birth rate in the Aboriginal population? (2) What was the birth rate in the Non-Aboriginal population? (3) What was the average life expectancy of Aboriginal people? (4) What was the average life expectancy of Non-Aboriginal people? (5) What was the Aboriginal infant mortality rate? (6) What was the Non-Aboriginal infant mortality rate?

Mr. Hillson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 258:

To the Minister of Health: For the year 1982: (1) What was the birth rate in the Aboriginal population? (2) What was the birth rate in the Non-Aboriginal population? (3) What was the average life expectancy of Aboriginal people? (4) What was the average life expectancy of Non-Aboriginal people? (5) What was the Aboriginal infant mortality rate? (6) What was the Non-Aboriginal infant mortality rate?

Mr. Hillson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 259:

To the Minister of Health: For the year 1992: (1) What was the birth rate in the Aboriginal population? (2) What was the birth rate in the Non-Aboriginal population? (3) What was the average life expectancy of Aboriginal people? (4) What was the average life expectancy of Non-Aboriginal people? (5) What was the Aboriginal infant mortality rate? (6) What was the Non-Aboriginal infant mortality rate?

Mr. Hillson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 260:

To the Minister of Health: For the year 2002: (1) What was the birth rate in the Aboriginal population? (2) What was the birth rate in the Non-Aboriginal population? (3) What was the average life expectancy of Aboriginal people? (4) What was the average life expectancy of Non-Aboriginal people? (5) What was the Aboriginal infant mortality rate? (6) What was the Non-Aboriginal infant mortality rate?

Mr. Hillson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 261:

To the Minister of Learning: For the year 1972: (1) What was the Aboriginal school age population? (2) What was the Aboriginal high school enrolment? (3) What was the number of Aboriginal high school graduates? (4) What was the Non-Aboriginal school age population? (5) What was the Non-Aboriginal high school enrolment? (6) What was the number of Non-Aboriginal high school graduates? (7) What was the Aboriginal post secondary enrolment? (8) What was the number of Aboriginal post secondary graduates? (9) What was the Non-Aboriginal post secondary enrolment? (10) What was the number of Non-Aboriginal post secondary graduates?

Mr. Hillson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 262:

To the Minister of Learning: For the year 1982: (1) What was the Aboriginal school age population? (2) What was the Aboriginal high school enrolment? (3) What was the number of Aboriginal high school graduates? (4) What was the Non-Aboriginal school age population? (5) What was the Non-Aboriginal high school enrolment? (6) What was the number of Non-Aboriginal high school graduates? (7) What was the Aboriginal post secondary enrolment? (8) What was the number of Aboriginal post secondary graduates? (9) What was the Non-Aboriginal post secondary enrolment? (10) What was the number of Non-Aboriginal post secondary graduates?

Mr. Hillson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 263:

To the Minister of Learning: For the year 1992: (1) What was the Aboriginal school age population? (2) What was the Aboriginal high school enrolment? (3) What was the number of Aboriginal high school graduates? (4) What was the Non-Aboriginal school age population? (5) What was the Non-Aboriginal high school enrolment? (6) What was the number of Non-Aboriginal high school graduates? (7) What was the Aboriginal post secondary enrolment? (8) What was the number of Aboriginal post secondary graduates? (9) What was the Non-Aboriginal post secondary enrolment? (10) What was the number of Non-Aboriginal post secondary graduates?

Mr. Hillson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 264:

To the Minister of Learning: For the year 2002: (1) What was the Aboriginal school age population? (2) What was the Aboriginal high school enrolment? (3) What was the number of Aboriginal high school graduates? (4) What was the Non-Aboriginal school age population? (5) What was the Non-Aboriginal high school enrolment? (6) What was the number of Non-Aboriginal high school graduates? (7) What was the Aboriginal post secondary enrolment? (8) What was the number of Aboriginal post secondary graduates? (9) What was the Non-Aboriginal post secondary enrolment? (10) What was the number of Non-Aboriginal post secondary graduates?

Mr. Brkich, to ask the Government the following Question No. 265:

To the Minister of Crown Investments Corporation: Has SaskTel expanded its cell phone coverage for 2002 and if so, where?

Mr. Lorenz, to ask the Government the following Question No. 266:

To the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Revitalization: (1) In light of the latest import duties put on Canadian grain by the United States, what concrete plan of action has the Minister of Agriculture and his officials developed, in conjunction with the federal government, to end these latest American tariffs? (2) What specific actions has the Minister and/or his officials taken so far in light of these latest duties? (3) What specific actions will the Minister of Agriculture and/or his officials take in the near future in dealing with this issue?

**The following Questions were given notice on day no. 35 and are to be answered by day no. 40:**

Ms. Bakken, to ask the Government the following Question No. 267:

To the Government of Saskatchewan: (1) What are the specific contents contained in the Request for Proposal package that was presented by the Western Canadian Lottery Corporation to persons and/or companies interested in RFP (reference number 621-97)? (2) Will the SLGA provide this package or a copy of this package to members of the Legislative Assembly wishing to review it?

Ms. Bakken, to ask the Government the following Question No. 268:

To the Government of Saskatchewan: (1) Were the bids for the hardware contract for Mega Bingo open for public scrutiny or was it a sealed bidding process? (2) Which companies bid on this contract? (3) Which were the persons and/or companies presented by the Western Canadian Lottery Corporation for the final decision in awarding of this contract?

Ms. Bakken, to ask the Government the following Question No. 269:

To the Government of Saskatchewan: (1) Were the bids for the software contract for Mega Bingo open for public scrutiny or was it a sealed bidding process? (2) Which companies bid on this contract? (3) Which were the persons and/or companies presented by the Western Canadian Lottery Corporation for the final decision in awarding of this contract?

Ms. Bakken, to ask the Government the following Question No. 270:

To the Government of Saskatchewan: Who were the persons and/or companies licensed as gaming suppliers by the SLGA in 1996?

Ms. Bakken, to ask the Government the following Question No. 271:

To the Government of Saskatchewan: Who were the persons and/or companies licensed as gaming suppliers by the SLGA in 1997?

Ms. Bakken, to ask the Government the following Question No. 272:

To the Government of Saskatchewan: Who were the persons and/or companies licensed as gaming suppliers by the SLGA in 1998?

Ms. Bakken, to ask the Government the following Question No. 273:

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Ms. Bakken, to ask the Government the following Question No. 274:

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Ms. Bakken, to ask the Government the following Question No. 275:

To the Government of Saskatchewan: Who were the persons and/or companies licensed as gaming suppliers by the SLGA in 2001?

Ms. Bakken, to ask the Government the following Question No. 276:

To the Government of Saskatchewan: Who were the persons and/or companies licensed as gaming suppliers by the SLGA in 2002?

Ms. Bakken, to ask the Government the following Question No. 277:

To the Government of Saskatchewan: Who are the persons and/or companies currently licensed as gaming suppliers by the SLGA?

Mr. Dearborn, to ask the Government the following Question No. 278:

To the Minister of Crown Investments Corporation: (1) What is the terminology for Crown Corporations underwriting or lending money to other Crowns? (2) Further to that, relative to that terminology, what are the lending guidelines specifically for debt to equity ratios?

**The following Questions were given notice on day no. 36 and are to be answered by day no. 41:**

Mr. Dearborn, to ask the Government the following Question No. 279:

To the Minister of the Environment: For the fiscal year 2001/2002, how many "Sexual Harassment Prevention Program Public Education workshops" were conducted and in what specific departments?

Mr. Dearborn, to ask the Government the following Question No. 280:

To the Minister of the Environment: For the fiscal year 2001/2002, how many "Sexual Harassment Prevention Program Consultation workshops" were conducted and in what specific departments?

Mr. Dearborn, to ask the Government the following Question No. 281:

To the Minister of the Environment: For the fiscal year 2001/2002, how many "Sexual Harassment Prevention Program train-the-facilitator workshops" were conducted and in what specific departments?

Mr. Dearborn, to ask the Government the following Question No. 282:

To the Minister of the Environment: For the fiscal year 2001/2002, how many "Sexual Harassment Prevention Program manager/supervisor workshops" were conducted and in what specific departments?

Mr. Dearborn, to ask the Government the following Question No. 283:

To the Minister of the Environment: For the fiscal year 2001/2002: (1) What was the total dollar value spent by your department on the Sexual Harassment Prevention Program? (2) Further to that, how many "Sexual Harassment Prevention Program general awareness workshops" were conducted and in what specific departments?



Mr. Wall, to ask the Government the following Question No. 284:

To the Minister of Crown Investments Corporation: (1) Have SaskTel officials recently travelled to Peru or any other South American country on Crown Corporation business? (2) If so, what was the nature of the trip and the business opportunity involved?

Mr. Brkich, to ask the Government the following Question No. 285:

To the Minister of Highways and Transportation: Can the Minister please say when the plans will begin to repave the section of highway 42 from the junction of highway number 2 to the junction of highway number 19?

Mr. Hillson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 286:

To the Minister of Finance: For the year 1972: (1) What was the number of Aboriginal persons? (2) What was the number of Non-Aboriginal persons?

Mr. Hillson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 287:

To the Minister of Finance: For the year 1982: (1) What was the number of Aboriginal persons? (2) What was the number of Non-Aboriginal persons?

Mr. Hillson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 288:

To the Minister of Finance: For the year 1992: (1) What was the number of Aboriginal persons? (2) What was the number of Non-Aboriginal persons?

Mr. Hillson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 289:

To the Minister of Finance: For the year 2002: (1) What was the number of Aboriginal persons? (2) What was the number of Non-Aboriginal persons?

Mr. Hillson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 290:

To the Minister of Crown Investments Corporation: On April 30, 2003 SaskTel MAX has approximately 5,000 customers: How much did SaskTel spend on advertising to attract those 5,000 customers?

**The following Questions were given notice on day no. 37 and are to be answered by day no. 42:**

Mr. Hillson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 291:

To the Minister responsible for the Public Service Commission: (1) In 1993, how many men were employed with the Public Service? (2) In 1993, how many women were employed with the Public Service? (3) In 1993, how many aboriginal men were employed with the Public Service? (4) In 1993, how many aboriginal women were employed with the Public Service? (5) In 1993, how many physically handicapped persons were employed with the Public Service? (6) In 1993, what was the number and percentage of women in management positions with the Public Service? (7) In 1993, what was the number and percentage of aboriginal women in management positions with the Public Service? (8) In 1993, what was the number and percentage of aboriginal men in management positions with the Public Service? (9) In 1993, what was the number and percentage of physically handicapped persons in management positions with the Public Service?

Mr. Hillson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 292:

To the Minister responsible for the Public Service Commission: (1) In 2003, how many men were employed with the Crowns? (2) In 2003, how many women were employed with the Crowns? (3) In 2003, how many aboriginal men were employed with the Crowns? (4) In 2003, how many aboriginal women were employed with the Crowns? (5) In 2003, how many physically handicapped persons were employed with the Crowns? (6) In 2003, what was the number and percentage of women in management positions with the Crowns? (7) In 2003, what was the number and percentage of aboriginal women in management positions with the Crowns? (8) In 2003, what was the number and percentage of aboriginal men in management positions with the Crowns? (9) In 2003, what was the number and percentage of physically handicapped persons in management positions with the Crowns?

Mr. Hillson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 293:

To the Minister responsible for the Saskatchewan Crown Corporations: (1) In 1993, how many men were employed with the Crowns? (2) In 1993, how many women were employed with the Crowns? (3) In 1993, how many aboriginal men were employed with the Crowns? (4) In 1993, how many aboriginal women were employed with the Crowns? (5) In 1993, how many physically handicapped persons were employed with the Crowns? (6) In 1993, what was the number and percentage of women in management positions with the Crowns? (7) In 1993, what was the number and percentage of aboriginal women in management positions with the Crowns? (8) In 1993, what was the number and percentage of aboriginal men in management positions with the Crowns? (9) In 1993, what was the number and percentage of physically handicapped persons in management positions with the Crowns?

Mr. Hillson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 294:

To the Minister responsible for the Saskatchewan Crown Corporations: (1) In 2003, how many men were employed with the Crowns? (2) In 2003, how many women were employed with the Crowns? (3) In 2003, how many aboriginal men were employed with the Crowns? (4) In 2003, how many aboriginal women were employed with the Crowns? (5) In 2003, how many physically handicapped persons were employed with the Crowns? (6) In 2003, what was the number and percentage of women in management positions with the Crowns? (7) In 2003, what was the number and percentage of aboriginal women in management positions with the Crowns? (8) In 2003, what was the number and percentage of aboriginal men in management positions with the Crowns? (9) In 2003, what was the number and percentage of physically handicapped persons in management positions with the Crowns?

Mr. Wall, to ask the Government the following Question No. 295:

To the Premier: (1) Have any provincial government departments or Crown agencies made any concrete proposals or conducted any discussions with the city of Saskatoon or any other Saskatoon entity regarding the future development of Saskatoon's "Gathercole" property? (2) If so, what is the nature of those proposals and/or discussions?

Mr. Wall, to ask the Government the following Question No. 296:

To the Minister responsible for Saskatchewan Property Management Corporation: (1) Did the Corporation commission any feasibility or business plan or consultants report for the Sound Stage located at the corner of Broad St. and College Avenue in Regina? (2) If so, will the Minister table copies of those documents in the Legislature?

Mr. Wall, to ask the Government the following Question No. 297:

To the Minister of Industry and Resources: (1) Did the department or any of its predecessors commission any feasibility or business plan or consultants report for the Sound Stage located at the corner of Broad St. and College Avenue in Regina? (2) If so, will the Minister table copies of those documents in the Legislature?

Mr. Wall, to ask the Government the following Question No. 298:

To the Minister of Crown Investments Corporation: (1) Did the Minister responsible for CIC, and/or the former Saskatchewan Opportunities Corporation commission any feasibility or business plan or consultants report for the Sound Stage located at the corner of Broad St. and College Avenue in Regina? (2) If so, will the Minister table copies of those documents in the Legislature?

Mr. Huyghebaert, to ask the Government the following Question No. 299:

To the Minister of Corrections and Public Safety: (1) For the fiscal year 2001-2002, what was the total overtime cost at each of the province's four correctional facilities? (2) Further to that, for the same fiscal year, what was the budgeted overtime cost for each facility?

Mr. Huyghebaert, to ask the Government the following Question No. 300:

To the Minister of Corrections and Public Safety: (1) For the fiscal year 2002-2003, what was the total overtime cost at each of the province's four correctional facilities? (2) Further to that, for the same fiscal year, what was the budgeted overtime cost for each facility?

Mr. Huyghebaert, to ask the Government the following Question No. 301:

To the Minister of Corrections and Public Safety: (1) What were the total costs associated with the facility lockdown following the March 16, 2003 escape of five inmates from the Regina Correctional Centre? (2) Further to that, what were the cost breakdowns?