



No. 50

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

FOURTH SESSION – TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

Tuesday, June 3, 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: Gantefer, Elhard, Stewart, Harpauer, Eagles, Huyghebaert, Dearborn, Weekes 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 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 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)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to recognize the deplorable condition of Highway 14 from Biggar to Wilkie and to take the necessary steps to restructure and repair this highway in order to address safety concerns and to facilitate economic growth in rural Saskatchewan.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 114)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to repair Highway 20 from Nokomis to Strasbourg in order to address safety concerns and to facilitate economic growth in rural Saskatchewan.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 119)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to repair Highway 43 in order to address safety concerns and to facilitate economic growth in rural Saskatchewan.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 120)

SPEAKER TABLES REPORT

The Speaker laid before the Assembly, the 2003 Report (Volume 1) of the Provincial Auditor, in accordance with the provisions of section 14.1 of *The Provincial Auditor Act*.

(Sessional Paper No. 121)

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 610 to 648, pursuant to Rule 42(5), they were transferred to Motions for Returns (Debatable) Nos. 342 to 380.

MOTION FOR A SEVENTY-FIVE MINUTE DEBATE

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

That this Assembly enthusiastically support the ongoing positive campaign by Saskatchewan business and the Saskatchewan government to publicize and promote Saskatchewan and its many opportunities, a campaign that is exhibiting strong leadership, inclusive participation, and the belief that Saskatchewan's future is wide open.

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

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

congratulate the people, workers and businesses of Saskatchewan for their talent, initiative and determination to create economic growth in Saskatchewan despite being constantly hampered by a provincial government that seems to be determined to drive away much-needed private investment which has only served to hold back our province and keep us from achieving our great economic potential.

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

SECOND READING OF A PRIVATE BILL

According to Order, the following Bill was read a second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Private Members' Bills:

Bill No. 301 – The Western Christian College (Amendment) Act, 2003

(Mr. McCall)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Motion No. 7, it was moved by Mr. Prebble, seconded by Ms. Lorjé:

That this Assembly recognize and praise the many initiatives of the government and its Crown Corporations, in particular SaskPower, to create and maintain a cleaner environment and to ameliorate the environmentally harmful effects of global warming, and urge a continued expansion of actions designed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and meet Kyoto protocol national reduction targets.

A debate arising, it was moved by Mr. Weekes, seconded by Mr. Elhard, in amendment thereto:

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

of the people, employers and workers in Saskatchewan and recognizes their commitment to growing our economy and to sound environmental stewardship.

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

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Hagel:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 5:00 p.m. until Wednesday at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. P. Myron Kowalsky
Speaker

NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The following Questions were given notice on day no. 47 and are to be answered by day no. 52:

Mr. Dearborn, to ask the Government the following Question No. 671:

To the Minister of Saskatchewan Property Management Corporation: How much money was Suer and Pollen awarded in the year 2002 for the Sound Stage and what specific work did this group do?

Mr. Dearborn, to ask the Government the following Question No. 672:

To the Minister of Saskatchewan Property Management Corporation: How much money was Dominion Construction awarded in the year 2001 for the Sound Stage and what specific work did this group do?

Mr. Dearborn, to ask the Government the following Question No. 673:

To the Minister of Saskatchewan Property Management Corporation: How much was spent on construction and related consulting for the Sound Stage in the year 2003?

Mr. Dearborn, to ask the Government the following Question No. 674:

To the Minister of Saskatchewan Property Management Corporation: How much was spent on construction and related consulting for the Sound Stage in the year 2002?

Mr. Dearborn, to ask the Government the following Question No. 675:

To the Minister of Saskatchewan Property Management Corporation: How much was spent on construction and related consulting for the Sound Stage in the year 2001?

Mr. Dearborn, to ask the Government the following Question No. 676:

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Mr. Dearborn, to ask the Government the following Question No. 677:

To the Minister of Saskatchewan Property Management Corporation: How much was spent on construction and related consulting for the Sound Stage in the year 1999?

Mr. Dearborn, to ask the Government the following Question No. 678:

To the Minister of Saskatchewan Property Management Corporation: How much was spent on construction and related consulting for the Sound Stage in the year 1998?

Mr. Dearborn, to ask the Government the following Question No. 679:

To the Minister of the Public Service Commission: (1) How many employees does the Government of Saskatchewan have in Management & Professional Level 7? (2) How many employees does the Government of Saskatchewan have in Management & Professional Level 8? (3) How many employees does the Government of Saskatchewan have in Management & Professional Level 9? (4) How many employees does the Government of Saskatchewan have in Management & Professional Level 10? (5) How many employees does the Government of Saskatchewan have in Management & Professional Level 11? (6) How many employees does the Government of Saskatchewan have in Management & Professional Level 12A? (7) How many employees does the Government of Saskatchewan have in Management & Professional Level 12B? (8) How many employees does the Government of Saskatchewan have in Senior Executive Level 1? (9) How many employees does the Government of Saskatchewan have in Senior Executive Level 2? (10) How many employees does the Government of Saskatchewan have in Senior Executive Level 3? (11) How many employees does the Government of Saskatchewan have in Senior Executive Level 4? (12) How many employees does the Government of Saskatchewan have in Senior Executive Level 5?

Mr. Dearborn, to ask the Government the following Question No. 680:

To the Minister of the Public Service Commission: (1) How many employees does the Government of Saskatchewan have in Management Support Group 1? (2) How many employees does the Government of Saskatchewan have in Management Support Group 2? (3) How many employees does the Government of Saskatchewan have in Management Support Group 3? (4) How many employees does the Government of Saskatchewan have in Management Support Group 4? (5) How many employees does the Government of Saskatchewan have in Management Support Group 5? (6) How many employees does the Government of Saskatchewan have in Management Support Group 6? (7) How many employees does the Government of Saskatchewan have in Management & Professional Level 1? (8) How many employees does the Government of Saskatchewan have in Management & Professional Level 2? (9) How many employees does the Government of Saskatchewan have in Management & Professional Level 3? (10) How many employees does the Government of Saskatchewan have in Management & Professional Level 4? (11) How many employees does the Government of Saskatchewan have in Management & Professional Level 5? (12) How many employees does the Government of Saskatchewan have in Management & Professional Level 6?

Mr. McMorris, to ask the Government the following Question No. 681:

To the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Revitalization: What are the names of the people currently employed in the office of the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Revitalization, and for each person, what is their title, and what is their annual salary?

Mr. McMorris, to ask the Government the following Question No. 682:

To the Minister of Community Resources and Employment: What are the names of the people currently employed in the office of the Minister of Community Resources and Employment, and for each person, what is their title, and what is their annual salary?

Mr. McMorris, to ask the Government the following Question No. 683:

To the Minister of Corrections and Public Safety: What are the names of the people currently employed in the office of the Minister of Corrections and Public Safety, and for each person, what is their title, and what is their annual salary?

Mr. McMorris, to ask the Government the following Question No. 684:

To the Minister of Crown Investments Corporation: What are the names of the people currently employed in the office of the Minister of Crown Investments Corporation, and for each person, what is their title, and what is their annual salary?

Mr. McMorris, to ask the Government the following Question No. 685:

To the Minister of Culture, Youth and Recreation: What are the names of the people currently employed in the office of the Minister of Culture, Youth and Recreation, and for each person, what is their title, and what is their annual salary?

Mr. McMorris, to ask the Government the following Question No. 686:

To the Minister of the Environment: What are the names of the people currently employed in the office of the Minister of Environment, and for each person, what is their title, and what is their annual salary?

Mr. McMorris, to ask the Government the following Question No. 687:

To the Minister of Executive Council: What are the names of the people currently employed in the office of the Minister of Executive Council, and for each person, what is their title, and what is their annual salary?

Mr. McMorris, to ask the Government the following Question No. 688:

To the Minister of Finance: What are the names of the people currently employed in the office of the Minister of Finance, and for each person, what is their title, and what is their annual salary?

Mr. McMorris, to ask the Government the following Question No. 689:

To the Minister of Health: What are the names of the people currently employed in the office of the Minister of Health, and for each person, what is their title, and what is their annual salary?

Mr. McMorris, to ask the Government the following Question No. 690:

To the Minister of Highways and Transportation: What are the names of the people currently employed in the office of the Minister of Highways and Transportation, and for each person, what is their title, and what is their annual salary?

Mr. McMorris, to ask the Government the following Question No. 691:

To the Minister of Government Relations: What are the names of the people currently employed in the office of the Minister of Government Relations, and for each person, what is their title, and what is their annual salary?

Mr. McMorris, to ask the Government the following Question No. 692:

To the Minister of Industry and Resources: What are the names of the people currently employed in the office of the Minister of Industry and Resources, and for each person, what is their title, and what is their annual salary?

Mr. McMorris, to ask the Government the following Question No. 693:

To the Minister of Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs: What are the names of the people currently employed in the office of the Minister of Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs, and for each person, what is their title, and what is their annual salary?

Mr. McMorris, to ask the Government the following Question No. 694:

To the Minister of Justice: What are the names of the people currently employed in the office of the Minister of Justice, and for each person, what is their title, and what is their annual salary?

Mr. McMorris, to ask the Government the following Question No. 695:

To the Minister of Labour: What are the names of the people currently employed in the office of the Minister of Labour, and for each person, what is their title, and what is their annual salary?

Mr. McMorris, to ask the Government the following Question No. 696:

To the Minister of Learning: What are the names of the people currently employed in the office of the Minister of Learning, and for each person, what is their title, and what is their annual salary?

Mr. McMorris, to ask the Government the following Question No. 697:

To the Minister of Northern Affairs: What are the names of the people currently employed in the office of the Minister of Northern Affairs, and for each person, what is their title, and what is their annual salary?

Mr. McMorris, to ask the Government the following Question No. 698:

To the Minister of Saskatchewan Property Management Corporation: What are the names of the people currently employed in the office of the Minister of Saskatchewan Property Management Corporation, and for each person, what is their title, and what is their annual salary?

Mr. Krawetz, to ask the Government the following Question No. 699:

To the Minister of Finance: (1) What was the number of personal income tax returns filed in Saskatchewan for Tax Year 2000 with Total Taxable Incomes in excess of \$500,000? (2) What was the combined Total Taxable Income Assessed for this group?

Mr. Weekes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 700:

To the Minister of the Environment: (1) What is the government policy concerning the recycling industry purchasing burnt copper wire? (2) Can the Minister please provide the directive that has been given to the industry relating to this?

The following Questions were given notice on day no. 48 and are to be answered by day no. 53:

Ms. Bakken, to ask the Government the following Question No. 701:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) Currently, how many provincial court judges are there in Saskatchewan, who are they, and where is each assigned? (2) Who is the provincial court judge or judges currently assigned to Weyburn?

Ms. Bakken, to ask the Government the following Question No. 702:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) For the year 2002, how many provincial court judges were in Saskatchewan, who were they, and where was each assigned? (2) In that year, who was or were the provincial court judges assigned to Weyburn?

Ms. Bakken, to ask the Government the following Question No. 703:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) For the year 2001, how many provincial court judges were in Saskatchewan, who were they, and where was each assigned? (2) In that year, who was or were the provincial court judges assigned to Weyburn?

Ms. Bakken, to ask the Government the following Question No. 704:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) For the year 2000, how many provincial court judges were in Saskatchewan, who were they, and where was each assigned? (2) In that year, who was or were the provincial court judges assigned to Weyburn?

Ms. Bakken, to ask the Government the following Question No. 705:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) For the year 1999, how many provincial court judges were in Saskatchewan, who were they, and where was each assigned? (2) In that year, who was or were the provincial court judges assigned to Weyburn?

Ms. Bakken, to ask the Government the following Question No. 706:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) For the year 1998, how many provincial court judges were in Saskatchewan, who were they, and where was each assigned? (2) In that year, who was or were the provincial court judges assigned to Weyburn?

Ms. Bakken, to ask the Government the following Question No. 707:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) For the year 1997, how many provincial court judges were in Saskatchewan, who were they, and where was each assigned? (2) In that year, who was or were the provincial court judges assigned to Weyburn?

Ms. Bakken, to ask the Government the following Question No. 708:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) For the year 1996, how many provincial court judges were in Saskatchewan, who were they, and where was each assigned? (2) In that year, who was or were the provincial court judges assigned to Weyburn?

The following Question was given notice on day no. 49 and is to be answered by day no. 54:

Ms. Harpauer, to ask the Government the following Question No. 709:

To the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Revitalization: (1) How many applications have been received by the department under the Farm Family Opportunities Initiative Program announces on March 27, 2002? (2) How many of these applications have been approved?

The following Questions were given notice on day no. 50 and are to be answered by day no. 55:

Ms. Bakken, to ask the Government the following Question No. 710:

To the Minister of Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority: (1) Why was it necessary for Wascana Gaming to develop a new cash and paper management system for SLGA and bingo halls? (2) How is this cash and paper management system different from the system Wascana Gaming had developed years prior to the Mega Bingo contract?

Ms. Bakken, to ask the Government the following Question No. 711:

To the Minister of Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority: With reference to the fact that Wascana Gaming pays a royalty to Western Canada Lottery Corporation if it sold the software developed for Mega Bingo, what are the details of this royalty agreement between SLGA and Wascana Gaming?

Ms. Bakken, to ask the Government the following Question No. 712:

To the Minister of Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority: In light of the fact that the SLGA never received a cash and paper management system from Wascana Gaming, for what reason did Wascana Gaming receive \$291,000?

Ms. Bakken, to ask the Government the following Question No. 713:

To the Minister of Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority: What are all the details of the royalty agreement between Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming and Wascana Gaming for the cash and paper management system paid for but never received by Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming, such agreement referenced by the Minister of Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming in the Legislative Assembly on June 2, 2003?

Ms. Bakken, to ask the Government the following Question No. 714:

To the Minister of Highways and Transportation: (1) What was the cost incurred by Morsky construction in fall 2002 to repair and prepare for winter Highway 13 between Ogema and the Highway 334 turnoff? (2) Who paid this bill, the original contractor or the Department of Highways?

Ms. Bakken, to ask the Government the following Question No. 715:

To the Minister of Highways and Transportation: (1) What are all the highway construction projects being undertaken in 2003-2004? (2) What is the budgeted cost for each project? (3) For each project listed on the 2003-2004 construction project list, what are the details of each project in terms of reason, location and cost?

Ms. Brkich, to ask the Government the following Question No. 716:

To the Minister of Highways and Transportation: (1) Can the Minister please say if construction for repaving the section of highway 42 from the junction of highway 2 to the junction of highway 19 will begin in 2003? (2) If yes, is the work scheduled to be completed in 2003?