



No. 51

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

FOURTH SESSION – TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

Wednesday, June 4, 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: Draude, Gantefoer, Elhard, Dearborn, Weekes, Lorenz, Allchurch, Stewart, Harpauer and Wall.

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 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 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 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)

MOTION TO GRANT LEAVE OF ABSENCE

On motion of Mr. D'Autremont, seconded by Mr. Wall, by Leave of the Assembly:

Ordered, That leave of absence be granted to the Member for Canora-Pelly for Monday, June 9 to Friday, June 13, 2003 inclusive, to attend the CPA Wilton Park Conference at Wilton Park, England on behalf of this Assembly.

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 649 to 662 and 665 to 670, they were answered. (See Appendix)

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 663 and 664, pursuant to Rule 43(1), the answers were Tabled and, by reason of their length, converted by the Clerk to Return Nos. 381 and 382.

(Sessional Paper Nos. 122 and 123)

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

The Assembly, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

The following Bills were reported without amendment, read the third time and passed:

Bill No. 13 – The Parks Amendment Act, 2003

Bill No. 28 – The Health Information Protection Amendment Act, 2003

Bill No. 4 – The SaskEnergy Amendment Act, 2003

The Committee was given leave to sit again.

COMMITTEE OF FINANCE

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

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 4:58 p.m. until Thursday at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. P. Myron Kowalsky
Speaker

RETURNS, REPORTS AND PAPERS TABLED

The following papers were laid upon the Table:

By the Hon. Mr. Cline:

Amendments to the Bylaws of the following Professional Association:

Saskatchewan College of Physical Therapists

Saskatchewan Dental Hygienists Association

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 26)

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Ms. Draude asked the Government Question No. 649, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Crofford:

To the Minister of the Public Service Commission: In the year 2000, how many positions in the public service at the Level 10 classification or higher were filled by applicants from within the public service?

Answer:

130 permanent full-time

Ms. Draude asked the Government Question No. 650, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Crofford:

To the Minister of the Public Service Commission: In the year 2001, how many positions in the public service at the Level 10 classification or higher were filled by applicants from within the public service?

Answer:

136 permanent full-time

Ms. Draude asked the Government Question No. 651, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Crofford:

To the Minister of the Public Service Commission: In the year 2002, how many positions in the public service at the Level 10 classification or higher were filled by applicants from within the public service?

Answer:

128 permanent full-time

Ms. Draude asked the Government Question No. 652, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Crofford:

To the Minister of the Public Service Commission: In the year 2000, how many positions in the public service at the Level 10 classification or higher were filled by applicants from outside of the public service?

Answer:

110 permanent full-time

Ms. Draude asked the Government Question No. 653, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Crofford:

To the Minister of the Public Service Commission: In the year 2001, how many positions in the public service at the Level 10 classification or higher were filled by applicants from outside of the public service?

Answer:

128 permanent full-time

Ms. Draude asked the Government Question No. 654, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Crofford:

To the Minister of the Public Service Commission: In the year 2002, how many positions in the public service at the Level 10 classification or higher were filled by applicants from outside of the public service?

Answer:

155 permanent full-time

Ms. Draude asked the Government Question No. 655, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Crofford:

To the Minister of the Public Service Commission: In the year 2000, how many positions in the public service at the Level 10 classification or higher had the degree qualifications removed to accommodate employment equity candidates?

Answer:

None

Ms. Draude asked the Government Question No. 656, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Crofford:

To the Minister of the Public Service Commission: In the year 2001, how many positions in the public service at the Level 10 classification or higher had the degree qualifications removed to accommodate employment equity candidates?

Answer:

None

Ms. Draude asked the Government Question No. 657, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Crofford:

To the Minister of the Public Service Commission: In the year 2002, how many positions in the public service at the Level 10 classification or higher had the degree qualifications removed to accommodate employment equity candidates?

Answer:

None

Ms. Draude asked the Government Question No. 658, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Crofford:

To the Minister of the Public Service Commission: In the year 2000, how many applicants with disabilities were hired by the public service at the Level 10 classification or higher from outside of and within the public service?

Answer:

(Note: we only record those who choose to self-declare)

1 self-declared individual internal; 2 self-declared individuals external

Ms. Draude asked the Government Question No. 659, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Crofford:

To the Minister of the Public Service Commission: In the year 2001, how many applicants with disabilities were hired by the public service at the Level 10 classification or higher from outside of and within the public service?

Answer:

(Note: we only record those who choose to self-declare)

0 self-declared internal; 0 self-declared external

Ms. Draude asked the Government Question No. 660, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Crofford:

To the Minister of the Public Service Commission: In the year 2002, how many applicants with disabilities were hired by the public service at the Level 10 classification or higher from outside of and within the public service?

Answer:

(Note: we only record those who choose to self-declare)

0 self-declared individuals internal; 1 self-declared individual external

Ms. Draude asked the Government Question No. 661, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Sonntag:

To the Minister of Saskatchewan Government Insurance: (1) Is Don Cody still the chairperson of the SGI board? (2) If so, what is Mr. Cody's salary? If not, does he have any other position with SGI? (3) If not, who is the current chairperson of the SGI board? What is this person's salary?

Answer:

(1) No

(2) As Mr. Cody is no longer Chairperson, he does not receive remuneration, nor does Mr. Cody hold any position with SGI.

(3) Nancy Hopkins, Q.C. is the Chairperson of the SGI Board of Directors. The Chairperson's remuneration is a combination of: a \$9,500 annual retainer; a meeting per diem of \$750; and any applicable expenses.

Ms. Harpauer asked the Government Question No. 662, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Serby:

To the Government of Saskatchewan: (1) Following the 3-day meeting of the agriculture ministers in June of 2001, how often has the Saskatchewan Minister of Agriculture met with any or all other agriculture ministers to discuss the designing the Agriculture Policy Framework? (2) Where and when did these meetings take place? (3) Who travelled with the minister?

Answer:

(1) 6 times

(2)

When	Where	Who Accompanied Minister
Jan 23-24/02	Toronto	Gord Nystuen, Hal Cushon, Karl Austman
April 24/02	Edmonton	Gord Nystuen, Karl Austman
May 5-7/02	Ottawa	Gord Nystuen, Hal Cushon, Karl Austman
June 25-28/02	Halifax	Gord Nystuen, Hal Cushon, Maryellen Carlson, Karl Austman
December 3-4/02	Ottawa	Gord Nystuen, Hal Cushon, Karl Austman, Rick Burton
January 30-31/03	Toronto	Gord Nystuen, Hal Cushon, Karl Austman, Rick Burton

Mr. Lorenz asked the Government Question No. 665, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hagel:

To the Minister of the Saskatchewan Housing Corporation: (1) When a non-profit corporation submits a proposal to the Centenary Affordable Housing Program, who reviews that proposal and ultimately decides whether or not it will be accepted? (2) If it is a board or review panel that reviews these proposals, what are the names of people who sit on that board or review panel?

Answer:

- (1) The proposals are reviewed by the Housing Management Committee from the Department of Community Resources and Employment in accordance with the criteria set out in the Request for Proposals. The final decision is undertaken in consultation with the respective municipality.
- (2) The Housing Management Committee is made up of employees of the Department of Community Resources and Employment. They include: Darrell Jones (Assistant Deputy Minister), Larry Chaykowski (Executive Director, Housing Program Operations), Don Allen (Executive Director, Finance and Property Management Division) and Tim Gross (Director, Housing Development). Final decisions include representation from respective municipalities.

Mr. Wall asked the Government Question No. 666, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Sonntag:

To the Minister of Crown Investments Corporation: Is CIC sending a representative to the Banff Television and Film Festival in June 2003 and if so for what purpose?

Answer:

An investment manager at CIC who works on film accounts is attending the Banff Television and Film Festival because it represents one of the most significant markets for the film industry.

Mr. Hillson asked the Government Question No. 667, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Melenchuk:

To the Minister of Finance: For the year 1972, what were the percentages of GDP for the following sectors: (1) Agriculture, forestry and hunting? (2) Mining, oil and gas extraction? (3) Manufacturing? (4) Construction? (5) Transportation, warehousing and utilities? (6) Wholesale and retail trade? (7) Finance and insurance, real estate and renting and leasing? (8) Business services and industries? (9) Education, health care and social assistance industries? (10) Public administration? (11) Other service industries?

Answer:

The categories identified above are based on the North American Industrial Classification System, introduced in 2001 and which has only been extended back to 1984. Prior to 2001, the Standard Industrial Classification codes were used to categorize Gross Domestic Product by sector. The two systems are not directly comparable.

The 1982 Economic Review produced by the Saskatchewan Bureau of Statistics reports the following Saskatchewan Gross Domestic Product at Factor Cost by Industry percentage distribution for 1972, based on the Standard Industrial Classification codes:

Agriculture 17.2%
Forestry 0.3%
Mining 8.8%
Manufacturing 6.8%
Construction 4.9%
Transportation, communication and storage 10.6%
Utilities 2.9%
Trade 11.4%
Finance, insurance and real estate 9.5%
Services 18.3%
Public administration 9.5%

Mr. Hillson asked the Government Question No. 668, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Melenchuk:

To the Minister of Finance: For the year 1982, what were the percentages of GDP for the following sectors: (1) Agriculture, forestry and hunting? (2) Mining, oil and gas extraction? (3) Manufacturing? (4) Construction? (5) Transportation, warehousing and utilities? (6) Wholesale and retail trade? (7) Finance and insurance, real estate and renting and leasing? (8) Business services and industries? (9) Education, health care and social assistance industries? (10) Public administration? (11) Other service industries?

Answer:

The categories identified above are based on the North American Industrial Classification System, introduced in 2001 and which has only been extended back to 1984. Prior to 2001, The Standard Industrial Classification codes were used to categorize Gross Domestic Product by sector. The two systems are not directly comparable.

The 1984 Economic Review produced by the Saskatchewan Bureau of Statistics reports the following Saskatchewan Gross Domestic Product at Factor Cost by Industry percentage distribution for 1982, based on the Standard Industrial Classification codes:

Agriculture 17.4%
Forestry 0.2%
Mining 8.6%
Manufacturing 6.5%
Construction 5.0%
Transportation, communication and storage 7.5%
Utilities 2.5%
Trade 10.4%
Finance, insurance and real estate 13.8%
Services 17.5%
Public administration 10.5%

Mr. Hillson asked the Government Question No. 669, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Melenchuk:

To the Minister of Finance: For the year 1992, what were the percentages of GDP for the following sectors: (1) Agriculture, forestry and hunting? (2) Mining, oil and gas extraction? (3) Manufacturing? (4) Construction? (5) Transportation, warehousing and utilities? (6) Wholesale and retail trade? (7) Finance and insurance, real estate and renting and leasing? (8) Business services and industries? (9) Education, health care and social assistance industries? (10) Public administration? (11) Other service industries?

Answer:

Using Statistics Canada data, on the basis of the 1997 North American Industrial Classification codes, in 1997 dollars, the percentages of 1992 GDP at factor cost for the following sectors were:

- (1) Agriculture, forestry and hunting 10.6%
- (2) Mining, oil and gas extraction 10.6%
- (3) Manufacturing 5.8%
- (4) Construction 5.5%
- (5) Transportation, warehousing and utilities – utilities is 2.7%; transportation and warehousing is not reported as it includes confidential information
- (6) Wholesale and retail trade 8.6%
- (7) Finance and insurance, real estate and renting, and leasing 15.8%

- (8) Business services and industries – not reported as it includes confidential information
- (9) Education, health care and social assistance industries 14.7%
- (10) Public administration 6.9%
- (11) Other service industries 3.1%

For comparability to the 1972 data provided in the written response to question 667 and the 1982 data provided in the written response to question 668, the Saskatchewan Gross Domestic Product at Factor Cost by Industry percentage distribution for 1992, based on the Standard Industrial Classification codes (which is not comparable to the North American Industrial Classification system provided above) is as follows:

Agriculture 7.3%
Forestry 0.2%
Mining 6.0%
Manufacturing 7.4%
Construction 3.7%
Transportation, communication and storage 9.0%
Utilities 3.0%
Trade 10.0%
Finance, insurance and real estate 20.3%
Services 23.2%
Public administration 9.8%

Mr. Hillson asked the Government Question No. 670, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Crofford:

To the Minister Responsible for the Public Service Commission: In 2003: (1) How many men were employed with the Public Service? (2) How many women were employed with the Public Service? (3) How many Aboriginal men were employed with the Public Service? (4) How many Aboriginal women were employed with the Public Service? (5) How many handicapped persons were employed with the Public Service? (6) What was the number and percentage of women in management positions with the Public Service? (7) What was the number and percentage of Aboriginal women in management positions with the Public Service? (8) What was the number of Aboriginal men in management positions with the Public Service? (9) What was the number of physically handicapped persons in management positions with the Public Service?

Answer:

- (1) 5681
- (2) 6416
- (3) 570, self-identified
- (4) 650, self-identified

Questions 5-9 report data for Management Levels 1-12 only.

- (5) 381, self-identified
- (6) 269, self-identified; 30.92%. This # rises to 34.5% when Professionals are included.
- (7) 11, self-identified; 1.26%
- (8) 16, self-identified; 1.84%
- (9) 31, self-identified; 3.56%

NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

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?

The following Questions were given notice on day no. 51 and are to be answered by day no. 56:

Mr. Brkich, to ask the Government the following Question No. 717:

To the Minister of Corrections and Public Safety: (1) Did your department recommend an individual company to provide pager equipment to local emergency measures organization boards? (2) If so, what company and why were they chosen?

STANDING COMMITTEE ON PRIVATE MEMBERS' BILLS

NOTICE OF MEETING

Tuesday, June 10, 2003 – Room 10.

9:00 a.m.

Consideration of the following Bill:

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