



No. 53

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

FOURTH SESSION – TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

Friday, June 6, 2003

10:00 a.m.

PRAYERS

PRESENTING PETITIONS

Petitions of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan were presented and laid upon the Table by the following Members: Draude, Gantfoer, Stewart, McMorris, Wall, Huyghebaert, 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 construct a new cellular telephone tower at Coleville, Saskatchewan.

(Sessional Paper No. 126)

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 repair Highway 49 in order to address safety concerns and to facilitate economic growth in the area.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 41)

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 43 in order to address safety concerns and to facilitate economic growth in rural Saskatchewan.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 120)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to reconsider its plan to allocate the used CT scanner to Swift Current and instead provide a new CT scanner for the southwest.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 124)

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 701 to 708, pursuant to Rule 43(1), the answers were Tabled and, by reason of their length, converted by the Clerk to Return Nos. 383 to 390.

(Sessional Paper Nos. 127 to 134)

ADJOURNED DEBATES

Bill No. 39 – The Municipal Revenue Sharing Amendment Act, 2003

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Osika: That Bill No. 39 – The Municipal Revenue Sharing 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. 30 – The Pawned Property (Recording) Act

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Cline: That Bill No. 30 – The Pawned Property (Recording) Act – be now read a second time.

The debate continuing and the question being put, it was agreed to on division and the said Bill was, accordingly, read a second time and referred to a Committee of the Whole at the next sitting.

COMMITTEE OF FINANCE

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

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 12:32 p.m. until Monday at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. P. Myron Kowalsky
Speaker

NOTICE OF MOTION FOR FIRST READING OF A BILL

On Tuesday:

Hon. Mr. Belanger to move First Reading of Bill No. 43 – The Forest Resources Management Amendment Act, 2003

NOTICE OF PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTIONS

On Tuesday:

Ms. Draude to move the following Motion:

That this Assembly recognizes the unreasonable burden put on the shoulders of property owners in the province due to the provincial government's offloading of the cost of education onto the local tax base and further recognizes that Saskatchewan's high property taxes harm our province's competitiveness and ability to grow economically.

Ms. Atkinson to move the following Motion:

That this Assembly recognize, along with the Bank of Canada, the dangerously inflationary effect of uncontrolled rising auto insurance rates in provinces with only a private insurance industry.

Mr. Wall to move the following Motion:

That this Assembly recognizes that losses incurred by Crown Corporations on their risky foreign investments have a negative impact on the General Revenue Fund due to lower crown dividend payments and therefore Saskatchewan taxpayers have foregone general revenue for the original investment and any losses should be considered losses to the taxpayers since they may result in increased fees, charges and debt to Saskatchewan people.

Mr. Yates to move the following Motion:

That this Assembly vigorously support Saskatchewan workers in their current campaign to educate the public on the harmful economic and social consequences of a privatized retail liquor industry in Saskatchewan.

Mr. Addley to move the following Motion:

That this Assembly acknowledge the World Health Organization's approval of the world's first public health treaty signed by more than 190 countries, a treaty aimed at controlling and diminishing tobacco use, and that it encourage the province to continue the current efforts to reduce the use of tobacco by Saskatchewan youth.

Mr. Toth to move the following Motion:

That this Assembly recognize the efforts of the government over the years in working with people with disabilities to provide employment opportunities, improve transportation and accessibility, and advance the full citizenship of people with disabilities.

NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

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 Question was given notice on day no. 51 and is 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?

The following Questions were given notice on day no. 52 and are to be answered by day no. 57:

Mr. Weekes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 718:

To the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Revitalization: (1) What is the total assessment of agricultural Crown land? (2) Further to that, what is the average quarter section assessment of this same land?

Mr. Weekes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 719:

To the Minister of the Environment: (1) What is the total assessment of non-agriculture Crown land that is south of the North Administrative District? (2) Further to that, what is the average quarter section assessment of this same land?

Mr. Weekes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 720:

To the Minister of the Environment: (1) Does your department stock the fish in provincial lakes with so many fry per poundage removed? (2) If not, why?

Mr. Wall, to ask the Government the following Question No. 721:

To the Government of Saskatchewan: (1) Why was the security against the SBLA loan to Jacqueline Currie of MILOS for \$2,000 discharged in 1996 when the loan payments were \$1,057 in arrears? (2) What officials at SEDCO and/or SOCO authorized the discharged of the security? (3) Did the government or any agencies of the government request the full payment that was eventually made on the loan on April 28, 2003?

The following Questions were given notice on day no. 53 and are to be answered by day no. 58:

Ms. Draude, to ask the Government the following Question No. 722:

To the Minister of Government Relations: (1) For the year 2002, what is the total amount of money collected in Saskatchewan through the education portion of the property tax? (2) Of this total, how much was collected for each of commercial property, agricultural property and residential property? (3) Are there any other classifications of property for taxation purposes? If so, how much is collected on each of these classifications? (4) Are rental properties, such as apartment buildings, classified as residential or commercial property? (5) If such properties are classified as residential properties, how much of the total education tax collected on residential property is collected on these types of rental properties and how much is collected from homeowners living in their own homes? (6) What are the projections for each of these classifications (commercial, agricultural, residential and others) as to how much will be collected in the year 2003?

Ms. Draude, to ask the Government the following Question No. 723:

To the Minister of Finance: (1) For the year 2002, what is the total amount of money collected in Saskatchewan through the education portion of the property tax? (2) Of this total, how much was collected for each of commercial property, agricultural property and residential property? (3) Are there any other classifications of property for taxation purposes? If so, how much is collected on each of these classifications? (4) Are rental properties, such as apartment buildings, classified as residential or commercial property? (5) If such properties are classified as residential properties, how much of the total education tax collected on residential property is collected on these types of rental properties and how much is collected from homeowners living in their own homes? (6) What are the projections for each of these classifications (commercial, agricultural, residential and others) as to how much will be collected in the year 2003?

Ms. Draude, to ask the Government the following Question No. 724:

To the Minister of Learning: (1) For the year 2002, what is the total amount of money collected in Saskatchewan through the education portion of the property tax? (2) Of this total, how much was collected for each of commercial property, agricultural property and residential property? (3) Are there any other classifications of property for taxation purposes? If so, how much is collected on each of these classifications? (4) Are rental properties, such as apartment buildings, classified as residential or commercial property? (5) If such properties are classified as residential properties, how much of the total education tax collected on residential property is collected on these types of rental properties and how much is collected from homeowners living in their own homes? (6) What are the projections for each of these classifications (commercial, agricultural, residential and others) as to how much will be collected in the year 2003?

Ms. Bakken, to ask the Government the following Question No. 725:

To the Minister of Health: (1) What is the current funding for the methadone program? (2) Who administers this program? (3) What locations is methadone available under this program? (4) What are the criteria for receiving methadone under this program? (5) What is the cost to the person receiving methadone under this program? (6) What portion of the cost is paid for by the Department of Health and/or other government departments?

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