



No. 54

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

FOURTH SESSION – TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

Monday, June 9, 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: Julé, Draude, Gantefoer, Elhard, Stewart, Harpauer, Eagles, Bakken, Wall, 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 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 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)

MOTION PURSUANT TO RULE 46

Leave of the Assembly having been granted, pursuant to Rule 46, it was moved by Mr. Hermanson, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Lautermilch:

That this Assembly urge the federal government to immediately develop a compensation package, which is separate and distinct from the Agriculture Policy Framework, that recognizes that certain economic sectors and thousands of people have been negatively impacted by the single case of BSE discovered in Canada.

A debate arising and the question being put, it was agreed to *nemine contradicente*.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Hagel, seconded by Mr. D'Autremont, by leave of the Assembly:

Ordered, That the Speaker, on behalf of the Legislative Assembly, transmit copies and verbatim transcripts of the Rule 46 motion, debate and vote, with respect to federal compensation for economic sectors affected by the BSE crisis, to the: Prime Minister, the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, the Minister of Agriculture, and the Minister of Human Resources Development.

WRITTEN QUESTION

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 709, it was answered. (See Appendix)

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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

The following Bill was reported without amendment, read the third time and passed:

Bill No. 16 – The Coroners 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 Learning.

The Committee then considered Estimates for the Department of Justice.

The Committee recessed from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

The Committee being resumed, it continued consideration of Estimates for the Department of Justice.

The Committee then considered Estimates for the Department of Highways and Transportation.

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 10:26 p.m. until Tuesday 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 Pharmaceutical Association

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 26)

By the Hon. Ms. Crofford:

Recommendation of the Public Documents Committee under *The Archives Act* respecting Records Retention and Disposal Schedules as follows:

- 352 – Department of Industry and Resources – Business and Co-operative Services Branch
- 353 – Department of Industry and Resources – Investment Services Branch
- 354 – Department of Industry and Resources – Competitiveness Branch
- 355 – Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Revitalization – Pasture Revolving Fund Branch
- 356 – Departments of the Government of Saskatchewan, Commissions, Boards, Bureaus or other branches of the Public Service of Saskatchewan

(Sessional Paper No. 135)

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Ms. Harpauer asked the Government Question No. 709, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Serby:

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?

Answer:

(1) 342

(2) 283

NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

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?

The following Questions were given notice on day no. 54 and are to be answered by day no. 59:

Ms. Bakken, to ask the Government the following Question No. 726:

To the Minister of Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority: How does Wascana Gaming Inc. own the software developed for the SLGA's Mega Bingo in light of the fact that RFP (WCLC reference #621-97) Section 23 refers to intellectual property rights?

Mr. Wiberg, to ask the Government the following Question No. 727:

To the Minister of the Environment: How many pickup trucks did your department purchase in fiscal year 2002-2003 and, further to that, what companies or dealerships were these vehicles purchased from and what was the purchase price per vehicle?

Mr. Wiberg, to ask the Government the following Question No. 728:

To the Minister of the Environment: How many pickup trucks did your department purchase in fiscal year 2001-2002 and, further to that, what companies or dealerships were these vehicles purchased from and what was the purchase price per vehicle?

Mr. Wiberg, to ask the Government the following Question No. 729:

To the Minister of the Environment: How many pickup trucks did your department purchase in fiscal year 2000-2001 and, further to that, what companies or dealerships were these vehicles purchased from and what was the purchase price per vehicle?

Mr. Wiberg, to ask the Government the following Question No. 730:

To the Minister of the Environment: How many pickup trucks did your department purchase in fiscal year 1999-2000 and, further to that, what companies or dealerships were these vehicles purchased from and what was the purchase price per vehicle?

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