



No. 56

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

FOURTH SESSION – TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

Wednesday, June 11, 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, Gantfoer, Yates, Elhard, Harper, Stewart, Harpauer, Eagles, Wall, Huyghebaert, Dearborn, Weekes, Lorenz, 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 of Saskatchewan and the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan to assure the people of Saskatchewan that deregulation and privatization of the electrical industry in Saskatchewan, including SaskPower, will not be allowed.

(Sessional Paper No. 140)

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 immediate action and make necessary repairs to Highway 22 in order to address safety and economic concerns.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 27)

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 take the necessary steps to retain schools in rural communities such as Denzil and supply adequate education for rural families of our province.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 116)

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)

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)

INTRODUCTION OF A BILL

The following Bill was received, read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time at the next sitting:

Bill No. 43 – The Forest Resources Management Amendment Act, 2003

(Hon. Mr. Belanger)

WRITTEN QUESTION

The Order of the Day being called for Question No. 717, it was answered. (See Appendix)

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE / COMITÉ PLÉNIER

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

Conformément au Règlement, l'Assemblée se forme en Comité plénier.

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

Les projets de loi suivants sont rapportés sans amendement, lus une troisième fois et adoptés:

Bill No. 32 – The Miscellaneous Statutes (Security Management) Amendment Act, 2003

Bill No. 33 – The Miscellaneous Statutes (Security Management) Amendment Act, 2003 (No. 2) /
Projet de loi n° 33 – Loi corrective (gestion de la sécurité) de 2003 (n° 2)

The Committee was given leave to sit again.

Le comité obtient la permission de siéger de nouveau à la prochaine séance.

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 4:56 p.m. until Thursday at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. P. Myron Kowalsky
Speaker

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Mr. Brkich asked the Government Question No. 717, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Thomson:

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?

Answer:

- (1) No
- (2) N/A

NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

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?

The following Questions were given notice on day no. 55 and are to be answered by day no. 60:

Ms. Bakken, to ask the Government the following Question No. 731:

To the Minister of Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority: In light of the fact that comments made by the Minister of Liquor and Gaming in the Legislature on April 9, 2003 during Oral Questions contradict (RFP (WCLC reference) #621-97) Section 12 which refers to "supplier expertise" and which stated "WCLC is not an expert in the work and therefore will rely in the skill, expertise, judgement and representation of suppliers", who made the decision to present Wascana Gaming Inc. to the SLGA for a final decision in RFP-621-97?

Ms. Bakken, to ask the Government the following Question No. 732:

To the Minister of Crown Investments Corporation: (1) Did any Saskatchewan Crown Corporation pay Touchstar System Inc. anything for supplying any goods or services in 2002? (2) If so, how much was paid, by which company, and for what service?

Ms. Bakken, to ask the Government the following Question No. 733:

To the Minister of Crown Investments Corporation: (1) Did any Saskatchewan Crown Corporation pay Touchstar System Inc. anything for supplying any goods or services in 2001? (2) If so, how much was paid, by which company, and for what service?

Ms. Bakken, to ask the Government the following Question No. 734:

To the Minister of Crown Investments Corporation: (1) Did any Saskatchewan Crown Corporation pay Touchstar System Inc. anything for supplying any goods or services in 2000? (2) If so, how much was paid, by which company, and for what service?

Ms. Bakken, to ask the Government the following Question No. 735:

To the Minister of Crown Investments Corporation: (1) Did any Saskatchewan Crown Corporation pay Touchstar System Inc. anything for supplying any goods or services in 1999? (2) If so, how much was paid, by which company, and for what service?

Ms. Bakken, to ask the Government the following Question No. 736:

To the Minister of Crown Investments Corporation: (1) Did any Saskatchewan Crown Corporation pay Touchstar System Inc. anything for supplying any goods or services in 1998? (2) If so, how much was paid, by which company, and for what service?

Ms. Bakken, to ask the Government the following Question No. 737:

To the Minister of Crown Investments Corporation: (1) Did any Saskatchewan Crown Corporation pay Touchstar System Inc. anything for supplying any goods or services in 1997? (2) If so, how much was paid, by which company, and for what service?

Ms. Bakken, to ask the Government the following Question No. 738:

To the Minister of Crown Investments Corporation: (1) Did any Saskatchewan Crown Corporation pay Touchstar System Inc. anything for supplying any goods or services in 1996? (2) If so, how much was paid, by which company, and for what service?

Mr. Brkich, to ask the Government the following Question No. 739:

To the Minister of Crown Investments Corporation: For the fiscal year 2002-2003, can the Minister provide all donations and grants given out by SGI?

Mr. Brkich, to ask the Government the following Question No. 740:

To the Minister of Crown Investments Corporation: For the fiscal year 2002-2003, can the Minister provide all donations and grants given out by SaskEnergy?

Mr. Brkich, to ask the Government the following Question No. 741:

To the Minister of Crown Investments Corporation: For the fiscal year 2002-2003, can the Minister provide all donations and grants given out by SaskTel?

Mr. Brkich, to ask the Government the following Question No. 742:

To the Minister of Crown Investments Corporation: For the fiscal year 2002-2003, can the Minister provide all donations and grants given out by SaskPower?

Mr. Hart, to ask the Government the following Question No. 743:

To the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Revitalization: (1) How many multi-peril crop insurance contracts does Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Corporation project it will carry in 2003? (2) What is the projected liability attached to these contracts?

The following Questions were given notice on day no. 56 and are to be answered by day no. 61:

Mr. Dearborn, to ask the Government the following Question No. 744:

To the Minister of Executive Council: What are the names of all the people employed by Executive Council, and for each person, what is their title, and what is their current salary?

Mr. Dearborn, to ask the Government the following Question No. 745:

To the Minister of Finance: (1) What was the number of personal income tax returns filed in Saskatchewan for Tax Year 2001 with Total Incomes in excess of \$500,000? (2) What was the combined total income assessed for this group?

Mr. Dearborn, to ask the Government the following Question No. 746:

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

Mr. Dearborn, to ask the Government the following Question No. 747:

To the Minister of Finance: (1) What was the number of personal income tax returns filed in Saskatchewan for Tax Year 1999 with Total Incomes in excess of \$500,000? (2) What was the combined total income assessed for this group?

Mr. Dearborn, to ask the Government the following Question No. 748:

To the Minister of Finance: (1) What was the number of personal income tax returns filed in Saskatchewan for Tax Year 1998 with Total Incomes in excess of \$500,000? (2) What was the combined total income assessed for this group?

Mr. Elhard, to ask the Government the following Question No. 749:

To the Minister of Learning: For the academic year 2002-2003, how many students, who were otherwise qualified, had their applications rejected from all programs offered at the University of Saskatchewan, the University of Regina, and all of the province's SIAST campuses?

Mr. Wall, to ask the Government the following Question No. 750:

To the Minister of Crown Investments Corporation: (1) What is the current status of the Prud'homme joint venture between TransGas Limited and MLTC Inc.? (2) Further to that, what is the next anniversary following the effective date of the agreement whereby both parties will have various options?