



No. 57

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

FOURTH SESSION – TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

Thursday, June 12, 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, Elhard, Harpauer, Eagles, Huyghebaert, Brkich, Wall, Dearborn, Lorenz and Hart.

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 provincial government to do everything in its power to work with First Nations people and the federal government to bring a prompt end to the dispute so that the water level of the Qu'Appelle River system can return to normal and end the economic harm and uncertainty this dispute has caused.

(Sessional Paper No. 141)

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 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 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)

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)

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.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 140)

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 718 to 720, they were answered. (See Appendix)

The Order of the Day being called for Question No. 721, pursuant to Rule 42(5), it was transferred to Motions for Returns (Debatable) No. 392.

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. 8 – The Youth Justice Administration Act

Bill No. 17 – The Land Surveys Amendment Act, 2003

Bill No. 30 – The Pawns Property (Recording) Act

On the following Bill progress was reported:

Bill No. 35 – The Saskatchewan Gaming Corporation Amendment Act, 2003

The Committee was given leave to sit again.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Lautermilch:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 5:06 p.m. until Friday at 10:00 a.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 Associations:

Saskatchewan College of Physical Therapists
Saskatchewan Real Estate Commission
Saskatchewan Dental Hygienists Association

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 26)

By the Hon. Mr. Sonntag:

Subscription and Investment Agreement dated March 21, 2003, between SaskTel Investments Inc., Davis O. Clapp and TappedInto.com, Inc.

(Sessional Paper No. 142)

Subscription and Investment Agreement dated January 13, 2003, between SaskTel Investments Inc., Davis O. Clapp and TappedInto.com, Inc.

(Sessional Paper No. 143)

Second Series A Convertible Preferred Stock Purchase Agreement dated February 24, 2003, between RETX, Inc. and SaskTel Investments, Inc.

(Sessional Paper No. 144)

Subscription Agreement dated February 7, 2003 between SaskTel Investments Inc. and Soft Tracks Enterprises Ltd.

(Sessional Paper No. 145)

Subscription Agreement dated November 16, 2000, between Soft Tracks Enterprises Ltd., and SaskTel Investments Inc.

(Sessional Paper No. 146)

Memorandum of Understanding dated July 31, 2002 between DirectWest Publishing Partnership and The Ag Dealer Ltd.

(Sessional Paper No. 147)

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Mr. Weekes asked the Government Question No. 718, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Serby:

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?

Answer:

- (1) \$865,565,800
- (2) \$19,251

Mr. Weekes asked the Government Question No. 719, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Belanger:

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?

Answer:

- (1) *The Rural Municipalities Act* exempts Crown land from taxation. However, Crown land may be assessed and taxed when it is under lease, permit or other disposition. It is therefore only when land is under a disposition that it is assessed. The leaseholder is responsible for paying the land and building taxes to the municipality.

Saskatchewan Environment (SE) administers approximately 4,000,000 hectares of Crown land in southern Saskatchewan, including parks. Of that, about 17,000 hectares (less than one half of one per cent) are leased, permitted, etc.

- (2) Since so little Crown land administered by SE in the south is assessed, particularly at the quarter section level (most lease sites are less than 1 hectare in size), the department is not able to determine a meaningful average quarter section assessment.

Mr. Weekes asked the Government Question No. 720, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Belanger:

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?

Answer:

- (1) No
- (2) Hatchery stock survives better than natural reproduction and the fry stocked annually is calculated to compensate for heavy fishing activity.

NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

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?