



No. 59

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

FOURTH SESSION – TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

Monday, June 16, 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, Stewart, Harpauer, Eagles, McMorris, Harper, Bakken, Wall, Huyghebaert, Weekes, Lorenz, Hart and Van Mulligen.

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 urge the provincial government to take all possible action to cause a reduction in the education tax burden carried by Saskatchewan residents and employers.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 35)

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 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 construct a new cellular telephone tower at Coleville, Saskatchewan.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 126)

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)

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.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 141)

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON COMMUNICATION

Mr. Speaker, as Chair of the Standing Committee on Communication presented the Fourth Report of the said Committee, which reads as follows:

Your Committee has considered the recommendations of the Public Documents Committee, under *The Archives Act*, contained in Retention and Disposal Schedules comprising Sessional Paper No. 135 including Schedule No. 352 – Department of Industry and Resources – Business and Co-operative Services Branch, Schedule No. 353 – Department of Industry and Resources – Investments Services Branch, No. 354 – Department of Industry and Resources – Competitiveness Branch, No. 355 –

Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Revitalization Pasture Revolving Fund, and No. 356 – Departments of the Government of Saskatchewan, Commissions, Boards, Bureaus or Other Branches of the Public Service of Saskatchewan (excluding Crown Corporations), this Fourth Session of the Twenty-fourth Legislature and referred to the Committee by the Assembly on June 9, 2003.

Your Committee recommends to the Assembly that the recommendations of the Public Documents Committee on Schedule Nos. 352 through 355 and on Schedule 356, as amended, be accepted.

Your Committee reviewed the Report of the Legislative Library for the period ended March 31, 2002.

Your Committee also considered issues related to the broadcast of legislative proceedings and the audio system in the Legislative Chamber. Your Committee recommends that Broadcast Services conduct a review concerning the update and potential replacement of 25 year old audio system in the Legislative Chamber and a report be made to the Board of Internal Economy.

(Sessional Paper No. 150)

On motion of Ms. Jones, seconded by Mr. D'Autremont:

Ordered, That the Fourth Report of the Standing Committee on Communication be now concurred in.

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 726 to 730, they were answered. (See Appendix)

COMMITTEE OF FINANCE

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

The Committee then considered Estimates for the Department of Industry and Resources.

Progress was reported and the Committee given leave to sit again.

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 Committee recessed from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

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

Le Comité reprend, les projets de loi suivants sont rapportés sans amendement, lus une troisième fois et adoptés:

Bill No. 34 – The Film Employment Tax Credit Amendment Act, 2003

Bill No. 11 – The Municipal Employees' Pension Amendment Act, 2003

Bill No. 36 – The Agricultural Safety Net Amendment Act, 2003

Bill No. 37 – The Crop Insurance Amendment Act, 2003

Bill No. 38 – The Farm Financial Stability Amendment Act, 2003

Bill No. 31 – The Alcohol and Gaming Regulation Amendment Act, 2003 /

Projet de loi n° 31 – Loi de 2003 modifiant la Loi de 1997 sur la réglementation des boissons alcoolisées et des jeux de hasard

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

The Committee was given leave to sit again.

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

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Lautermilch:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 10:08 p.m. until Tuesday at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. P. Myron Kowalsky
Speaker

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Ms. Bakken asked the Government Question No. 726, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Osika:

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?

Answer:

Section 5 of the Request For Proposal (RFP) notifies suppliers that WCLC reserves the right to negotiate different or additional items or terms.

Mr. Wiberg asked the Government Question No. 727, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Belanger:

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?

Answer:

The following was purchased in 2002-2003:

Pickup Truck Purchased	Purchased From	Purchase Price
1990 Chevy S10	Central Vehicle Agency	3,286.00
1997 Dodge Van	Central Vehicle Agency	7,738.00
1997 Dodge (garbage truck)	Diamond "D" Holdings, Dodsland	21,200.00
1998 GMC Truck	Northtown Motors, Saskatoon	13,375.00
1996 Dodge 4X4	Central Vehicle Agency	6,625.00
1997 Ext. Cab	Central Vehicle Agency	17,172.00
1999 Dodge 1500 ½ Ton	Central Vehicle Agency	8,600.00
1997 Chevy	Central Vehicle Agency	9,434.00
1998 Dodge ½ Ton	Central Vehicle Agency	12,508.00

Mr. Wiberg asked the Government Question No. 728, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Belanger:

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?

Answer:

The following was purchased in 2001-2002:

Pickup Trucks Purchased	Purchased From	Purchase Price
1999 Ford F150	Royal Ford Lincoln, Yorkton	12,718.94
1995 Chevy ¾ Ton	SPMC Sales & Salvage	5,300.00
1992 GMC 1 Ton	Central Vehicle Agency	6,910.00
1996 Ford ¼ Ton	Quill Plains Pontiac/Buick, Wadena	11,978.00
1997 Dodge Ram	Riverside Dodge	14,570.76
1995 Chevy ½ Ton	Central Vehicle Agency	8,692.00
1995 GMC ½ Ton	Central Vehicle Agency	9,010.00
1994 Ford ½ Ton	Central Vehicle Agency	7,526.00

Mr. Wiberg asked the Government Question No. 729, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Belanger:

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?

Answer:

The following was purchased in 2000-2001:

Pickup Trucks Purchased	Purchased From	Purchase Price
1996 Ford F150 4X4	Countryside Motors, Yorkton	11,077.00
1979 Ford 2 Ton	SPMC Sales & Salvage	5,830.00
1989 Chevy ¾ Ton	SPMC Sales & Salvage	5,194.00
1998 4X4 Ext. Cab	Central Vehicle Agency	25,228.00
1999 ¾ Ton	Central Vehicle Agency	23,532.00
1999 ¾ Ton Crew Cab	Central Vehicle Agency	26,394.00
1998 GMC 1 Ton Crew Cab	Central Vehicle Agency	25,096.56
1998 Dodge Ext. Cab	Central Vehicle Agency	20,352.00
1996 Ford	Central Vehicle Agency	14,310.00
1980 Ford Bucket Truck	Northtown Motors Ltd., Saskatoon	\$11,500.00

Mr. Wiberg asked the Government Question No. 730, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Belanger:

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?

Answer:

The following was purchased in 1999-2000:

Pickup Trucks Purchased	Purchased From	Purchase Price
1989 Chevy ¾ Ton	SPMC Sales & Salvage	4,800.00
1993 Ford F150	Cypress Motors (1974) Ltd., Maple Creek	12,000.00
1995 Ford F150	Cypress Motors (1974) Ltd., Maple Creek	12,000.00
1987 Chevy S10	Central Vehicle Agency	2,000.00
1995 Ford 250 ¾ Ton 4X4	Central Vehicle Agency	13,000.00
1995 Ford ½ Ton	Central Vehicle Agency	9,200.00
1995 Ford ½ Ton	Central Vehicle Agency	9,800.00
1985 Chevy 1 Ton	Central Vehicle Agency	6,220.00

NOTICE OF A GOVERNMENT MOTION

On Wednesday:

Hon. Mr. Hagel to move the following Motion:

That, notwithstanding Rule 3(1), the sitting hours of the Assembly on Thursday, June 19th, 2003 shall be from 2:30 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.

NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

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?

The following Questions were given notice on day no. 58 and are to be answered by day no. 63:

Ms. Draude, to ask the Government the following Question No. 751:

To the Minister of Highways and Transportation: (1) Did the Minister purchase the speed limit sign that he donated to charity recently from the Department of Highways? (2) If so, how much did he pay for the sign? (3) Can any citizen of the province buy a similar sign?

Mr. Dearborn, to ask the Government the following Question No. 752:

To the Minister of Culture, Youth and Recreation: (1) Could the Minister please provide an explanation for the process for allocating taxpayers dollars for the production of the Toronto, Ontario program “Designer Guys”? (2) Further to that, how much Saskatchewan taxpayers’ dollars have been allocated for this production?

The following Questions were given notice on day no. 59 and are to be answered by day no. 64:

Mr. Wall, to ask the Government the following Question No. 753:

To the Minister of Crown Investments Corporation: (1) What amount of services have been purchased from Vancouver-based “DSA Barron” by SaskTel in 2003? (2) Further to that, did other companies have the opportunity to compete for that work? (3) As well, could the minister please describe the process?

Mr. Wall, to ask the Government the following Question No. 754:

To the Minister of Crown Investments Corporation: (1) What amount of services have been purchased from Vancouver-based “DSA Barron” by SaskTel in 2002? (2) Further to that, did other companies have the opportunity to compete for that work? (3) As well, could the minister please describe the process?

Mr. Brkich, to ask the Government the following Question No. 755:

To the Minister of Crown Investments Corporation: (1) In the year 2003, did CIC sell any potato loading equipment either from the Broderick or Lucky Lake sheds? (2) If so, could the Minister please provide which equipment was sold and for what price? (3) And also, was this equipment tendered?

Mr. Brkich, to ask the Government the following Question No. 756:

To the Minister of Crown Investments Corporation: (1) In the year 2002, did CIC sell any potato loading equipment either from the Broderick or Lucky Lake sheds? (2) If so, could the Minister please provide which equipment was sold and for what price? (3) And also, was this equipment tendered?

Mr. Brkich, to ask the Government the following Question No. 757:

To the Minister of Highways and Transportation: What was the cost of installing the 110 km/h highway speed signs on Sunday, compared to installing them on a regular work day?

Ms. Bakken, to ask the Government the following Question No. 758:

To the Minister of Health: What are the contents of the independent audit conducted on the books of the finances of the Métis Addictions Council of Saskatchewan, which was ordered by the Department of Health and will the Minister provide a copy of this audit to Members of the Legislature?