



No. 60

# **VOTES and PROCEEDINGS**

OF THE

**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

**FOURTH SESSION – TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE**

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**Tuesday, June 17, 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: Gantefoer, Harpauer, Eagles, McMorris, 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 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 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 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)

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)

#### **SPEAKER TABLES REPORT**

The Speaker laid before the Assembly, in accordance with section 62(2) of *The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, the Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Information and Privacy Commissioner for the period ended March 31, 2003.

(Sessional Paper No. 151)

**WRITTEN QUESTIONS**

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 731 to 738, and 743, they were answered. (See Appendix)

The Order of the Day being called for Question No. 739 to 742, pursuant to Rule 43(1), the answers were Tabled and, by reason of their length, converted by the Clerk to Return Nos. 395 to 398.

(Sessional Paper Nos. 152 to 155)

**MOTION FOR A SEVENTY-FIVE MINUTE DEBATE**

The Order of the Day being called for the following Motion for a Seventy-five Minute Debate, it was moved by Mr. Heppner, seconded by Mr. Wall:

That this Assembly encourages the Government of Saskatchewan, today and in the future, to maintain the publicly-owned and operated Autofund in the interest of avoiding uncontrolled rising auto insurance rates seen in other jurisdictions.

A debate arising, it was moved by Ms. Atkinson, seconded by Mr. Van Mulligen, in amendment thereto:

That the word “encourages” be replaced by the word “instructs”, that the word “compulsory” be inserted before the word “publicly-owned” and that the words “administered by SGI” be added after the word “Autofund”.

The debate continuing and the period of seventy-five minutes having expired, pursuant to Rule 17(5), the Speaker interrupted proceedings.

**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. 301 – The Western Christian College (Amendment) Act, 2003

The Committee was given leave to sit again.

Unanimous consent having been granted, the Assembly proceeded to Government Orders – Committee of Finance.

**COMMITTEE OF FINANCE**

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

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

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

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.

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The Assembly adjourned at 9:49 p.m. until Wednesday at 1:30 p.m.

*Hon. P. Myron Kowalsky*  
*Speaker*

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#### **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 Pharmaceutical Association

Saskatchewan Society of Medical Laboratory Technologists

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 26)

By the Hon. Mr. Cline:

Report under *The Crown Administration of Estates Act* dated March 18, 2003

(Sessional Paper No. 156)

Report under *The Family Farm Credit Act* dated May 2, 2003

(Sessional Paper No. 157)

Annual Report of the Department of Justice, Public Disclosure Committee for the year ended March 31, 2003

(Sessional Paper No. 158)

Annual Report of the Department of Justice, Saskatchewan Police Complaints Investigator, for the year ended March 31, 2003

(Sessional Paper No. 159)

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

**Ms. Bakken asked the Government Question No. 731, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Osika:**

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?

Answer:

The Western Canada Lottery Corporation (WCLC) presented Wascana Gaming Inc. to SLGA for a final decision pursuant to RFP-621-97. While WCLC has significant experience in conducting lotteries and other gaming, Section 12 of the Request For Proposal (RFP) appropriately places the onus on the suppliers of linked bingo, and electronic cash and paper management systems to be the experts of these systems.

**Ms. Bakken asked the Government Question No. 732, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Sonntag:**

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?

Answer:

- (1) No
- (2) Not applicable

**Ms. Bakken asked the Government Question No. 733, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Sonntag:**

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?

Answer:

- (1) No
- (2) Not applicable

**Ms. Bakken asked the Government Question No. 734, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Sonntag:**

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?

Answer:

- (1) No
- (2) Not applicable

**Ms. Bakken asked the Government Question No. 735, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Sonntag:**

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?

Answer:

- (1) No
- (2) Not applicable

**Ms. Bakken asked the Government Question No. 736, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Sonntag:**

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?

Answer:

- (1) No
- (2) Not applicable

**Ms. Bakken asked the Government Question No. 737, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Sonntag:**

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?

Answer:

- (1) No
- (2) Not applicable

**Ms. Bakken asked the Government Question No. 738, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Sonntag:**

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?

Answer:

- (1) No
- (2) Not applicable

**Mr. Hart asked the Government Question No. 743, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Serby:**

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?

Answer:

- (1) As of June 10, 2003 there are 34,368 crop insurance contract holders.
- (2) The estimated liability is projected to be similar to 2002, which was approximately \$2.5 billion. The actual liability for 2003 will not be known until producers return their seeded acreage reports which are due June 25, and the corporation is then able to process individual statements of insurance. Actual liability figures are expected to be available near the end of July, consistent with previous years.

## NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

**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?

**The following Questions were given notice on day no. 60 and are to be answered by day no. 65:**

Mr. Weekes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 759:

To the Minister of the Environment: (1) What regulations are in place to control the use of hazardous chemicals in oilfields? (2) Further to that, whose job is it to police these regulations?

Mr. Weekes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 760:

To the Minister of the Environment: Is there any review by your department under way into the regulations surrounding controlled chemicals?

Mr. Weekes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 761:

To the Minister of the Environment: Are department employees trained to handle chemicals being used in oilfields?

Mr. Weekes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 762:

To the Minister of the Environment: Is the Minister looking into biotechnology alternatives in the oilfields that are environmentally friendly?