



No. 61

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

FOURTH SESSION – TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

Wednesday, June 18, 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, Eagles, Wall, Dearborn, Brkich, Lorenz, Hart, Allchurch and Yates.

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 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 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)

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 CROWN CORPORATIONS

Mr. Van Mulligen, Chair of the Standing Committee on Crown Corporations, presented the Fifth Report of the said Committee.

(Sessional Paper No. 160)

On motion of Mr. Van Mulligen, seconded by Mr. Wall:

Ordered, That the Fifth Report of the Standing Committee on Crown Corporations be now concurred in.

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Question No. 744, pursuant to Rule 43(1), the answer was Tabled and, by reason of its length, converted by the Clerk to Return Nos. 399.

(Sessional Paper No. 161)

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 745 to 748, and 750, they were answered. (See Appendix)

The Order of the Day being called for Question No. 749, pursuant to Rule 42(5), it was transferred to Motions for Returns (Debatable) No. 400.

GOVERNMENT MOTION

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Hagel, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Lautermilch:

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.

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

ADJOURNED DEBATES

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

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Belanger: That Bill No. 43 – The Forest Resources Management Amendment Act, 2003 – be now read a second time.

The debate continuing, the Speaker adjourned the Assembly without question put, pursuant to Rule 3(2).

The Assembly adjourned at 5:01 p.m. until Thursday at 2:30 p.m., pursuant to an Order made this day.

Hon. P. Myron Kowalsky
Speaker

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Mr. Dearborn asked the Government Question No. 745, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Melenchuk:

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?

Answer:

- (1) 403
- (2) \$349,000,000 (rounded)

Mr. Dearborn asked the Government Question No. 746, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Melenchuk:

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?

Answer:

- (1) 291
- (2) \$261,300,000 (rounded)

Mr. Dearborn asked the Government Question No. 747, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Melenchuk:

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?

Answer:

- (1) 315
- (2) \$299,800,000 (rounded)

Mr. Dearborn asked the Government Question No. 748, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Melenchuk:

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?

Answer:

- (1) 331
- (2) \$332,300,000 (rounded)

Mr. Dearborn asked the Government Question No. 750, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Sonntag:

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?

Answer:

- (1) The Agreement between TransGas Limited and MLTC Resource Development Inc. is in effect.
- (2) The next anniversary date whereby both parties have various options is May 25, 2004.

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?

The following Questions were given notice on day no. 61 and are to be answered by day no. 66:

Mr. Weekes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 763

To the Minister of the Environment: (1) Has SERM made any decision to relocate the 13 burrowing owls in captivity in Moose Jaw? (2) If not, what level is the decision making process at right now?

Mr. Weekes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 764:

To the Minister of the Environment: (1) Has your office received any complaints regarding “quad” ATV riders at Nesslin Lake recreation site? (2) If so, what enforcement action is being taken?

Mr. Wall, to ask the Government the following Question No. 765:

To the Minister of the Crown Investments Corporation: Will the Minister detail the cost in the year 2002 and purpose of the SaskTel hot air balloon?

Ms. Julé, to ask the Government the following Question No. 766:

To the Minister of Health: Within the catchment area of the Humboldt Hospital, how many people travelled to Saskatoon or other centres for renal dialysis in the year 2002?

Ms. Julé, to ask the Government the following Question No. 767:

To the Minister of Health: Within the catchment area of the Humboldt Hospital, how many people travelled to Saskatoon or other centres for renal dialysis in the year 2001?

Ms. Julé, to ask the Government the following Question No. 768:

To the Minister of Health: Within the catchment area of the Humboldt Hospital, how many people travelled to Saskatoon or other centres for renal dialysis in the year 2000?

Mr. Brkich, to ask the Government the following Question No. 769:

To the Minister of Industry and Resources: Could the Minister please provide the percentage of oil that is drilled in Saskatchewan and that subsequently went to the United States in the calendar year 2002?

Mr. Brkich, to ask the Government the following Question No. 770:

To the Minister of Industry and Resources: Could the Minister please provide the percentage of oil that is drilled in Saskatchewan and that subsequently went to the United States in the calendar year 2001?

Mr. Brkich, to ask the Government the following Question No. 771:

To the Minister of Industry and Resources: Could the Minister please provide the percentage of oil that is drilled in Saskatchewan and that subsequently went to the United States in the calendar year 2000?

Mr. Brkich, to ask the Government the following Question No. 772:

To the Minister of Industry and Resources: Could the Minister please provide the percentage of natural gas that is drilled in Saskatchewan and that subsequently went to the United States in the calendar year 2002?

Mr. Brkich, to ask the Government the following Question No. 773:

To the Minister of Industry and Resources: Could the Minister please provide the percentage of natural gas that is drilled in Saskatchewan and that subsequently went to the United States in the calendar year 2001?

Mr. Brkich, to ask the Government the following Question No. 774:

To the Minister of Industry and Resources: Could the Minister please provide the percentage of natural gas that is drilled in Saskatchewan and that subsequently went to the United States in the calendar year 2000?