



No. 62

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

FOURTH SESSION – TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

Thursday, June 19, 2003

2:30 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, Gantefer, Wakefield, Stewart, McMorris, Wall, Huyghebaert, Dearborn, Brkich, 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 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 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 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)

MOTION TO GRANT LEAVE OF ABSENCE

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Lautermilch, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Hagel, by leave of the Assembly:

Ordered, That leave of absence be granted to the Members for Saskatoon Nutana, Melfort-Tisdale, Regina Wascana Plains and Indian Head-Milestone for Monday, June 23 to Tuesday, July 15, 2003 inclusive, to attend the partnership of Parliaments in Germany and the State Legislative Leaders Foundation in Poland on behalf of this Assembly.

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, it was on motion of Mr. Wiberg, adjourned.

COMMITTEE OF FINANCE

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

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 5:03 p.m. until Friday at 10:00 a.m.

Hon. P. Myron Kowalsky
Speaker

NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

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?

The following Questions were given notice on day no. 62 and are to be answered by day no. 67:

Mr. Hillson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 775:

To the Minister responsible for the Public Service Commission: For the year 2003, what is the number and percentage of visible minorities in management positions with the Public Service?

Mr. Hillson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 776:

To the Minister responsible for the Public Service Commission: For the year 1993, what was the number and percentage of visible minorities in management positions with the Public Service?

Mr. Hillson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 777:

To the Minister responsible for the Public Service Commission: For the year 2003, what is the number and percentage of visible minorities employed with the Public Service?

Mr. Hillson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 778:

To the Minister responsible for the Public Service Commission: For the year 1993, what was the number and percentage of visible minorities employed with the Public Service?

Mr. Weekes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 779:

To the Minister of Saskatchewan Property Management Corporation: (1) What is the current status of the deepening of Wascana Lake in Regina? (2) When is the project expected to begin and when will it finish? (3) Further to that, what is the provincial government's contribution to this project?

Mr. Weekes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 780:

To the Minister of the Environment: What action is being taken by your department regarding current low water levels at Codette Lake?

Mr. Weekes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 781:

To the Minister of the Environment: (1) Are Saskatchewan Regional Parks allowed to borrow money from banks? (2) If not, please explain why?