



No. 64

# VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

FOURTH SESSION – TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

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**Monday, June 23, 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, Eagles, Wall, Huyghebaert, Dearborn, Weekes, Lorenz, Hart, Allchurch and Van Mulligen.

## READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

According to Order, the 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 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 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)

#### **WRITTEN QUESTIONS**

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 753 to 758, they were answered. (See Appendix)

#### **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 and the question being put, it was agreed to and the said Bill was, accordingly, read a second time and referred to a Committee of the Whole at the next sitting.

#### **COMMITTEE OF FINANCE**

The Assembly, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Finance to consider Estimates for the Department of Culture, Youth and Recreation.

The Committee then considered Estimates for the Department of Learning.

The Committee then considered Estimates for the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Revitalization.

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 Agriculture, Food and Rural Revitalization.

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

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 9:32 p.m. until Tuesday at 1:30 p.m.

***Hon. P. Myron Kowalsky***  
***Speaker***

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

**Mr. Wall asked the Government Question No. 753, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Sonntag:**

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?

Answer:

- (1) SaskTel's fiscal year is January 1 to December 31; therefore figures for fiscal year 2003 are not available.
- (2) SaskTel followed a request for proposal process for its advertising requirements in 2003.
- (3) Same as above.

**Mr. Wall asked the Government Question No. 754, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Sonntag:**

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?

Answer:

- (1) \$47,667.28
- (2) No. The services of DSA Baron were an interim measure as SaskTel went through its operating efficiency review and prepared a request for proposals for its advertising business.
- (3) Same as above.

**Mr. Brkich asked the Government Question No. 755, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Sonntag:**

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?

Answer:

- (1) CIC did not sell any potato loading equipment in 2003 but a wholly owned subsidiary, Saskatchewan Valley Potato Corporation, did.
- (2) In 2003, the Saskatchewan Valley Potato Corporation sold potato seeding, harvesting, loading and handling equipment located at the Broderick storage sheds to Cavendish Farms Ltd. for \$750,000.
- (3) The sale was not tendered.

**Mr. Brkich asked the Government Question No. 756, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Sonntag:**

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?

Answer:

- (1) CIC did not sell any potato loading equipment in 2002 but a wholly owned subsidiary, Saskatchewan Valley Potato Corporation, did.
- (2) In 2002, the Saskatchewan Valley Potato Corporation sold potato loading and handling equipment from the Lucky Lake sheds to Pak-Wel Produce (Sask.) Ltd. for \$300,000. The equipment sale was part of the sale of the Lucky Lake storage shed to Pak-Wel.
- (3) The sale was not tendered.

**Mr. Brkich asked the Government Question No. 757, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Wartman:**

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?

Answer:

The actual labour cost for installing these signs on Sunday was \$6,411.26, which is \$3,205.63 more than the cost for a regular work day. It was done on Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, because that is the day the new speed limit came into effect.

**Ms. Bakken asked the Government Question No. 758, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Nilson:**

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?

Answer:

- The Métis Addiction Council of Saskatchewan Inc., (MACSI) is required to file audited financial statements as a condition of remaining a Non-Profit Corporation. A copy of the audited statement is provided to Saskatchewan Health as a condition of the contract with MACSI for addiction services.
- The audited statement contains the normal information reported in audited statements – revenues, expenditures, deficit information, identification of restricted funds, net assets, capital expenditures and a report on cash flow. It also includes assessment of the accounting principles used by MACSI.
- It is not normal practice to provide MLAs with a copy of the annual reports and audited financial statements of community based organizations, which would include MACSI. These are usually obtained directly from the agencies.

## NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

**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?

**The following Questions were given notice on day no. 63 and are to be answered by day no. 68:**

Ms. Julé, to ask the Government the following Question No. 782:

To the Minister of Aboriginal Affairs: (1) How many status Indians are presently registered within Saskatchewan? (2) How many non-status Indians are there in Saskatchewan?

Ms. Bakken, to ask the Government the following Question No. 783:

To the Minister of Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority: (1) During fiscal year 1999-2000, when then SIGA CEO took many out-of-province trips at SIGA's expense, did any of the individuals now sitting on the SGIA Board, the current SIGA CEO, any other current employee of SIGA, any current Members of the Legislative Assembly, or any current employees of SLGA of on any of these trips? (2) If so, who went, where did they go and for what reason?

Mr. Weekes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 784:

To the Minister of Saskatchewan Property Management Corporation: (1) How many employees are at 800 Central Avenue in Prince Albert? (2) Further to that, what percentage of 800 Central Avenue in Prince Albert do Environment and Resource Management occupy? (3) As well, what percentage is moving to the new Forestry Centre in Prince Albert?

Mr. Hillson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 785:

To the Minister of the Environment: In the view of the extremely dry conditions in the north west part of the province, will the Government open Wildlife Habitant Lands to temporary grazing by local ranchers?

**The following Questions were given notice on day no. 64 and are to be answered by day no. 69:**

Mr. Allchurch, to ask the Government the following Question No. 786:

To the Minister of the Environment: (1) Which Act is your department introducing an amendment to dealing with critical habitat wildlife land? (2) Further to this, when was this change made and was it done through cabinet or legislation?

Mr. Allchurch, to ask the Government the following Question No. 787:

To the Minister of the Environment: (1) Which Native bands have taken possession of lands deemed "Critical habitat wildlife land". (2) Further to that, how many acres and where? (3) Also, have any bands applied for outfitting licenses on these lands and have any been approved?

Mr. Dearborn, to ask the Government the following Question No. 788:

To the Minister of Culture, Youth and Recreation: Under the Saskatchewan Film Employment Tax Credit (SFETC), who received payment for the production of the TV show "Designer Guys"?

Ms. Julé, to ask the Government the following Question No. 789:

To the Government of Saskatchewan: What is the breakdown of expenditures of the Clarence Campeau Development Fund in the fiscal year 2002-03?

Ms. Julé, to ask the Government the following Question No. 790:

To the Government of Saskatchewan: What is the breakdown of expenditures of the Clarence Campeau Development Fund in the fiscal year 2001-02?

Ms. Julé, to ask the Government the following Question No. 791:

To the Government of Saskatchewan: What is the breakdown of expenditures of the Clarence Campeau Development Fund in the fiscal year 2000-01?