



No. 65

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

FOURTH SESSION – TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

Tuesday, June 24, 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: Elhard, Stewart, Wall, Huyghebaert, Brkich, Lorenz, Hart, Allchurch and Draude.

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 repair Highway 23 (in order to address safety concerns and to facilitate economic growth in Porcupine Plain and surrounding areas).

(Sessional Paper No. 162)

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 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 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. 759 to 762, they were answered. (See Appendix)

CONDOLENCE

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Calvert, seconded by Mr. Hermanson, by leave of the Assembly:

That this Assembly records with sorrow and regret the passing of a former Member of this Assembly and expresses its grateful appreciation of the contribution he made to his community, his constituency and to the province.

Ian Hugh MacDougall, who passed away on April 21, 2003, was a Member of this Legislative Assembly from 1960 until 1971, representing the constituency of Souris-Estevan for the Liberal Party.

Mr. MacDougall was born on May 29, 1928 in Edmonton, Alberta. He received his early schooling in Bruderheim, Alberta and later continued his education at St. Anthony's College in Edmonton. On June 23, 1956, he married Donna Weibe, and together they had a son and a daughter. Donna predeceased Mr. MacDougall in 1963. He re-married in 1964 to Bernice Drozda. Mr. MacDougall is survived by his wife, his children and six grandchildren.

Mr. MacDougall spent much of his private career working in the oil industry. He began as a supervisor with the Producers Pipelines Ltd. Later after leaving elected office, Mr. MacDougall worked as a "landman" and as a consultant in the Estevan area until his retirement in 1998.

In his private life, Mr. MacDougall was an active participant in his community. He devoted many years to working with children in the local Air Cadet Squadron. He was instrumental in establishing the Woodland Regional Park in Estevan. Mr. MacDougall was also a dedicated lifelong supporter of the Saskatchewan Roughriders football team and served on their executive. The Elks, the Canadian Legion and the Knights of Columbus were other organizations that benefited from his involvement and leadership.

Mr. MacDougall first sought elected office as an alderman in the city of Estevan. Later he was elected to this Assembly in the 1960 general election. He retained his seat in the 1964 and 1967 elections. Mr. MacDougall remained interested in politics after leaving the Assembly and continued to be involved in local party activities. As a former Member, Mr. MacDougall was a long-serving associate member of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association.

In recording its own deep sense of loss and bereavement, this Assembly expresses its most sincere sympathy with members of the bereaved family.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Calvert, seconded by Mr. D'Autremont, by leave of the Assembly:

Ordered, That the Resolution just passed, together with a transcript of oral tributes to the memory of the deceased, be communicated to the bereaved families on behalf of this Assembly by Mr. Speaker.

PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTION

The Order of the Day being called for Motion No. 9, it was moved by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Ms. Harpauer:

That this Assembly directs the Standing Committee on Agriculture to meet weekly throughout the month of July, 2003 to monitor issues related to BSE, should the Assembly stand adjourned at that time, and that, if the US border is not re-opened to Canadian beef exports by August 1, 2003, that this Assembly reconvene on August 5, 2003 to receive a report on the BSE issue from the Standing Committee on Agriculture.

A debate arising and the question being put, it was negatived, on division.

MOTIONS FOR RETURNS (DEBATABLE)

RETURN NO. 1

Moved by Mr. Brkich, seconded by Mr. Huyghebaert: That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a **Return No. 1** showing:

To the Minister responsible for Crown Investments Corporation: (1) The policy of SaskPower regarding the policy for fighting fires caused by the failure of power transformers, power lines, power poles and related equipment. (2) Whether these costs are the responsibility of SaskPower where it is clear its equipment has caused the blaze. (3) Further to that, in 2002, the number of claims that were made against SaskPower and whether the claims were honoured.

The question being put, it was agreed to and an Order of the Assembly issued.

RETURN NO. 5

Moved by Mr. Wall, seconded by Mr. Krawetz: That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a **Return No. 5** showing:

To the Minister of Crown Investments Corporation: During the fiscal year 2002-2003, the amount of money SaskEnergy spent on television ads aired on Global TV in Saskatchewan.

The question being put, it was agreed to and an Order of the Assembly issued.

RETURNS NOS. 6 TO 47

Leave of the Assembly having been granted, Motion for Returns Nos. 6 to 47 inclusive were deemed to have been moved by Mr. Wall, seconded by Mr. Krawetz and adopted.

Accordingly, the following Orders of the Assembly were issued:

Return No. 6 showing:

To the Minister of Crown Investments Corporation: During the fiscal year 2002-2003, the amount of money SaskEnergy spent on television ads aired on CKCK-TV.

Return No. 7 showing:

To the Minister of Crown Investments Corporation: During the fiscal year 2002-2003, the amount of money SaskEnergy spent on television ads aired on CFQC-TV.

Return No. 8 showing:

To the Minister of Crown Investments Corporation: During the fiscal year 2002-2003, the amount of money SaskEnergy spent on television ads aired on CBC-TV in Saskatchewan

Return No. 9 showing:

To the Minister of Crown Investments Corporation: During the fiscal year 2002-2003, the amount of money SaskEnergy spent on television ads aired on CTV-Yorkton.

Return No. 10 showing:

To the Minister of Crown Investments Corporation: During the fiscal year 2002-2003, the amount of money SGI spent on television ads aired on Global TV in Saskatchewan.

Return No. 11 showing:

To the Minister of Crown Investments Corporation: During the fiscal year 2002-2003, the amount of money SGI spent on television ads aired on CKCK-TV.

Return No. 12 showing:

To the Minister of Crown Investments Corporation: During the fiscal year 2002-2003, the amount of money SGI spent on television ads aired on CFQC-TV.

Return No. 13 showing:

To the Minister of Crown Investments Corporation: During the fiscal year 2002-2003, the amount of money SGI spent on television ads aired on CBC-TV in Saskatchewan.

Return No. 14 showing:

To the Minister of Crown Investments Corporation: During the fiscal year 2002-2003, the amount of money SGI spent on television ads aired on CTV-Yorkton.

Return No. 15 showing:

To the Minister of Crown Investments Corporation: During the fiscal year 2002-2003, the amount of money SaskTel spent on television ads aired on Global TV in Saskatchewan.

Return No. 16 showing:

To the Minister of Crown Investments Corporation: During the fiscal year 2002-2003, the amount of money SaskTel spent on television ads aired on CKCK-TV.

Return No. 17 showing:

To the Minister of Crown Investments Corporation: During the fiscal year 2002-2003, the amount of money SaskTel spent on television ads aired on CFQC-TV.

Return No. 18 showing:

To the Minister of Crown Investments Corporation: During the fiscal year 2002-2003, the amount of money SaskTel spent on television ads aired on CBC-TV in Saskatchewan.

Return No. 19 showing:

To the Minister of Crown Investments Corporation: During the fiscal year 2002-2003, the amount of money SaskTel spent on television ads aired on CTV-Yorkton.

Return No. 20 showing:

To the Minister of Industry and Resources: During the fiscal year 2002-2003, the amount of money the Government of Saskatchewan spent on "The Future is Wide Open" television ads aired on Global TV in Saskatchewan.

Return No. 21 showing:

To the Minister of Industry and Resources: During the fiscal year 2002-2003, the amount of money the Government of Saskatchewan spent on "The Future is Wide Open" television ads aired on CKCK-TV.

Return No. 22 showing:

To the Minister of Industry and Resources: During the fiscal year 2002-2003, the amount of money the Government of Saskatchewan spent on "The Future is Wide Open" television ads aired on CFQC-TV.

Return No. 23 showing:

To the Minister of Industry and Resources: During the fiscal year 2002-2003, the amount of money the Government of Saskatchewan spent on "The Future is Wide Open" television ads aired on CBC-TV in Saskatchewan.

Return No. 24 showing:

To the Minister of Industry and Resources: During the fiscal year 2002-2003, the amount of money the Government of Saskatchewan spent on "The Future is Wide Open" television ads aired on CTV-Yorkton.

Return No. 25 showing:

To the Minister of Industry and Resources: (1) The amount of money the government plans to spend on Future is Wide Open television advertising in each quarter of the 2003-2004 fiscal year. (2) For each quarter, the percentage of advertising that will be inside Saskatchewan. (3) For each quarter, the percentage of advertising that will be outside Saskatchewan.

Return No. 26 showing:

To the Minister of Industry and Resources: (1) The amount of money the government plans to spend on Future is Wide Open radio advertising in each quarter of the 2003-2004 fiscal year. (2) For each quarter, the percentage of advertising that will be inside Saskatchewan. (3) For each quarter, the percentage of advertising that will be outside Saskatchewan.

Return No. 27 showing:

To the Minister of Industry and Resources: (1) The amount of money the government plans to spend on Future is Wide Open print advertising in each quarter of the 2003-2004 fiscal year. (2) For each quarter, the percentage of advertising that will be inside Saskatchewan. (3) For each quarter, the percentage of advertising that will be outside Saskatchewan.

Return No. 28 showing:

To the Minister of Industry and Resources: (1) The amount of money the government plans to spend on Future is Wide Open travel and events in each quarter of the 2003-2004 fiscal year. (2) For each quarter, the percentage of travel and event spending that will be inside Saskatchewan. (3) For each quarter, the percentage of travel and event spending that will be outside Saskatchewan.

Return No. 29 showing:

To the Minister of Crown Investments Corporation: During the fiscal year 2002-2003, the amount of money SaskPower spent on television ads aired on Global TV in Saskatchewan.

Return No. 30 showing:

To the Minister of Crown Investments Corporation: During the fiscal year 2002-2003, the amount of money SaskPower spent on television ads aired on CKCK-TV.

Return No. 31 showing:

To the Minister of Crown Investments Corporation: During the fiscal year 2002-2003, the amount of money SaskPower spent on television ads aired on CFQC-TV.

Return No. 32 showing:

To the Minister of Crown Investments Corporation: During the fiscal year 2002-2003, the amount of money SaskPower spent on television ads aired on CBC-TV in Saskatchewan.

Return No. 33 showing:

To the Minister of Crown Investments Corporation: During the fiscal year 2002-2003, the amount of money SaskPower spent on television ads aired on CTV-Yorkton.

Return No. 34 showing:

To the Minister of Crown Investments Corporation: During the fiscal year 2002-2003, the amount of money SaskPower spent on television ads aired during “The West Wing”.

Return No. 35 showing:

To the Minister of Crown Investments Corporation: During the fiscal year 2002-2003, the amount of money SaskPower spent on television ads aired during “Survivor”.

Return No. 36 showing:

To the Minister of Crown Investments Corporation: During the fiscal year 2002-2003, the amount of money SaskPower spent on television ads aired during “The Oprah Winfrey Show”.

Return No. 37 showing:

To the Minister of Industry and Resources: During the fiscal year 2002-2003, the amount of money the Government of Saskatchewan spent on “The Future is Wide Open” television ads aired during “The West Wing”.

Return No. 38 showing:

To the Minister of Industry and Resources: During the fiscal year 2002-2003, the amount of money the Government of Saskatchewan spent on “The Future is Wide Open” television ads aired during “Survivor”.

Return No. 39 showing:

To the Minister of Industry and Resources: During the fiscal year 2002-2003, the amount of money the Government of Saskatchewan spent on “The Future is Wide Open” television ads aired during “The Oprah Winfrey Show”.

Return No. 40 showing:

To the Minister of Crown Investments Corporation: During the fiscal year 2002-2003, the amount of money SaskTel spent on television ads aired during “The West Wing”.

Return No. 41 showing:

To the Minister of Crown Investments Corporation: During the fiscal year 2002-2003, the amount of money SaskTel spent on television ads aired during “Survivor”.

Return No. 42 showing:

To the Minister of Crown Investments Corporation: During the fiscal year 2002-2003, the amount of money SaskTel spent on television ads aired during “The Oprah Winfrey Show”.

Return No. 43 showing:

To the Minister of Crown Investments Corporation: During the fiscal year 2002-2003, the amount of money SGI spent on television ads aired during “The West Wing”.

Return No. 44 showing:

To the Minister of Crown Investments Corporation: During the fiscal year 2002-2003, the amount of money SGI spent on television ads aired during “Survivor”.

Return No. 45 showing:

To the Minister of Crown Investments Corporation: During the fiscal year 2002-2003, the amount of money SGI spent on television ads aired during “The Oprah Winfrey Show”.

Return No. 46 showing:

To the Minister of Crown Investments Corporation: During the fiscal year 2002-2003, the amount of money SaskEnergy spent on television ads aired during “The West Wing”.

Return No. 47 showing:

To the Minister of Crown Investments Corporation: During the fiscal year 2002-2003, the amount of money SaskEnergy spent on television ads aired during “Survivor”.

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 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.

The Assembly adjourned at 5:00 p.m. until Wednesday at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. P. Myron Kowalsky
Speaker

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Mr. Weekes asked the Government Question No. 759, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Belanger:

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?

Answer:

(1) There are federal regulations in place to address the registration and introduction of new chemicals, as well as legislation to manage existing toxic substances.

Saskatchewan Environment has three regulations that have been used to control hazardous chemicals in oilfields. They are *The Hazardous Substances and Waste Dangerous Goods Regulations*, *The Environmental Spill Control Regulations* and *The PCB Waste Storage Regulations*.

There are also joint industry and government guidelines which cover a variety of issues related to chemical and waste management in the upstream oil and gas industry. Industry and Resources also has storage standards, which apply to hazardous oil and gas industry materials.

(2) *The PCB Waste Storage Regulations* and *The Hazardous Substances and Waste Dangerous Goods Regulations* are administered by Saskatchewan Environment. Either Environment or Industry and Resources may undertake spill control action for oilfield materials depending upon where the spill occurs.

Mr. Weekes asked the Government Question No. 760, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Belanger:

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

Answer:

Yes

Mr. Weekes asked the Government Question No. 761, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Belanger:

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

Answer:

Saskatchewan Environment has trained staff to handle chemicals used in oilfields.

Mr. Weekes asked the Government Question No. 762, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Belanger:

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

Answer:

A number of industry-sponsored research projects are on-going.

NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

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?

The following Questions were given notice on day no. 65 and are to be answered by day no. 70:

Mr. Hart, to ask the Government the following Questions No. 792:

To the Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs: What were all the dates for meetings and/or correspondence between the Minister or his officials and the federal government officials regarding the dispute involving water levels in the Qu'Appelle Valley Lakes?

Mr. Hart, to ask the Government the following Questions No. 793:

To the Minister of the Environment: What were all the dates for meetings and/or correspondence between the Minister or his officials and the federal government officials regarding the dispute involving water levels in the Qu'Appelle Valley Lakes?