



No. 66

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

FOURTH SESSION – TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

Wednesday, June 25, 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, Bakken, Dearborn, Brkich, Weekes, Lorenz and Hart.

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 immediately reinstate a reasonable Annual Deductible amount for Prescription Drugs in Saskatchewan.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 21)

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 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 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)

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).

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 162)

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Mr. Krawetz, Chair of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts, presented the Fourth Report of the said Committee.

(Sessional Paper No. 163)

On motion of Mr. Krawetz, seconded by Mr. Harper:

Ordered, That the Fourth Report of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts be now concurred in.

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 763 to 774, they were answered. (See Appendix)

COMMITTEE OF FINANCE

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

The Committee then considered Estimates for the Department of Learning.

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2004, the sum of \$1,076,404,000 for Learning (Ordinary).

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2004, the sum of \$66,000,000 for Learning (Lending and Investing Activities).

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ended March 31, 2003, the sum of \$6,643,000 for Learning (Ordinary).

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

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2004, the sum of \$251,818,000 for Agriculture, Food and Rural Revitalization (Ordinary).

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2004, the sum of \$4,900,000 for Agriculture, Food and Rural Revitalization (Lending and Investing Activities).

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ended March 31, 2003, the sum of \$26,500,000 for Agriculture and Food (Ordinary).

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ended March 31, 2003, the sum of \$26,000,000 for Agriculture and Food (Lending and Investing Activities).

The Committee then considered Estimates for the Centenary Fund.

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2004, the sum of \$29,000,000 for Centenary Fund (Ordinary).

The Committee then considered Estimates for Department of Corrections and Public Safety.

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2004, the sum of \$118,612,000 for Corrections and Public Safety (Ordinary).

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ended March 31, 2003, the sum of \$7,975,000 for Corrections and Public Safety (Ordinary).

The Committee then considered Estimates for the Information Technology Office.

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ended March 31, 2004, the sum of \$5,365,000 for Information Technology Office (Ordinary).

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

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2004, the sum of \$605,963,000 for Community Resources and Employment (Ordinary).

The Committee then considered Estimates for Department of Culture, Youth and Recreation.

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2004, the sum of \$43,698,000 for Culture, Youth and Recreation (Ordinary).

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ended March 31, 2003, the sum of \$750,000 for Culture, Youth and Recreation (Ordinary).

The Committee then considered Estimates for the Public Service Commission.

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2004, the sum of \$8,554,000 for Public Service Commission (Ordinary).

The Committee then considered Estimates for Department of Environment.

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2004, the sum of \$138,094,000 for Environment (Ordinary).

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ended March 31, 2003, the sum of \$49,106,000 for Environment (Ordinary).

The Committee then considered Estimates for Department of Northern Affairs.

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2004, the sum of \$5,519,000 for Northern Affairs (Ordinary).

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2004, the sum of \$2,510,000 for Northern Affairs (Lending and Investing Activities).

The Committee then considered Estimates for the Department of Executive Council.

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2004, the sum of \$6,719,000 for Executive Council (Ordinary).

The Committee then considered Estimates for the Department of Finance.

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2004, the sum of \$133,074,000 for Finance (Ordinary).

The Committee then considered Estimates for the Department of Government Relations and Aboriginal Affairs.

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2004, the sum of \$186,346,000 for Government Relations and Aboriginal Affairs (Ordinary).

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ended March 31, 2003, the sum of \$2,925,000 for Government Relations and Aboriginal Affairs (Ordinary).

The Committee then considered Estimates for the Department of Health.

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2004, the sum of \$2,526,794,000 for Health (Ordinary).

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ended March 31, 2003, the sum of \$9,211,000 for Health (Ordinary).

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

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2004, the sum of \$77,541,000 for Industry and Resources (Ordinary).

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2004, the sum of \$7,800,000 for Industry and Resources (Lending and Investing Activities).

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ended March 31, 2003, the sum of \$5,872,000 for Industry and Resources (Ordinary).

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ended March 31, 2003, the sum of \$600,000 for Industry and Resources (Lending and Investing Activities).

The Committee then considered Estimates for the Department of Justice.

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2004, the sum of \$182,600,000 for Justice (Ordinary).

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ended March 31, 2003, the sum of \$465,000 for Justice (Ordinary).

The Committee then considered Estimates for the Saskatchewan Research Council.

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2004, the sum of \$7,964,000 for Saskatchewan Research Council (Ordinary).

The Committee then considered Estimates for the Department of Labour.

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2004, the sum of \$14,246,000 for Labour (Ordinary).

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 8:48 p.m. until Thursday at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. P. Myron Kowalsky
Speaker

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:

The Institute of Chartered Accountants

Funeral and Cremation Services Council of Saskatchewan

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 26)

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Mr. Weekes asked the Government Question No. 763, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Belanger:

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?

Answer:

- (1) Saskatchewan Environment has no plans to relocate the burrowing owls held in captivity in Moose Jaw. The owls held in captivity in Moose Jaw are not releasable to the wild.
- (2) SE has entered into an agreement with the City of Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan Energy, Environment Canada and others to fund the Saskatchewan Burrowing Owl Interpretative Center and, thus, the owls held there are secure into the foreseeable future.

Mr. Weekes asked the Government Question No. 764, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Belanger:

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?

Answer:

- (1) Saskatchewan Environment has received several formal complaints regarding ATV use at Nesslin Lake Recreation Site.
- (2) Our enforcement action consists of a combination of increased: signage, enforcement of existing legislation and public education.

Mr. Wall asked the Government Question No. 765, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Sonntag:

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?

Answer:

SaskTel spent \$96,524.82 in 2002. The SaskTel hot air balloon is used as a promotional tool to create an awareness of our involvement at events in communities throughout Saskatchewan.

Ms. Julé asked the Government Question No. 766, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Nilson:

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?

Answer:

5 patients

Ms. Julé asked the Government Question No. 767, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Nilson:

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?

Answer:

4 patients

Ms. Julé asked the Government Question No. 768, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Nilson:

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?

Answer:

2 patients

Mr. Brkich asked the Government Question No. 769, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Cline:

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?

Answer:

Export data for 2002 is not yet available.

Note: 'Drilled' in Saskatchewan has been interpreted as 'produced' in Saskatchewan.

Mr. Brkich asked the Government Question No. 770, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Cline:

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?

Answer:

68%

Note: 'Drilled' in Saskatchewan has been interpreted as 'produced' in Saskatchewan.

Mr. Brkich asked the Government Question No. 771, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Cline:

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?

Answer:

73%

Note: 'Drilled' in Saskatchewan has been interpreted as 'produced' in Saskatchewan.

Mr. Brkich asked the Government Question No. 772, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Cline:

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?

Answer:

Data for 2002 is not yet available.

Note: 'Drilled' in Saskatchewan has been interpreted as 'produced' in Saskatchewan.

Mr. Brkich asked the Government Question No. 773, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Cline:

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?

Answer:

Export volumes delivered to Canadian and U.S. markets outside of Saskatchewan cannot be segregated to a specific market.

Note: 'Drilled' in Saskatchewan has been interpreted as 'produced' in Saskatchewan.

Mr. Brkich asked the Government Question No. 774, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Cline:

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?

Answer:

Export volumes delivered to Canadian and U.S. markets outside of Saskatchewan cannot be segregated to a specific market.

Note: 'Drilled' in Saskatchewan has been interpreted as 'produced' in Saskatchewan.

NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

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?