



No. 68

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

FOURTH SESSION – TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

Friday, June 27, 2003

10:00 a.m.

PRAYERS

PRESENTING PETITIONS

Petitions of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan were presented and laid upon the Table by the following Members: Julé, Krawetz, Hermanson, Draude, Van Mulligen, Elhard, Stewart, Eagles, Wall, Huyghebaert, Dearborn, D'Autremont, Brkich, Weekes, Lorenz, Hart and Allchurch.

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 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 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 repair Highway 49 in order to address safety concerns and to facilitate economic growth in the area.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 41)

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 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)

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 782, 784 and 785, they were answered. (See Appendix)

The Order of the Day being called for Question No. 783, pursuant to Rule 42(6), it was passed by the Assembly as Order for Return No. 401. (See Returns Ordered)

BILL NO. 45 – THE CARROT RIVER VALLEY CONSTITUENCY BY-ELECTION ACT

Leave of the Assembly having been granted, the following Bill was received, read the first time, and by leave of the Assembly and pursuant to Rule 55, ordered to be read a second time later this day:

Bill No. 45 – The Carrot River Valley Constituency By-election Act

(Hon. Mr. Serby)

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Serby: That Bill No. 45 – The Carrot River Valley Constituency By-election Act – be now read a second time.

The question being put, it was agreed to and the said Bill was accordingly, read a second time and by leave of the Assembly and pursuant to Rule 55, referred to a Committee of the Whole later this day.

The Assembly, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

The following Bill was reported without amendment, read the third time and passed:

Bill No. 45 – The Carrot River Valley Constituency By-election Act

The Committee was given leave to sit again.

ROYAL ASSENT / SANCTION ROYALE

11:31 a.m.

Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, having entered the Chamber, took her seat upon the Throne.

Son Honneur la Lieutenant-gouverneure fait son entrée dans la Chambre et prend place au Trône.

The Speaker addressed Her Honour:

Le Président s'adresse à Son Honneur:

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

QU'IL PLAISE À VOTRE HONNEUR:

This Legislative Assembly at its present Session has passed several Bills which, in the name of the Assembly, I present to Your Honour and to which Bills I respectfully request Your Honour's Assent.

Cette Assemblée législative, au cours de la présente session, a adopté des projets de loi que je présente à Votre Honneur, au nom de l'Assemblée, et que de demande respectueusement à Votre Honneur de sanctionner.

The Clerk of the Assembly then read the titles of the Bills that had been passed severally as follows:

La Greffière de l'Assemblée a donné lecture des titres du projets de loi adoptés comme suit:

Bill No. 20 – The Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Amendment Act, 2003

Bill No. 3 – The Child and Family Services Amendment Act, 2003

Bill No. 26 – The Income Tax Amendment Act, 2003

Bill No. 21– The Superannuation (Supplementary Provisions) Amendment Act, 2003

Bill No. 13 – The Parks Amendment Act, 2003

Bill No. 28 – The Health Information Protection Amendment Act, 2003

Bill No. 4 – The SaskEnergy Amendment Act, 2003

Bill No. 15 – The Saskatchewan Insurance Amendment Act, 2003

Bill No. 27 – The Condominium Property Amendment Act, 2003

Bill No. 29 – The Non-profit Corporations Amendment Act, 2003 /

Projet de loi n° 29 – Loi de 2003 modifiant la Loi de 1995 sur les sociétés sans but lucratif

Bill No. 16 – The Coroners Amendment Act, 2003

Bill No. 32 – The Miscellaneous Statutes (Security Management) Amendment Act, 2003

Bill No. 33 – The Miscellaneous Statutes (Security Management) Amendment Act, 2003(No. 2) /

Projet de loi n° 33 – Loi corrective (gestion de la sécurité) de 2003 (n° 2)

Bill No. 8 – The Youth Justice Administration Act

Bill No. 17 – The Land Surveys Amendment Act, 2003

Bill No. 30 – The Pledged Property (Recording) Act

Bill No. 23 – The Cities Amendment Act, 2003

Bill No. 40 – The Rural Municipality Amendment Act, 2003

Bill No. 41 – The Urban Municipality Amendment Act, 2003

Bill No. 24 – The Northern Municipalities Amendment Act, 2003

Bill No. 39 – The Municipal Revenue Sharing Amendment Act, 2003

Bill No. 34 – The Film Employment Tax Credit Amendment Act, 2003

Bill No. 11 – The Municipal Employees' Pension Amendment Act, 2003

Bill No. 36 – The Agricultural Safety Net Amendment Act, 2003

Bill No. 37 – The Crop Insurance Amendment Act, 2003

Bill No. 38 – The Farm Financial Stability Amendment Act, 2003

Bill No. 31 – The Alcohol and Gaming Regulation Amendment Act, 2003 /

Projet de loi n° 31 – Loi de 2003 modifiant la Loi de 1997 sur la réglementation des boissons alcoolisées et des jeux de hasard

Bill No. 35 – The Saskatchewan Gaming Corporation Amendment Act, 2003

Bill No. 301 – The Western Christian College (Amendment) Act, 2003

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

Bill No. 45 – The Carrot River Valley Constituency By-election Act

Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor then replied: “In Her Majesty’s name, I assent to these Bills.”

Son Honneur la Lieutenante-gouverneure alors a répondu: “Au nom de Sa Majestée, je sanctionne ces projets de loi.”

Her Honour then retired from the Chamber.

Son Honneur se retire de la Chambre.

11:36 a.m.

The Assembly recessed from 11:39 a.m. to 11:51 a.m. in order for the new Member to be sworn in.

Mr. Allan Kerpan, Member for the Constituency of Carrot River Valley, having previously taken the Oath, according to law, and subscribed the Roll containing the same, took his seat in the Assembly.

COMMITTEE OF FINANCE

The Committee then considered Estimates for the Saskatchewan Property Management Corporation.

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2004, the sum of \$17,608,000 for Saskatchewan Property Management Corporation (Ordinary).

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ended March 31, 2003, the sum of \$220,000 for Saskatchewan Property Management Corporation (Ordinary).

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

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2004, the sum of \$294,192,000 for Highways and Transportation (Ordinary).

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2004, the sum of \$1,000,000 for Highways and Transportation (Lending and Investing Activities).

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ended March 31, 2003, the sum of \$1,605,000 for Highways and Transportation (Ordinary).

Summary of Resolutions adopted:

GENERAL REVENUE FUND

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES 2002-2003

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ended March 31, 2003 the following sums:

BUDGETARY EXPENSES

| | |
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| 1. For Agriculture and Food | \$ 26,500,000 |
| 2. For Corrections and Public Safety | 7,975,000 |
| 3. For Culture, Youth and Recreation | 750,000 |
| 4. For Environment..... | 49,106,000 |
| 5. For Government Relations and Aboriginal Affairs | 2,925,000 |
| 6. For Health..... | 9,211,000 |
| 7. For Highways and Transportation..... | 1,605,000 |
| 8. For Industry and Resources..... | 5,872,000 |
| 9. For Justice | 465,000 |
| 10. For Learning..... | 6,643,000 |
| 11. For Saskatchewan Property Management Corporation | 220,000 |

LENDING AND INVESTING ACTIVITIES

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| 12. For Agriculture, Food and Rural Revitalization | 26,000,000 |
| 13. For Industry and Resources..... | 600,000 |

GENERAL REVENUE FUND**MAIN ESTIMATES 2003-2004**

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2004 the following sums:

BUDGETARY EXPENSES

| | |
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| 1. For Agriculture, Food and Rural Revitalization | \$ 251,818,000 |
| 2. For Centenary Fund..... | 29,000,000 |
| 3. For Community Resources and Employment..... | 605,963,000 |
| 4. For Corrections and Public Safety | 118,612,000 |
| 5. For Culture, Youth and Recreation | 43,698,000 |
| 6. For Environment | 138,094,000 |
| 7. For Executive Council | 6,719,000 |
| 8. For Finance | 133,074,000 |
| 9. For Government Relations and Aboriginal Affairs | 186,346,000 |
| 10. For Health | 2,526,794,000 |
| 11. For Highways and Transportation | 294,192,000 |
| 12. For Industry and Resources | 77,541,000 |
| 13. For Information Technology Office..... | 5,365,000 |
| 14. For Justice | 182,600,000 |
| 15. For Labour | 14,246,000 |
| 16. For Learning | 1,076,404,000 |
| 17. For Northern Affairs | 5,519,000 |
| 18. For Public Service Commission | 8,554,000 |
| 19. For Saskatchewan Property Management Corporation | 17,608,000 |
| 20. For Saskatchewan Research Council | 7,964,000 |

LENDING AND INVESTING ACTIVITIES

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| 21. For Agriculture, Food and Rural Revitalization | 4,900,000 |
| 22. For Highways and Transportation..... | 1,000,000 |
| 23. For Industry and Resources | 7,800,000 |
| 24. For Learning | 66,000,000 |
| 25. For Northern Affairs | 2,510,000 |

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Melenchuk:

Resolved, That towards making good the supply granted to Her Majesty on account of certain charges and expenses of the public service for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2003, the sum of one hundred thirty-seven million, eight hundred seventy-two thousand dollars be granted out of the General Revenue Fund.

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Melenchuk:

Resolved, That towards making good the supply granted to Her Majesty on account of certain charges and expenses of the public service for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2004, the sum of four billion, three hundred thirty million, three hundred sixty-eight thousand dollars be granted out of the General Revenue Fund.

The said Resolutions were reported, read twice and agreed to, and the Committee given leave to sit again.

THE APPROPRIATION ACT, 2003 (No. 3)

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Melenchuk, by leave of the Assembly: That Bill No. 44 – The Appropriation Act, 2003 (No. 3) – be now introduced and read the first time.

The question being put, it was agreed to and the said Bill was accordingly, read the first time.

By leave of the Assembly and pursuant to Rule 55(2), the said Bill was then read a second and third time and passed under its title, on the following Recorded Division:

YEAS – 27

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| Addley | Crofford | Hagel | Lautermilch |
| Serby | Melenchuk | Cline | Sonntag |
| Osika | Lorjé | Kasperski | Goulet |
| Van Mulligen | Prebble | Belanger | Thomson |
| Junor | Nilson | Harper | Forbes |
| Jones | Higgins | Trew | Wartman |
| Yates | McCall | Iwanchuk | |

NAYS – 22

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| Hermanson | Toth | Heppner | Julé |
| Draude | Bjornerud | Elhard | Wakefield |
| Stewart | Eagles | D'Autremont | Bakken |
| Wall | Huyghebaert | Brkich | Wiberg |
| Weekes | Lorenz | Hart | Allchurch |
| Kerpan | Hillson | | |

ROYAL ASSENT

12:21 p.m.

Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, having entered the Chamber, took her seat upon the Throne.

The Speaker addressed Her Honour:

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

This Legislative Assembly has voted the supplies required to enable the Government to defray the expenses of the Public Service. In the name of the Assembly I present to Your Honour the following Bill, to which Bill I respectfully request Your Honour's Assent:

Bill No. 44 – The Appropriation Act, 2003 (No. 3)

Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor then replied: "In Her Majesty's name, I thank the Legislative Assembly, accept their benevolence, and assent to this Bill."

Her Honour then retired from the Chamber.

12:22 p.m.

MOTION TO ADJOURN THE SESSION

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Lautermilch, seconded by Mr. D'Autremont, by leave of the Assembly:

That when this Assembly adjourns at the end of this sitting day, it shall stand adjourned to the date and time set by Mr. Speaker upon the request of the government, and that Mr. Speaker shall give each member seven clear days notice, if possible, of such date and time.

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

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

The Assembly adjourned at 1:00 p.m. to the call of the Chair, pursuant to an Order made this day.

Hon. P. Myron Kowalsky
Speaker

RETURNS ORDERED

The following Orders of the Assembly were issued to the proper officers, viz:

By Ms. Bakken, for a **Return No. 401** showing:

- (1) During fiscal year 1999-2000, when then SIGA CEO took many out-of-province trips at SIGA's expense, whether any of the individuals now sitting on the SIGA Board, the current SIGA CEO, any other current employee of SIGA, any current Members of the Legislative Assembly, or any current employees of SLGA were on any of these trips.
- (2) If so, the name of who went, where they went and the reason.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Ms. Julé asked the Government Question No. 782, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Lautermilch:

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?

Answer:

- (1) Government Relations and Aboriginal Affairs does not collect this statistical data. The department relies on data collected by Statistics Canada.
- (2) Government Relations and Aboriginal Affairs does not collect this statistical data. The department relies on data collected by Statistics Canada.

Mr. Weekes asked the Government Question No. 784, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Osika:

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?

Answer:

- (1) There are 583 employees at Central Avenue in Prince Albert.
- (2) Environment and Resource Management occupy 30% of the building.
- (3) The percentage moving to the new Forestry Centre is 12.5%.

Mr. Hillson asked the Government Question No. 785, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Belanger:

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?

Answer:

If dry conditions in the northwestern part of Saskatchewan continue, a limited amount of wildlife habitat lands will be available to assist producers.

In the last two years, SE has made these lands available for temporary grazing. With the grazing and two years of drought, the area needs time to recover.

NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

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?