



No. 4

# VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

FIRST SESSION – TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

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**Tuesday, March 23, 2004**

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: Toth, Elhard, D'Autremont, Krawetz, Wall, Hamilton, Draude, Hermanson, Bjornerud, Morgan, McMorris, Eagles, Gantefoer, Harpauer, Bakken, Huyghebaert, Allchurch, Brkich, Weekes, Kerpan, Merriman, Hart, Dearborn, Lautermilch and Hagel.

### **READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS**

According to Order, a certain Petition concerning the Commission on Financing Kindergarten to Grade 12 Education's recommendation to expand the Provincial Sales Tax to include restaurant meals, presented on March 22, 2004, has been reviewed and pursuant to Rule 14(7) is found to be irregular and therefore cannot be read and received.

According to Order, the Deputy Clerk having favourably reported on the same pursuant to Rule 14(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 not to implement the Commission on Financing Kindergarten to Grade 12 Education's recommendation to expand the Provincial Sales Tax to include restaurant meals.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 47)

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. 48)

**ADDRESS IN REPLY**

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of Ms. Morin, seconded by Mr. Borgerson:

That an Humble Address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor as follows:

TO HER HONOUR THE HONOURABLE LYNDA M. HAVERSTOCK  
Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Saskatchewan

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Saskatchewan, in Session assembled, humbly thank Your Honour for the gracious Speech which Your Honour has been pleased to address to us at the opening of the present Session.

The debate continuing, it was on motion of Mr. Bjornerud, adjourned.

On motion of the Hon. Ms. Atkinson:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

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The Assembly adjourned at 4:57 p.m. until Wednesday at 1:30 p.m.

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

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**RETURNS, REPORTS AND PAPERS TABLED**

The following papers were laid upon the table:

By the Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen:

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Power Corporation Supplementary Superannuation Plan for the year ended December 31, 2003

(Sessional Paper No. 60)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Public Employees Deferred Salary Leave Fund for the year ended December 31, 2003

(Sessional Paper No. 61)

By the Hon. Mr. Quennell:

Bylaws, Rules and Regulations of the following Professional Associations and amendments thereto, under provisions of the respective Acts:

The Chiropractors' Association of Saskatchewan  
Funeral and Cremation Services Council of Saskatchewan  
Law Society of Saskatchewan  
Saskatchewan Association of Licensed Practical Nurses  
College of Physicians and Surgeons of Saskatchewan  
Saskatchewan Pharmaceutical Association  
Saskatchewan College of Physical Therapists  
Saskatchewan Association of Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists  
(Sessional Paper No. 62)

## NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

**The following Questions were given notice on day no. 2 and are to be answered by day no. 7:**

Ms. Harpauer, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1:

To the Minister of Highways and Transportation: For the fiscal year 2002-2003, what was the average cost of total reconstruction for one (1) kilometre of secondary weight or thin membrane road in Saskatchewan?

Ms. Harpauer, to ask the Government the following Question No. 2:

To the Minister of Highways and Transportation: For the fiscal year 2002-2003, what was the average cost of repairs for one (1) kilometre of secondary weight or thin membrane road in Saskatchewan?

Ms. Harpauer, to ask the Government the following Question No. 3:

To the Minister of Highways and Transportation: For the fiscal year 2002-2003, what was the average cost of total reconstruction for one (1) kilometre of primary weight or heavy haul road in Saskatchewan?

Ms. Harpauer, to ask the Government the following Question No. 4:

To the Minister of Highways and Transportation: For the fiscal year 2002-2003, what was the average cost of repairs for one (1) kilometre of primary weight or heavy haul road in Saskatchewan?

Mr. Dearborn, to ask the Government the following Question No. 5:

To the Minister of Finance: (1) What procedures were in place to process the equalization formula in the fiscal year 1995? (2) Further to this, were department officials aware of the federal government's 100 percent clawback recently identified in Thomas Courchene's IRRP report? (3) If so, what measures were taken during that same fiscal year to correct the discrepancy?

Mr. Dearborn, to ask the Government the following Question No. 6:

To the Minister of Finance: (1) What procedures were in place to process the equalization formula in fiscal year 1996? (2) Further to this, were department officials aware of the federal government's 100 percent clawback recently identified in Thomas Courchene's IRRP report? (3) If so, what measures were taken during that same fiscal year to correct the discrepancy?

Mr. Dearborn, to ask the Government the following Question No. 7:

To the Minister of Finance: (1) What procedures were in place to process the equalization formula in fiscal year 1997? (2) Further to this, were department officials aware of the federal government's 100 percent clawback recently identified in Thomas Courchene's IRRP report? (3) If so, what measures were taken during that same fiscal year to correct the discrepancy?

Mr. Dearborn, to ask the Government the following Question No. 8:

To the Minister of Finance: (1) What procedures were in place to process the equalization formula in fiscal year 1998? (2) Further to this, were department officials aware of the federal government's 100 percent clawback recently identified in Thomas Courchene's IRRP report? (3) If so, what measures were taken during that same fiscal year to correct the discrepancy?

Mr. Dearborn, to ask the Government the following Question No. 9:

To the Minister of Finance: (1) What procedures were in place to process the equalization formula in fiscal year 1999? (2) Further to this, were department officials aware of the federal government's 100 percent clawback recently identified in Thomas Courchene's IRRP report? (3) If so, what measures were taken during that same fiscal year to correct the discrepancy?

Mr. Dearborn, to ask the Government the following Question No. 10:

To the Minister of Finance: (1) What procedures were in place to process the equalization formula in fiscal year 2000? (2) Further to this, were department officials aware of the federal government's 100 percent clawback recently identified in Thomas Courchene's IRRP report? (3) If so, what measures were taken during that same fiscal year to correct the discrepancy?

Mr. Dearborn, to ask the Government the following Question No. 11:

To the Minister of Finance: (1) What procedures were in place to process the equalization formula in fiscal year 2001? (2) Further to this, were department officials aware of the federal government's 100 percent clawback recently identified in Thomas Courchene's IRRP report? (3) If so, what measures were taken during that same fiscal year to correct the discrepancy?

Mr. Dearborn, to ask the Government the following Question No. 12:

To the Minister of Finance: (1) What procedures were in place to process the equalization formula in fiscal year 2002? (2) Further to this, were department officials aware of the federal government's 100 percent clawback recently identified in Thomas Courchene's IRRP report? (3) If so, what measures were taken during that same fiscal year to correct the discrepancy?

Mr. Dearborn, to ask the Government the following Question No. 13:

To the Minister of Finance: (1) What procedures were in place to process the equalization formula in fiscal year 2003? (2) Further to this, were department officials aware of the federal government's 100 percent clawback recently identified in Thomas Courchene's IRRP report? (3) If so, what measures were taken during that same fiscal year to correct the discrepancy?

Mr. Dearborn, to ask the Government the following Question No. 14:

To the Minister of Finance: (1) What procedures are in place to process the equalization formula in fiscal year 2004? (2) Further to this, are department officials aware of the federal government's 100 percent clawback recently identified in Thomas Courchene's IRRP report? (3) If so, what measures have been taken during this same fiscal year to correct the discrepancy?

**The following Question was given notice on day no. 3 and is to be answered by day no. 8:**

Mr. Dearborn, to ask the Government the following Question No. 15:

To the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Revitalization: (1) Have the assessments for pasture lands for 2003-2004 been adjusted in relation to the emergence of the BSE case in May of 2003? (2) If not, why not? (3) What measures are being considered to offset this?

**The following Questions were given notice on day no. 4 and are to be answered by day no. 9:**

Mr. Dearborn, to ask the Government the following Question No. 16:

To the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Revitalization: (1) Did Saskatchewan Crop Insurance use a re-insurance mechanism to protect itself from deficit financing due to the impending drought in the 2001 crop year? (2) What procedures were implemented to arrive at this decision? (3) What memos, committee meetings, etc. occurred around this decision? (4) What were the forecasts relative to a deficit in the Crop Insurance Corporation regarding this specific decision?

Mr. Dearborn, to ask the Government the following Question No. 17:

To the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Revitalization: (1) Did Saskatchewan Crop Insurance use a re-insurance mechanism to protect itself from deficit financing due to the impending drought in the 2002 crop year? (2) What procedures were implemented to arrive at this decision? (3) What memos, committee meetings, etc. occurred around this decision? (4) What were the forecasts relative to a deficit in the Crop Insurance Corporation regarding this specific decision?

Mr. Dearborn, to ask the Government the following Question No. 18:

To the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Revitalization: (1) Did Saskatchewan Crop Insurance use a re-insurance mechanism to protect itself from deficit financing due to the impending drought in the 2003 crop year? (2) What procedures were implemented to arrive at this decision? (3) What memos, committee meetings, etc. occurred around this decision? (4) What were the forecasts relative to a deficit in the Crop Insurance Corporation regarding this specific decision?

Mr. Dearborn, to ask the Government the following Question No. 19:

To the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Revitalization: (1) Did Saskatchewan Crop Insurance use a re-insurance mechanism to protect itself from deficit financing due to the impending drought in the 2004 crop year? (2) What procedures were implemented to arrive at this decision? (3) What memos, committee meetings, etc. occurred around this decision? (4) What were the forecasts relative to a deficit in the Crop Insurance Corporation regarding this specific decision?

Mr. Dearborn, to ask the Government the following Question No. 20:

To the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Revitalization: Regarding the \$181 million that will come to Saskatchewan under the farm aid package announced by the federal government on March 22, 2004, will any of this money be used to cover the short fall in provincial funding for the CFIP program?

Mr. McMorris, to ask the Government the following Question No. 21:

To the Minister of Health: (1) Do nephrologists in Saskatchewan get paid a fee every time they hook a patient up to dialysis? (2) If so, what is that fee?

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**NOTICE REGARDING PETITIONS FOR PRIVATE BILLS**

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with Rules 75 and 78 of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan, that the time for filing Petitions for Private Bills with the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly will expire on the twentieth sitting day, and that the time for presenting Petitions for Private Bills to the Legislative Assembly at its present Session will expire on the twenty-fifth sitting day of the said Session.

GWENN RONYK  
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

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