



No. 5

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

FIRST SESSION – TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Wednesday, March 24, 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, Krawetz, Wall, Draude, Hermanson, Bjornerud, Morgan, McMorris, Eagles, Gantefer, Harpauer, Bakken, Elhard, Huyghebaert, Allchurch, Brkich, Weekes, Hart, Dearborn, Wakefield and Trew.

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

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 to oppose the increase to the Provincial Sales Tax, as it will be devastating to the business sector, food industry and population of Saskatchewan.

(Sessional Paper No. 58)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to take the appropriate measures to have Highway #11 between Warman and Prince Albert twinned in the interest of public safety.

(Sessional Paper No. 59)

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 work with First Nations people and the federal government to bring a prompt end to the Qu'Appelle Valley Lakes 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. 49)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were received, read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time at the next sitting:

Bill No. 1 – The Financial Administration Amendment Act, 2004

(Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen)

Bill No. 2 – The Power Corporation Amendment Act, 2004

(Hon. Mr. Quennell)

Bill No. 3 – The Certified Management Consultants Amendment Act, 2004

(Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen)

Bill No. 4 – The Municipal Employees' Pension Amendment Act, 2004

(Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen)

Bill No. 5 – The Saskatchewan Pension Annuity Fund Amendment Act, 2004

(Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen)

Bill No. 6 – The Superannuation (Supplementary Provisions) Amendment Act, 2004

(Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen)

Bill No. 7 – The Automobile Accident Insurance Amendment Act, 2004

(Hon. Mr. Sonntag)

MOTION TO ADJOURN OVER EASTER

On motion of the Hon. Ms. Atkinson, seconded by Mr. Gantefoer, by leave of the Assembly:

Ordered, That notwithstanding Rule 3(5), of the *Rules and Procedures of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan*, that when this House adjourns on Thursday, April 8th, 2004, it do stand adjourned until Wednesday, April 14th at 1:30 p.m.

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 the Hon. Ms. Crofford, adjourned.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

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

Hon. P. Myron Kowalsky
Speaker

RETURNS, REPORTS AND PAPERS TABLED

The following paper was laid upon the Table:

By the Hon. Mr. Cline:

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Liquor Board Superannuation Commission for the year ended December 31, 2003.

(Sessional Paper No. 64)

NOTICE OF MOTIONS FOR FIRST READING OF BILLS AVIS DE MOTION PORTANT PREMIÈRE LECTURE DE PROJETS DE LOI

On Friday / vendredi:

Hon. Mr. Quennell to move First Reading of Bill No. 8 – The Gas Inspection Amendment Act, 2004

Hon. Mr. Quennell to move First Reading of Bill No. 9 – The Electrical Inspection Amendment Act, 2004

Hon. Mr. Quennell to move First Reading of Bill No. 10 – The Administration of Estates Amendment Act, 2004

L'hon. M. Quennell proposera la première lecture du projet de loi n° 10 – Loi de 2004 modifiant la Loi sur l'administration des successions.

Hon. Mr. Thomson to move First Reading of Bill No. 11 - The Department of Post-Secondary Education and Skills Training Amendment Act, 2004

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?

The following Questions were given notice on day no. 5 and are to be answered by day no. 10:

Mr. Dearborn, to ask the Government the following Question No. 22:

To the Minister of Justice: How much has the provincial government spent so far having government lawyers defend the Minds Eye Entertainment financial restructuring plan?

Mr. Dearborn, to ask the Government the following Question No. 23:

To the Minister of Saskatchewan Property Management Corporation: Please advise when the paintings of former Premiers Roy Romanow and Grant Devine will be hung in the legislative building?

Mr. Dearborn, to ask the Government the following Question No. 24:

To the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Revitalization: What studies are being undertaken by your department regarding the potential effects of the completion of the Brazilian Super Highway by 2007 on bulk commodity prices and the corresponding effect on farmers' incomes in Saskatchewan?

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
