



No. 6

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

FIRST SESSION – TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Thursday, March 25, 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, Heppner, Wall, Draude, Hermanson, Bjornerud, McMorris, Eagles, Gantefer, Harpauer, Huyghebaert, Allchurch, Brkich, Kerpan, Merriman, Chisholm, Trew and Kirsch.

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

According to Order, the Deputy Clerk informed the Assembly that on March 24, 2004, a certain petition concerning the balancing of the provincial budget without raising taxes was presented. Pursuant to Rule 14(7) the petition was found to be irregular and therefore was not 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 to ensure that the Davidson and Imperial Health Centres be maintained at their current level of service at minimum, with 24-hour acute care, emergency and doctor services available, as well as lab, public health, home care and long-term care services available to users from the Davidson and Imperial areas and beyond.

(Sessional Paper No. 63)

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)

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. McCall, adjourned.

On motion of the Hon. Ms. Atkinson:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 4:57 p.m. until Friday at 10:00 a.m.

Hon. P. Myron Kowalsky
Speaker

RETURNS, REPORTS AND PAPERS TABLED

The following papers were laid upon the Table:

By the Hon. Mr. Quennell:

Amendments to the Bylaws of the following Professional Associations:

The Chiropractors' Association of Saskatchewan
Funeral and Cremation Services Council of Saskatchewan

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 62)

NOTICE OF MOTIONS FOR FIRST READING OF BILLS

On Monday:

Hon. Ms. Higgins to move First Reading of Bill No. 12 – The Purchasing Act, 2004

Hon. Mr. Cline to move First Reading of Bill No. 13 – The Labour-sponsored Venture Capital Corporations Amendment Act, 2004

NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

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?

The following Questions were given notice on day no. 6 and are to be answered by day no. 11:

Mr. Bjornerud, to ask the Government the following Question No. 25:

To the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Revitalization: How much did the province contribute to the PFRA Rural Water Development Program in 2001-02?

Mr. Bjornerud, to ask the Government the following Question No. 26:

To the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Revitalization: How much did the province contribute to the PFRA Rural Water Development Program in 2002-03?

Mr. Bjornerud, to ask the Government the following Question No. 27:

To the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Revitalization: How much did the province contribute to the PFRA Rural Water Development Program in 2003-04?

Mr. Bjornerud, to ask the Government the following Question No. 28:

To the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Revitalization: How much will the province contribute to the PFRA Rural Water Development Program in 2004-05?

Mr. Stewart, to ask the Government the following Question No. 29:

To the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Revitalization: As of this date, how many CFIP claims are left to be processed?

Mr. Stewart, to ask the Government the following Question No. 30:

To the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Revitalization: (1) For the fiscal year 2002-2003, how much has the province paid out for CFIP claims? (2) What was the average amount paid by the province per claim?

Mr. Stewart, to ask the Government the following Question No. 31:

To the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Revitalization: (1) For the fiscal year 2003-2004, how much has the province paid out for CFIP claims? (2) What was the average amount paid by the province per claim?

Mr. Elhard, to ask the Government the following Question No. 32:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: (1) What are the estimated cost savings to SaskPower as a result of the move to the new Saskatoon Service centre this month? (2) Further to this, was a cost benefit analysis done for this move and will it be made public?

Mr. Hermanson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 33:

To the Minister of Finance: (1) How much was spent on the planning and design of the ads used in the provincial government's advertising campaign regarding the federal equalization formula? (2) What company was contracted to produce these ads?

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
