



No. 7

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

FIRST SESSION – TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Friday, March 26, 2004

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: Toth, Elhard, Wall, Hermanson, Bjornerud, McMorris, Eagles, Gantefoer, Harpauer, Huyghebaert, Brkich, Hart, Dearborn, Hamilton 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 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 / DÉPÔT DE PROJETS DE LOI

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

Les projets de loi suivants sont reçus, lus une première fois, et la deuxième lecture en est fixée à la prochaine séance:

Bill No. 8 - The Gas Inspection Amendment Act, 2004

(Hon. Mr. Quennell)

Bill No. 9 - The Electrical Inspection Amendment Act, 2004

(Hon. Mr. Quennell)

Bill No. 10 – The Administration of Estates Amendment Act, 2004

Projet de loi n° 10 – Loi de 2004 modifiant la Loi sur l'administration des successions

(Hon. Mr. / L'hon. M. Quennell)

Bill No. 11 - The Department of Post-Secondary Education and Skills Training Amendment Act, 2004

(Hon. Mr. Thomson)

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4, they were answered. (See Appendix)

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 5 to 14, pursuant to Rule 45(5), they were transferred to Motions for Returns (Debatable) Nos. 1 to 10.

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. Hart, adjourned.

On motion of the Hon. Ms. Atkinson:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 12:47 p.m. until Monday 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. Sonntag:

Financial Statements of First Nations Fund for the year ended March 31, 2003

(Sessional Paper No. 66)

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Ms. Harpauer asked the Government Question No. 1, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Sonntag:

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?

Answer:

In 2002-2003, the typical planning cost to upgrade a thin membrane surface highway to a granular pavement ranged between \$150,000/km to \$300,000/km depending on factors like terrain, soil type, vertical or horizontal alignment, roadway width and traffic characteristics.

Ms. Harpauer asked the Government Question No. 2, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Sonntag:

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?

Answer:

In 2002-2003, the average cost to repair a thin membrane surface highway was \$3,390/km.

Ms. Harpauer asked the Government Question No. 3, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Sonntag:

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?

Answer:

For 2002-2003, the typical planning cost to reconstruct an asphalt concrete paved highway ranged between \$450,000/km to \$600,000/km depending on factors like terrain, soil type, vertical or horizontal alignment, roadway width and traffic characteristics.

Ms. Harpauer asked the Government Question No. 4, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Sonntag:

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?

Answer:

In 2002-2003, the average cost for routine, light and medium preservation activities on a pavement was \$2,340/km.

NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

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

The following Questions were given notice on day no. 7 and are to be answered by day no. 12:

Mr. Dearborn to ask the Government the following Question No. 34:

To the Minister of Industry and Resources: (1) How much money was paid to Phoenix Advertising for the Future is Wide Open Campaign? (2) What was their commission?

Mr. Elhard to ask the Government the following Question No. 35:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Government Insurance: What research was done to justify the lower hourly rate SGI is now proposing to Saskatchewan auto body shops as compensation for paint work?

Mr. Wakefield to ask the Government the following Question No. 36:

To the Minister of Finance: (1) For the year 2000, what were the dates of all meetings between provincial finance officials or the Minister of Finance and the federal government, dealing specifically with the problems with the federal equalization formula detailed recently by Professor Thomas Courchene? (2) What was the nature of any correspondence between the provincial finance department and the federal government on this specific issue? (3) Will you table that correspondence?

Mr. Wakefield to ask the Government the following Question No. 37:

To the Minister of Finance: (1) For the year 2001, what were the dates of all meetings between provincial finance officials or the Minister of Finance and the federal government, dealing specifically with the problems with the federal equalization formula detailed recently by Professor Thomas Courchene? (2) What was the nature of any correspondence between the provincial finance department and the federal government on this specific issue? (3) Will you table that correspondence?

Mr. Wakefield to ask the Government the following Question No. 38:

To the Minister of Finance: (1) For the year 2002, what were the dates of all meetings between provincial finance officials or the Minister of Finance and the federal government, dealing specifically with the problems with the federal equalization formula detailed recently by Professor Thomas Courchene? (2) What was the nature of any correspondence between the provincial finance department and the federal government on this specific issue? (3) Will you table that correspondence?

Mr. Wakefield to ask the Government the following Question No. 39:

To the Minister of Finance: (1) For the year 2003, what were the dates of all meetings between provincial finance officials or the Minister of Finance and the federal government, dealing specifically with the problems with the federal equalization formula detailed recently by Professor Thomas Courchene? (2) What was the nature of any correspondence between the provincial finance department and the federal government on this specific issue? (3) Will you table that correspondence?

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

ALPHABETICAL LIST OF BILLS

Bills that have been introduced are listed alphabetically along with the Bill number. To find what stage a Bill is at, refer to the Progress of Bills chart.

TITLE	DATE CONSIDERED	BILL NO.
The Administration of Estates Amendment Act, 2004 / Loi de 2004 modifiant la Loi sur l'administration des successions	March 25, 2004	10
The Automobile Accident Insurance Amendment Act, 2004	March 24, 2004	7
The Certified Management Consultants Amendment Act, 2004	March 24, 2004	3
The Department of Post-Secondary Education and Skills Training Amendment Act, 2004	March 25, 2004	11
The Electrical Inspection Amendment Act, 2004	March 25, 2004	9
The Financial Administration Amendment Act, 2004	March 24, 2004	1
The Gas Inspection Amendment Act, 2004	March 25, 2004	8
The Municipal Employees' Pension Amendment Act, 2004	March 24, 2004	4
The Power Corporation Amendment Act, 2004	March 24, 2004	2
The Saskatchewan Pension Annuity Fund Amendment Act, 2004	March 24, 2004	5
The Superannuation (Supplementary Provisions) Amendment Act, 2004	March 24, 2004	6

PROGRESS OF BILLS**TO Friday, March 26, 2004****Bill comes into force on:**

A—Assent

P—Proclamation

SD—Specific Date

SE—Specific Event

Committees:

CW: Committee of the Whole

HOS: House Services

IAI: Intergovernmental Affairs and Infrastructure

CCA: Crown and Central Agencies

HUS: Human Services

PBC: Private Bills

ECO: Economy

GOVERNMENT BILLS

No.	Title	Member	1st Reading	Crown Recomm.	Comm.	2nd Reading	Comm.	Amdt.	3rd Reading	Royal Assent	In Effect
1	The Financial Administration Amendment Act, 2004	Van Mulligen	March 24/04								
2	The Power Corporation Amendment Act, 2004	Quennell	March 24/04								
3	The Certified Management Consultants Amendment Act, 2004	Van Mulligen	March 24/04								
4	The Municipal Employees' Pension Amendment Act, 2004	Van Mulligen	March 24/04								
5	The Saskatchewan Pension Annuity Fund Amendment Act, 2004	Van Mulligen	March 24/04								
6	The Superannuation (Supplementary Provisions) Amendment Act, 2004	Van Mulligen	March 24/04								
7	The Automobile Accident Insurance Amendment Act, 2004	Sonntag	March 24/04								
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9	The Electrical Inspection Amendment Act, 2004	Quennell	March 26/04								
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