



No. 9

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

FIRST SESSION – TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Tuesday, March 30, 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, Hermanson, Bjornerud, Morgan, McMorris, Eagles, Huyghebaert, Allchurch, Merriman, Dearborn and Trew.

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

According to Order, the Deputy Clerk informed the Assembly that on March 29, 2004, a certain petition concerning the expansion of the Provincial Sales Tax to include restaurant meals 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 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)

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)

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.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 58)

CONDOLENCES

Moved by the Hon. Mr Calvert, seconded by Mr. Wall, by leave of the Assembly:

That this Assembly records with sorrow and regret the passing of a former Member of this Assembly and expresses its grateful appreciation of the contribution he made to his community, his constituency and to the province.

Bernard David Gallagher, who passed away on October 1, 2003, was a Member of this Legislative Assembly from 1960 until 1971 representing the constituency of Yorkton for the Liberal Party.

Mr. Gallagher was born in Yorkton on July 22, 1925. He attended local schools and graduated from St. Joseph's Collegiate. Mr. Gallagher married Dorothy Jean Lang on August 1, 1949. He is survived by his six children.

Mr. Gallagher was elected to this Assembly in the 1960 general election. He retained his seat in the following two elections. Upon leaving this House, Mr. Gallagher retained an interest in politics and continued to be active in the Liberal Party. Mr. Gallagher was a farmer by profession and spent his retirement enjoying horse racing and bridge.

In recording its own deep sense of loss and bereavement, this Assembly expresses its most sincere sympathy with members of the bereaved family.

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

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 16 – 21, they were answered. (See Appendix)

CONDOLENCES

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Calvert, seconded by Mr. Wall, by leave of the Assembly:

That this Assembly records with sorrow and regret the passing of a former Member of this Assembly and expresses its grateful appreciation of the contribution he made to his community, his constituency and to the province.

Alexander Mitchell, who passed away on July 26, 2003, was a Member of this Legislative Assembly from 1966 until 1971 representing the constituency of Bengough for the Liberal Party.

Mr. Mitchell was born on the family homestead in Cardross on July 27, 1912. He attended local schools in Cardross and Moose Jaw before joining the family farming operation. His marriage to Mary Gall on December 25, 1935 lasted over 51 years.

Mr. Mitchell was an active participant in the community organizations. He was a member and past Master of the Masonic Lodge Verwood No. 177. He was a member of the Assiniboia Shrine Temple, The Regina Wa Wa Shrine Temple, the Mossbank Elks Club and the Moose Jaw Perceptory. Mr. Mitchell earned his pilot's licence and later owned his own plane. This interest in flying led to his and his wife's thirty year involvement with the Saskatchewan Flying Farmers Association, including a period on the executive as president.

Mr. Mitchell's involvement in politics began with the Bengough Liberal Association. He served as President of the association before being elected to this Assembly in a by-election in 1966 election. He retained his seat in the general election the following year.

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

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Calvert, seconded by Mr. Wall, by leave of the Assembly:

That this Assembly records with sorrow and regret the passing of a former Member of this Assembly and expresses its grateful appreciation of the contribution he made to his community, his constituency and to the province.

Olaf Alexander Turnbull, who passed away on March 15, 2004, was a Member of this Legislative Assembly from 1960 until 1964 representing the constituency of Elrose for the New Democratic Party.

Mr. Turnbull was born on December 30, 1917 in Kindersley. He attended local schools before graduating from the University of Saskatchewan with a Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture. Mr. Turnbull married Alice Turner on July 21, 1945. He is survived by his wife and their five children.

In his private life, Mr. Turnbull carried on the family tradition of farming. He first became involved in his local community by serving as a councillor on the rural municipality of Kindersley. Mr. Turnbull focused his energy in a variety of farming organizations. He served as a director and as vice-president of the Saskatchewan Farmers Union. He was the Saskatchewan representative on the federal Price Stabilization Board and a member of the Interprovincial Farm Union Council. He also served as chairman of the 1959 March to Ottawa farm group. Mr. Turnbull held memberships with the Canadian Agricultural Economic Society, the American Farm Economics Association, and the Canadian Seed Growers Association.

Mr. Turnbull served one term in this Assembly. Following his election in the 1960 general election, Mr. Turnbull was appointed to cabinet as the Minister of Co-operation and Co-operative Development. He later held the Education portfolio from 1962 until 1964.

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

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Calvert, seconded by Mr. Wall, by leave of the Assembly:

That this Assembly records with sorrow and regret the passing of a former Member of this Assembly and expresses its grateful appreciation of the contribution he made to his community, his constituency and to the province.

Henry Harold Peter Baker, who passed away on March 4, 2004, was a Member of this Legislative Assembly from 1964 until 1982 representing the constituencies of Regina East, Regina South East, Regina Wascana, and Regina Victoria for the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation and the New Democratic Party.

Mr. Baker was born on the family farm near Lipton on November 24, 1915. He received his early education at local schools before graduating from teacher's college in Regina. Later he pursued his education in Chicago, where he studied business engineering and personnel administration. Mr. Baker married Helen Sauer on May 31, 1942 and together they had one daughter.

Mr. Baker's first career was as a teacher. He taught in elementary and high schools and spent two years instructing R.C.A.F. air crew personnel. Mr. Baker then became the Secretary of the Public Service Commission, a position he held for fourteen years. Mr. Baker was active in a number of community organizations, including the Frontiersmen and the Boy Scouts.

Mr. Baker's dedication to his fellow citizens was evident in his lengthy service in civic and provincial affairs. He was an alderman on the Regina City Council for three years before his election as Mayor for the first time in 1959. He continued to lead the council until 1970 and then for a second period from 1974 until 1979. He was Regina's longest serving mayor. At the provincial level, Mr. Baker was first elected to this Assembly as a member of the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation party in the 1964 general election. He retained his seat in the following three elections as a member of the New Democratic Party.

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

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Calvert, seconded by Mr. Wall, by leave of the Assembly:

That this Assembly records with sorrow and regret the passing of a former Member of this Assembly and expresses its grateful appreciation of the contribution he made to his community, his constituency and to the province.

Murray James Koskie, who passed away on March 14, 2004, was a Member of this Legislative Assembly from 1975 until 1995 representing the constituency of Quill Lakes for the New Democratic Party.

Mr. Koskie was born on November 5, 1929 in Sinnet. He grew up on the family farm and received his early schooling at Humboldt Collegiate. He furthered his education at the University of Saskatchewan and graduated with a Bachelor degree in Education and a Bachelor of Laws degree. Mr. Koskie married Shirley Ann Hugill on June 24, 1961 and together they had three children.

Mr. Koskie practiced law before being elected to this Assembly in the 1975 general election. He was re-elected in the following four elections. Mr. Koskie served in the cabinets of two premiers. He held the Social Services and Consumer Affairs portfolios in the Blakeney administration. Later in 1992, Mr. Koskie was appointed Minister of Highways and Transportation by Roy Romanow.

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

Moved by the Hon. Ms. Atkinson, seconded by Mr. Gantfoer, by leave of the Assembly:

That the Resolutions just passed, together with a transcript of oral tributes to the memory of the deceased, be communicated to the bereaved families on behalf of the Assembly by Mr. Speaker.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

On motion of the Hon. Ms. Atkinson:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 4:06 p.m. until Tuesday at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. P. Myron Kowalsky
Speaker

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Mr. Dearborn asked the Government the following Question No. 16, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Wartman:

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?

Answer:

- (1) Yes.
- (2) The reinsurance agreement between the two levels of government was outlined in the Canada-Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Agreement. Private reinsurance was purchased for the New Crops Insurance Program in 2001.
- (3) The reinsurance agreement between the two levels of government is updated and renewed every five years.
- (4) At the beginning of the 2001-02 fiscal year the crop insurance program had a surplus of approximately \$385 million.

Mr. Dearborn asked the Government the following Question No. 17, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Wartman:

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?

Answer:

- (1) Yes.
- (2) The reinsurance agreement between the two levels of government was outlined in the Canada-Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Agreement.
- (3) The reinsurance agreement between the two levels of government is updated and renewed every five years.
- (4) At the beginning of the 2002-03 fiscal year the crop insurance program had a surplus of approximately \$285 million.

Mr. Dearborn asked the Government the following Question No. 18, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Wartman:

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?

Answer:

- (1) Yes.
- (2) The reinsurance agreement between the two levels of government was outlined in the Canada-Saskatchewan Production Insurance Agreement.
- (3) The reinsurance agreement between the two levels of government is updated and renewed every five years.
- (4) At the beginning of the 2003-04 fiscal year the crop insurance program had a deficit of approximately \$550 million.

Mr. Dearborn asked the Government the following Question No. 19, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Wartman:

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?

Answer:

- (1) Yes.
- (2) The reinsurance agreement between the two levels of government is outlined in the Canada-Saskatchewan Production Insurance Agreement.
- (3) The reinsurance agreement between the two levels of government is updated and renewed every five years.
- (4) At the beginning of the 2004-05 fiscal year the crop insurance program is projected to have a deficit of approximately \$529 million.

Mr. Dearborn asked the Government the following Question No. 20, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Wartman:

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?

Answer:

No.

Mr. McMorris asked the Government the following Question No. 21, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Nilson:

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?

Answer:

- (1) Saskatchewan Health pays nephrologists on a fee for service basis for each haemodialysis treatment rendered. YES.
- (2) The fees are as follows:

	<u>Current</u>	<u>April 1, 2004</u>
• Initial treatment:	\$236.00	\$249.00
• Second to fifth (each):	\$133.00	\$142.00
• Sixth and subsequent (each):	\$ 37.20	\$ 40.30

The fees are as per the Physician Payment Schedule.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS FOR FIRST READING OF BILLS

On Thursday:

Hon. Mr. Sonntag to move First Reading of Bill No. 14 – The Highway Traffic Amendment Act, 2004

Hon. Ms. Higgins to move First Reading of Bill No. 15 – The Workers' Compensation Board Pension Implementation Act

Hon. Mr. Cline to move First Reading of Bill No. 16 – The Geographic Names Board Amendment Act, 2004

Hon. Mr. Cline to move First Reading of Bill No. 17 – The Department of Energy and Mines Amendment Act, 2004

NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

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?

The following Questions were given notice on day no. 8 and are to be answered by day no. 13:

Mr. Hart to ask the Government the following Question No. 40:

To the Minister of Labour: In the year 2000, what was the total cost of office renovations for the Workers' Compensation Board, including design, labour, furniture purchases or rentals, and art purchases or rentals?

Mr. Hart to ask the Government the following Question No. 41:

To the Minister of Labour: In the year 2001, what was the total cost of office renovations for the Workers' Compensation Board, including design, labour, furniture purchases or rentals, and art purchases or rentals?

Mr. Hart to ask the Government the following Question No. 42:

To the Minister of Labour: In the year 2002, what was the total cost of office renovations for the Workers' Compensation Board, including design, labour, furniture purchases or rentals, and art purchases or rentals?

Mr. Hart to ask the Government the following Question No. 43:

To the Minister of Labour: In the year 2003, what was the total cost of office renovations for the Workers' Compensation Board, including design, labour, furniture purchases or rentals, and art purchases or rentals?

Mr. Dearborn to ask the Government the following Question No. 44:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Property Management Corporation: How much money was spent in the 2003/2004 budget year for decorative art purchases in government office buildings and Crown Corporation buildings?

Mr. Brkich to ask the Government the following Question No. 45:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) Who is the Chair of the Provincial Mediation Board for tax enforcement, as well as the members of the Board? (2) Further to this, what are the official Board policies when it comes to handling tax enforcement cases in a timely manner?

Mr. Huyghebaert to ask the Government the following Question No. 46:

To the Minister of Environment: What were the names of the people drawn to receive big game licenses, including mule deer, white tail deer, antelope, elk and moose for the year 1991?

Mr. Huyghebaert to ask the Government the following Question No. 47:

To the Minister of Environment: What were the names of the people drawn to receive big game licenses, including mule deer, white tail deer, antelope, elk and moose for the year 1992?

Mr. Huyghebaert to ask the Government the following Question No. 48:

To the Minister of Environment: What were the names of the people drawn to receive big game licenses, including mule deer, white tail deer, antelope, elk and moose for the year 1993?

Mr. Huyghebaert to ask the Government the following Question No. 49:

To the Minister of Environment: What were the names of the people drawn to receive big game licenses, including mule deer, white tail deer, antelope, elk and moose for the year 1994?

Mr. Huyghebaert to ask the Government the following Question No. 50:

To the Minister of Environment: What were the names of the people drawn to receive big game licenses, including mule deer, white tail deer, antelope, elk and moose for the year 1995?

Mr. Huyghebaert to ask the Government the following Question No. 51:

To the Minister of Environment: What were the names of the people drawn to receive big game licenses, including mule deer, white tail deer, antelope, elk and moose for the year 1996?

Mr. Huyghebaert to ask the Government the following Question No. 52:

To the Minister of Environment: What were the names of the people drawn to receive big game licenses, including mule deer, white tail deer, antelope, elk and moose for the year 1997?

Mr. Huyghebaert to ask the Government the following Question No. 53:

To the Minister of Environment: What were the names of the people drawn to receive big game licenses, including mule deer, white tail deer, antelope, elk and moose for the year 1998?

Mr. Huyghebaert to ask the Government the following Question No. 54:

To the Minister of Environment: What were the names of the people drawn to receive big game licenses, including mule deer, white tail deer, antelope, elk and moose for the year 1999?

Mr. Huyghebaert to ask the Government the following Question No. 55:

To the Minister of Environment: What were the names of the people drawn to receive big game licenses, including mule deer, white tail deer, antelope, elk and moose for the year 2000?

Mr. Huyghebaert to ask the Government the following Question No. 56:

To the Minister of Environment: What were the names of the people drawn to receive big game licenses, including mule deer, white tail deer, antelope, elk and moose for the year 2001?

Mr. Huyghebaert to ask the Government the following Question No. 57:

To the Minister of Environment: What were the names of the people drawn to receive big game licenses, including mule deer, white tail deer, antelope, elk and moose for the year 2002?

Mr. Huyghebaert to ask the Government the following Question No. 58:

To the Minister of Environment: What were the names of the people drawn to receive big game licenses, including mule deer, white tail deer, antelope, elk and moose for the year 2003?

The following Questions were given notice on day no. 9 and are to be answered by day no. 14:

Mr. Hermanson to ask the Government the following Question No. 59:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Telecommunications: (1) How many customers have subscribed to SaskTel's "MAX TV" service from January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2003? (2) And, as well, what was the total number of MAX TV subscribers on January 1, 2003 as well as December 31, 2003? (3) Further to this, what was the total number of MAX TV subscribers that have disconnected services between January 1, 2003 and December 31, 2003?

Mr. Gantefoer to ask the Government the following Question No. 60:

To the Minister of Health: (1) How much of the \$79.3 million provided by the federal government in 2003 under the First Minister's Accord on Health Renewal was spent on diagnostic and medical equipment in the year 2003? (2) What were the specific purchases in each Health Authority?

Ms. Draude to ask the Government the following Question No. 61:

To the Minister of Finance: (1) How many lawsuits have been brought forward by First Nations against the provincial government to reclaim tax money used for gasoline and purchases on reserves after the provincial government altered its taxing scheme? (2) How many of those lawsuits have been settled, and for how much? (3) How many lawsuits remain, and what is the total amount of money being sought for by First Nations?

Ms. Draude to ask the Government the following Question No. 62:

To the Minister of Aboriginal Affairs: (1) How many lawsuits have been brought forward by First Nations against the provincial government to reclaim tax money used for gasoline and purchases on reserves after the provincial government altered its taxing scheme? (2) How many of those lawsuits have been settled, and for how much? (3) How many lawsuits remain, and what is the total amount of money being sought for by First Nations?

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
