



No. 100

# **VOTES and PROCEEDINGS**

OF THE

**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

**FIRST SESSION – TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE**

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**Wednesday, April 27, 2005**

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, Hermanson, McMorris, Bakken Lackey, Cheveldayoff, Allchurch, Brkich, Weekes, Kerpan, Merriman, Morgan and Hart.

## **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 re-introduce recycling of plastics within the Regional Authority of Carlton Trail.

(Sessional Paper No. 797)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to implement the minimum compensation recommendations for staff members who support people with disabilities as outlined in SARC's human resources plan.

(Sessional Paper No. 798)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to reverse the increase in Crop Insurance Premiums and the reduction in coverage.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 72)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to ensure that the Wilkie Health Centre and Special Care Home maintain, at the very least, their current level of services.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 96)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to make the necessary repairs to Highway 35 north from the United States border, in order to prevent injury or loss of life and to prevent the loss of economic opportunity in the area.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 107)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to reverse the decision to force the amalgamation of school divisions in Saskatchewan and continue re-organization of school divisions on a strictly voluntary basis.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 637)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to take necessary steps to ensure that this portion of #15 Highway be repaired and re-surfaced immediately so as to remove the safety hazard to all motorists who rely on this vital road for transportation and economic purposes.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 639)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to take immediate action and make necessary repairs to Highway 32 in order to address safety and economic concerns.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 666)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to implement an allocation of financial resources to build an elementary school in Arbor Creek.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 716)

#### **SPEAKER TABLES REPORT**

The Speaker laid before the Assembly the Saskatchewan Information and Privacy Commissioner's Investigative Report H-2005-002 *Prevention Program for Cervical Cancer*, dated April 27, 2005.

(Sessional Paper No. 799)

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. 96 – The Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act, 2005

(Hon. Mr. Thomson)

Bill No. 97 – The Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Consequential Amendment Act, 2005  
Projet de loi n° 97 - Loi de 2005 sur une modification corrélative découlant de la loi intitulée The Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act, 2005

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

Bill No. 206 – The Labour Standards (Repeal of Government Directed Hours) Amendment Act

(Mr. Krawetz)

Bill No. 116 - The Osteopathic Practice Repeal Act

(Hon. Mr. Nilson)

Bill No. 208 – The Tommy Douglas Day Act

(Mr. McCall)

The Order of the Day being called, it was moved by Ms. Draude: That Bill No. 207 – The Protection of Children Abusing Drugs Act – be now introduced and read the first time.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

Ms. Draude asked leave to move that the said Bill be now read a second time. Unanimous consent was not granted, and the said Bill was ordered to be read a second time at the next sitting.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

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The Assembly adjourned at 2:18 p.m. until Thursday at 1:30 p.m.

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

## **NOTICE OF MOTION FOR A SEVENTY-FIVE MINUTE DEBATE**

On Friday:

Mr. Huyghebaert to move the following motion:

That this Assembly urge the Government to address the issue of rising property taxes caused by the failure of this Government to adequately fund municipal agreements with northern, rural, and urban municipalities in the 2005-2006 budget.

## **NOTICE OF PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTIONS**

On Friday:

Mr. McCall to move the following motion:

That this Assembly commend Saskatchewan's Crown Corporations for the exemplary services they provide to the people of Saskatchewan and on their strong financial performance over the course of the last year.

## **NOTICE OF PRIORITY ITEMS**

On Friday:

### **No. 1 (Government)**

Mr. McCall to move the following motion:

That this Assembly commend Saskatchewan's Crown Corporations for the exemplary services they provide to the people of Saskatchewan and on their strong financial performance over the course of the last year.

### **No. 2 (Opposition)**

Mr. Huyghebaert to move the following motion:

That due to the lack of its competence and vision, this Government no longer enjoys the confidence of the Legislative Assembly.

### **No. 3 (Opposition)**

Mr. Bjornerud to move the following motion:

That this Assembly recognize that the plight of Saskatchewan farm families is worse this spring than it has been in decades and the severity of cash flow problems this spring is causing severe distress and hardship not only in rural Saskatchewan, but in other parts of the province that rely on agriculture-based businesses.

## NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

**The following Question was asked on day no. 97 and is to be answered by day no. 102:**

Ms. Bakken Lackey, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1022:

To the Minister of Learning: (1) Is the moratorium on school closures from September 2004 to December 2006 still in effect? (2) If not, when was the moratorium removed?

**The following Questions were asked on day no. 98 and are to be answered by day no. 103:**

Mr. D'Autremont, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1023:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority: What is the breakdown of VLT revenue for the first three months of 2005, in the following categories: (1) communities with less than 500 people, (2) communities with 500 to 1000 people, (3) communities with 1000 to 5000 people, and (4) communities with greater than 5000 people?

Mr. D'Autremont, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1024:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority: What is the breakdown of VLT revenue for the first three months of 2004, in the following categories: (1) communities with less than 500 people, (2) communities with 500 to 1000 people, (3) communities with 1000 to 5000 people, and (4) communities with greater than 5000 people?

Mr. D'Autremont, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1025:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority: For January, February and March 2005, by month: (1) What was the consumption tax revenue for each month? (2) What was the consumption tax revenue breakdown for each of the following: restaurants, hotel bars, brew pubs, lounges, clubs, and liquor outlets? (3) What was the consumption tax revenue from table sales for each of the following: hotel bars, lounges, clubs, and brew pubs?

Mr. D'Autremont, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1026:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority: For January, February and March 2004, by month: (1) What was the consumption tax revenue for each month? (2) What was the consumption tax revenue breakdown for each of the following: restaurants, hotel bars, brew pubs, lounges, clubs, and liquor outlets? (3) What was the consumption tax revenue from table sales for each of the following: hotel bars, lounges, clubs, and brew pubs?

**The following Questions were asked on day no. 99 and are to be answered by day no. 104:**

Ms. Eagles, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1027:

To the Minister of Community Resources and Employment: Is Valley View Centre in Moose Jaw scheduled to be closed in the next five years?

Mr. D'Autremont, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1028:

To the Minister Responsible for Crown Management Board: (1) How much was paid in salaries and bonuses to the presidents/chief executive officers and vice-presidents of the Crown Investments Corporation and all of its wholly owned subsidiaries for 2004? (2) What is the salary and bonus structure for presidents/chief executive officers and vice-presidents of the Crown Investments Corporation and all of its wholly owned subsidiaries?

Mr. D'Autremont, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1029:

To the Minister Responsible for Crown Management Board: How much was paid in salaries and bonuses to the presidents/chief executive officers and vice-presidents of the Crown Investments Corporation and all of its wholly owned subsidiaries for 2003?

Mr. D'Autremont, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1030:

To the Minister Responsible for Crown Management Board: How much was paid in salaries and bonuses to the presidents/chief executive officers and vice-presidents of the Crown Investments Corporation and all of its wholly owned subsidiaries for 2002?

Mr. D'Autremont, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1031:

To the Minister Responsible for Crown Management Board: How much was paid in salaries and bonuses to the presidents/chief executive officers and vice-presidents of the Crown Investments Corporation and all of its wholly owned subsidiaries for 2001?

Mr. D'Autremont, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1032:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: How much did SaskPower spend in renovations last year, and what are the details?

**The following Questions were asked on day no. 100 and are to be answered by day no. 105:**

Mr. Heppner, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1033:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Government Insurance: How much is SGI budgeting for advertising the Safe Driver Recognition program in 2005?

Mr. Heppner, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1034:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Government Insurance: How much did SGI spend for advertising the Safe Driver Recognition program in 2004?

Mr. Heppner, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1035:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Government Insurance: How much did SGI spend for advertising the Safe Driver Recognition program in 2003?

Mr. Heppner, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1036:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Government Insurance: How much did SGI spend for advertising the Safe Driver Recognition program in 2002?

Mr. Kirsch, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1037:

To the Minister of Finance: (1) Does the department currently provide tax incentives or tax refunds for home owners for the installation of geothermal heating and cooling systems? (2) If so, how much has been paid out through this incentive program?

Mr. Hart, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1038:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Water Corporation: (1) What was the cost of the settlement between SaskWater and IPSCO relating to work done in the early 1990s? (2) What were the legal fees incurred by SaskWater in 1995 for this litigation? (3) What law firms were hired by SaskWater?

Mr. Hart, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1039:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Water Corporation: (1) What was the cost of the settlement between SaskWater and IPSCO relating to work done in the early 1990s? (2) What were the legal fees incurred by SaskWater in 1996 for this litigation? (3) What law firms were hired by SaskWater?

Mr. Hart, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1040:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Water Corporation: (1) What was the cost of the settlement between SaskWater and IPSCO relating to work done in the early 1990s? (2) What were the legal fees incurred by SaskWater in 1997 for this litigation? (3) What law firms were hired by SaskWater?

Mr. Hart, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1041:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Water Corporation: (1) What was the cost of the settlement between SaskWater and IPSCO relating to work done in the early 1990s? (2) What were the legal fees incurred by SaskWater in 1998 for this litigation? (3) What law firms were hired by SaskWater?

Mr. Hart, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1042:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Water Corporation: (1) What was the cost of the settlement between SaskWater and IPSCO relating to work done in the early 1990s? (2) What were the legal fees incurred by SaskWater in 1999 for this litigation? (3) What law firms were hired by SaskWater?

Mr. Hart, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1043:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Water Corporation: (1) What was the cost of the settlement between SaskWater and IPSCO relating to work done in the early 1990s? (2) What were the legal fees incurred by SaskWater in 2000 for this litigation? (3) What law firms were hired by SaskWater?

Mr. Hart, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1044:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Water Corporation: (1) What was the cost of the settlement between SaskWater and IPSCO relating to work done in the early 1990s? (2) What were the legal fees incurred by SaskWater in 2001 for this litigation? (3) What law firms were hired by SaskWater?

Mr. Hart, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1045:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Water Corporation: (1) What was the cost of the settlement between SaskWater and IPSCO relating to work done in the early 1990s? (2) What were the legal fees incurred by SaskWater in 2002 for this litigation? (3) What law firms were hired by SaskWater?

Mr. Hart, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1046:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Water Corporation: (1) What was the cost of the settlement between SaskWater and IPSCO relating to work done in the early 1990s? (2) What were the legal fees incurred by SaskWater in 2003 for this litigation? (3) What law firms were hired by SaskWater?

Mr. Hart, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1047:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Water Corporation: (1) What was the cost of the settlement between SaskWater and IPSCO relating to work done in the early 1990s? (2) What were the legal fees incurred by SaskWater in 2004 for this litigation? (3) What law firms were hired by SaskWater?

Mr. Hart, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1048:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Water Corporation: (1) What was the cost of the settlement between SaskWater and IPSCO relating to work done in the early 1990s? (2) What were the legal fees incurred by SaskWater in 2005 for this litigation? (3) What law firms were hired by SaskWater?

Mr. Hart, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1049:

To the Minister of Environment: (1) For the year 2005, how many staff members in Saskatchewan Environment were working on the issue of the Kyoto Accord and its impact on the province of Saskatchewan? (2) If these employees were not employed strictly for this purpose, what percentage of their time was spent on developing a plan to help Saskatchewan meet its Kyoto objectives?

Mr. Hart, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1050:

To the Minister of Industry and Resources: (1) For the year 2005, how many staff members in the Department of Industry and Resources were working on the issue of the Kyoto Accord and its impact on the province of Saskatchewan? (2) If these employees were not employed strictly for this purpose, what percentage of their time was spent on developing a plan to help Saskatchewan meet its Kyoto objectives?

Mr. Hart, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1051:

To the Minister of Agriculture and Food: (1) For the year 2005, how many staff members in the Department of Agriculture were working on the issue of the Kyoto Accord and its impact on the province of Saskatchewan? (2) If these employees were not employed strictly for this purpose, what percentage of their time was spent on developing a plan to help Saskatchewan meet its Kyoto objectives?

Mr. Hart, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1052:

To the Minister of Agriculture and Food: (1) For the year 2004, how many staff members in the Department of Agriculture were working on the issue of the Kyoto Accord and its impact on the province of Saskatchewan? (2) If these employees were not employed strictly for this purpose, what percentage of their time was spent on developing a plan to help Saskatchewan meet its Kyoto objectives?



Mr. Hart, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1053:

To the Minister of Agriculture and Food: (1) For the year 2003, how many staff members in the Department of Agriculture were working on the issue of the Kyoto Accord and its impact on the province of Saskatchewan? (2) If these employees were not employed strictly for this purpose, what percentage of their time was spent on developing a plan to help Saskatchewan meet its Kyoto objectives?

Mr. Hart, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1054:

To the Minister of Agriculture and Food: (1) For the year 2002, how many staff members in the Department of Agriculture were working on the issue of the Kyoto Accord and its impact on the province of Saskatchewan? (2) If these employees were not employed strictly for this purpose, what percentage of their time was spent on developing a plan to help Saskatchewan meet its Kyoto objectives?

Mr. Hart, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1055:

To the Minister of Property Management: (1) For the year 2002, how many staff members in SPMC were working on the issue of the Kyoto Accord and its impact on the province of Saskatchewan? (2) If these employees were not employed strictly for this purpose, what percentage of their time was spent on developing a plan to help Saskatchewan meet its Kyoto objectives?

Mr. Hart, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1056:

To the Minister of Property Management: (1) For the year 2003, how many staff members in SPMC were working on the issue of the Kyoto Accord and its impact on the province of Saskatchewan? (2) If these employees were not employed strictly for this purpose, what percentage of their time was spent on developing a plan to help Saskatchewan meet its Kyoto objectives?

Mr. Hart, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1057:

To the Minister of Industry and Resources: (1) For the year 2002, how many staff members in the Department of Industry and Resources were working on the issue of the Kyoto Accord and its impact on the province of Saskatchewan? (2) If these employees were not employed strictly for this purpose, what percentage of their time was spent on developing a plan to help Saskatchewan meet its Kyoto objectives?

Mr. Hart, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1058:

To the Minister of Industry and Resources: (1) For the year 2003, how many staff members in the Department of Industry and Resources were working on the issue of the Kyoto Accord and its impact on the province of Saskatchewan? (2) If these employees were not employed strictly for this purpose, what percentage of their time was spent on developing a plan to help Saskatchewan meet its Kyoto objectives?

Mr. Hart, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1059:

To the Minister of Industry and Resources: (1) For the year 2004, how many staff members in the Department of Industry and Resources were working on the issue of the Kyoto Accord and its impact on the province of Saskatchewan? (2) If these employees were not employed strictly for this purpose, what percentage of their time was spent on developing a plan to help Saskatchewan meet its Kyoto objectives?

Mr. Hart, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1060:

To the Minister of Environment: (1) For the year 2002, how many staff members in Saskatchewan Environment were working on the issue of the Kyoto Accord and its impact on the province of Saskatchewan? (2) If these employees were not employed strictly for this purpose, what percentage of their time was spent on developing a plan to help Saskatchewan meet its Kyoto objectives?

Mr. Hart, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1061:

To the Minister of Environment: (1) For the year 2003, how many staff members in Saskatchewan Environment were working on the issue of the Kyoto Accord and its impact on the province of Saskatchewan? (2) If these employees were not employed strictly for this purpose, what percentage of their time was spent on developing a plan to help Saskatchewan meet its Kyoto objectives?

Mr. Hart, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1062:

To the Minister of Environment: (1) For the year 2004, how many staff members in Saskatchewan Environment were working on the issue of the Kyoto Accord and its impact on the province of Saskatchewan? (2) If these employees were not employed strictly for this purpose, what percentage of their time was spent on developing a plan to help Saskatchewan meet its Kyoto objectives?