



No. 109

# **VOTES and PROCEEDINGS**

OF THE

**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

**FIRST SESSION – TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE**

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**Tuesday, May 10, 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: Elhard, Wall, Hermanson, Eagles, Bakken Lackey, Brkich, Weekes, Dearborn and Kirsch.

## **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 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 Biggar Hospital, Long-term Care Home and Ambulance services maintain their current level of services.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 106)

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 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 provide the funding required for additional residential spaces for Swift Current residents with lifelong disabilities.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 715)

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.

(Addendum to 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 ensure that Highway 51 is rebuilt to go through the town of Kerrobert.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 808)

#### **WRITTEN QUESTION**

The Order of the Day being called for Question No. 1217, it was answered. (See Appendix)

#### **COMMITTEE OF FINANCE**

The Assembly, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Finance to consider Estimates for the Department of Agriculture and Food.

The Committee then considered Estimates for the Department of Learning.

The Committee recessed from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

The Committee resumed its consideration of Estimates for the Department of Learning.

Progress was reported and the Committee given leave to sit again.

**ADJOURNED DEBATES / DÉBATS AJOURNÉS**

**Bill No. 102 – The Mandatory Testing and Disclosure (Bodily Substances) Act**

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Quennell: That Bill No. 102 – The Mandatory Testing and Disclosure (Bodily Substances) Act - be now read a second time.

The debate continuing, and the question being put, the said Bill was accordingly read a second time.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen:

Ordered, That Bill No. 102 - The Mandatory Testing and Disclosure (Bodily Substances) Act – be now referred to the Standing Committee on Human Services.

**Bill No. 109 – The Criminal Enterprise Suppression Act**

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Quennell: That Bill No. 109 – The Criminal Enterprise Suppression Act - be now read a second time.

The debate continuing, it was on motion of Mr. Kerpan adjourned.

**Bill No. 110 – The Seizure of Criminal Property Act**

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Quennell: That Bill No. 110 – The Seizure of Criminal Property Act - be now read a second time.

The debate continuing, and the question being put, the said Bill was accordingly read a second time.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Quennell:

Ordered, That Bill No. 110 - The Seizure of Criminal Property Act – be now referred to the Standing Committee on Human Services.

**Bill No. 108 – The Business Corporations Amendment Act, 2005**

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Quennell: That Bill No. 108 – The Business Corporations Amendment Act, 2005 - be now read a second time.

The debate continuing, and the question being put, the said Bill was accordingly read a second time.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Quennell:

Ordered, That Bill No. 108 - The Business Corporations Amendment Act, 2005 – be now referred to the Standing Committee on Human Services.

**Bill No. 113 – The Non-profit Corporations Amendment Act, 2005**  
**Projet de loi n°. 113 – Loi de 2005 modifiant la Loi de 1995 sur les sociétés sans but lucratif**

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Quennell: That Bill No. 113 – The Non-profit Corporations Amendment Act, 2005 – be now read a second time.

L'Assemblée reprend le débat ajourné sur la motion de l'hon. M. Quennell: Que le projet de loi n°. 113 – Loi de 2005 modifiant la Loi de 1995 sur les sociétés sans but lucratif – soit maintenant lu une deuxième fois.

The debate continuing, and the question being put, the said Bill was accordingly read a second time.

Le débat se poursuit et la motion, mise aux voix, est adoptée et, en conséquence, ledit projet de loi est lu une deuxième fois.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Quennell:

Sur motion de l'hon. M. Quennell:

Ordered, That Bill No. 113 - The Non-profit Corporations Amendment Act, 2005 – be now referred to the Standing Committee on Human Services.

Il est résolu que le projet de loi n° 113 - Loi de 2005 modifiant la Loi de 1995 sur les sociétés sans but lucratif – soit maintenant déferé au Comité permanent des services à la personne.

**Bill No. 112 – The Provincial Court Amendment Act, 2005**

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Quennell: That Bill No. 112 – The Provincial Court Amendment Act, 2005 - be now read a second time.

The debate continuing, and the question being put, the said Bill was accordingly read a second time.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Quennell:

Ordered, That Bill No. 112 - The Provincial Court Amendment Act, 2005 – be now referred to the Standing Committee on Human Services.

**Bill No. 111 – The Small Claims Amendment Act, 2005**  
**Projet de loi n°. 111 – Loi de 2005 modifiant la Loi de 1997 sur les petites créances**

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Quennell: That Bill No. 111 – The Small Claims Amendment Act, 2005 – be now read a second time.

L'Assemblée reprend le débat ajourné sur la motion de l'hon. M. Quennell: Que le projet de loi n°. 111 – Loi de 2005 modifiant la Loi de 1997 sur les petites créances – soit maintenant lu une deuxième fois.

The debate continuing, and the question being put, the said Bill was accordingly read a second time.

Le débat se poursuit et la motion, mise aux voix, est adoptée et, en conséquence, ledit projet de loi est lu une deuxième fois.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Quennell:

Sur motion de l'hon. M. Quennell:

Ordered, That Bill No. 111 - The Small Claims Amendment Act, 2005 – be now referred to the Standing Committee on Human Services.

Il est résolu que le projet de loi n° 111 - Loi de 2005 modifiant la Loi de 1997 sur les petites créances – soit maintenant déferé au Comité permanent des services à la personne.

**Bill No. 118 – The Saskatchewan Watershed Authority Act, 2005**

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Forbes: That Bill No. 118 – The Saskatchewan Watershed Authority Act, 2005 - be now read a second time.

The debate continuing, it was on motion of Mr. Weekes adjourned.

**Bill No. 96 – The Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act, 2005**

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Ms. Higgins: That Bill No. 96 – The Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act, 2005 - be now read a second time.

The debate continuing, and the question being put, the said Bill was accordingly read a second time.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen:

Ordered, That Bill No. 96 - The Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act, 2005 – be now referred to the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies.

**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**

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Ms. Higgins: That Bill No. 97 – The Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Consequential Amendment Act, 2005 – be now read a second time.

L'Assemblée reprend le débat ajourné sur la motion de l'hon. Mme. Higgins: Que le 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 – soit maintenant lu une deuxième fois.

The question being put, the said Bill was accordingly read a second time.

La motion, mise aux voix, est adoptée et, en conséquence, ledit projet de loi est lu une deuxième fois.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen:

Sur motion de l'hon. M. Van Mulligen:

Ordered, That Bill No. 97 - The Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Consequential Amendment Act, 2005 – be now referred to the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies.

Il est résolu que le 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 – soit maintenant déferé au Comité permanent des sociétés d'état et des organismes centraux.

**Bill No. 116 – The Osteopathic Practice Repeal Act**

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Nilson: That Bill No. 116 – The Osteopathic Practice Repeal Act - be now read a second time.

The debate continuing, and the question being put, the said Bill was accordingly read a second time.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen:

Ordered, That Bill No. 116 - The Osteopathic Practice Repeal Act – be now referred to the Standing Committee on Human Services.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

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The Assembly adjourned at 9:32 p.m. until Wednesday at 1:30 p.m.

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

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

**Mr. Weekes asked the Government Question No. 1217, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Sonntag:**

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Government Insurance: (1) Do all 1A driving instructors hold the class 1A license? (2) What screening is done on people who conduct 1A driver testing? (3) What provisions have been implemented for training new drivers to make our roads safe? (4) Does Saskatchewan have the same standards and system of testing 1A drivers as Alberta and Manitoba? (5) Have discussions been held with respect to standardization of 1A testing across Canada or western Canada?

Answer:

- (1) Yes, all Class 1A driving instructors in Saskatchewan must hold a Class 1A driver's licence.
- (2) SGI Driver Examiners who conduct road tests must meet job entry standards like all SGI employees. In addition, they are trained and certified to international standards, as driver examiners. Also, some Class 1A driving schools can train and test their students. These schools and their instructors must meet standards established by SGI and are audited annually.
- (3) Driver education is mandatory for all Class 5 drivers' licences.
- (4) Yes, testing standards are similar.
- (5) Yes. Saskatchewan is a member of the Canadian Council of Motor Transport Administrators. A sub-committee is currently reviewing Canadian commercial driver licensing standards, including commercial driver testing and training.

## NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

**The following Questions were asked on day no. 106 and are to be answered by day no. 111:**

Mr. Kerpan, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1236:

To the Minister of Finance: Does the provincial government currently levy any taxes related to the generation of electricity by individuals who generate power off the electrical grid?

Mr. Kerpan, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1237:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: Does SaskPower currently levy any fees on individuals who generate power off the electrical grid?

Mr. Kerpan, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1238:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: Please provide the following productivity measures for 2003: (1) Number of customers per employee. (2) Power generated per employee. (3) Power generated per dollar of assets.

Mr. Kerpan, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1239:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: Please provide the following productivity measures for 2002: (1) Number of customers per employee. (2) Power generated per employee. (3) Power generated per dollar of assets.

Mr. Kerpan, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1240:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: Please provide the following productivity measures for 2001: (1) Number of customers per employee. (2) Power generated per employee. (3) Power generated per dollar of assets.

Mr. Kerpan, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1241:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: Please provide the following productivity measures for 2000: (1) Number of customers per employee. (2) Power generated per employee. (3) Power generated per dollar of assets.

Mr. Kerpan, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1242:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: Please provide the following productivity measures for 2004: (1) Number of customers per employee. (2) Power generated per employee. (3) Power generated per dollar of assets.

Mr. Kerpan, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1243:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: How much of the \$317 million budgeted for operating, maintenance and administrative expenses in 2004 was spent on wages and benefits?

Mr. Kerpan, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1244:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: How much of the \$301 million budgeted for operating, maintenance and administrative expenses in 2003 was spent on wages and benefits?

Mr. Kerpan, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1245:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: (1) Under what conditions would a new employee of SaskPower be able to join the Power Corporation Superannuation Plan? (2) Since January 1, 1999, how many employees have joined the Power Corporation Superannuation Plan?

Mr. Kerpan, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1246:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: How many customers are signed on to the GreenPower program? Please provide a breakdown based on total users, residential users, commercial users and government users.

Mr. Kerpan, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1247:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: How many customers were signed on to the GreenPower program in 2004? Please provide a breakdown based on total users, residential users, commercial users and government users.

Mr. Kerpan, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1248:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: (1) What is the corporation's tendering process? (2) Is the lowest tender guaranteed the contract? (3) Are unsuccessful bidders notified of the successful bidder and bid?



Ms. Harpauer, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1249:

To the Minister Responsible for SaskEnergy Incorporated: (1) What is the corporation's tendering process? (2) Is the lowest tender guaranteed the contract? (3) Are unsuccessful bidders notified of the successful bidder and bid?

**The following Questions were asked on day no. 109 and are to be answered by day no. 114:**

Mr. Allchurch, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1250:

To the Minister of Northern Affairs: How much money has the provincial government invested, through grants, loans, subsidies, debt guarantees or other in Saskatchewan Co-operative Fisheries Ltd?

Mr. Allchurch, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1251:

To the Minister of Northern Affairs: How much money has the provincial government invested, through grants, loans, subsidies, debt guarantees or other in Northwest Community Wood Products Ltd. in 2004?

Mr. Allchurch, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1252:

To the Minister of Northern Affairs: How much money has the provincial government invested, through grants, loans, subsidies, debt guarantees or other in Northwest Community Wood Products Ltd. in 2003?

Mr. Allchurch, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1253:

To the Minister of Northern Affairs: How much money has the provincial government invested, through grants, loans, subsidies, debt guarantees or other in Northwest Community Wood Products Ltd. in 2002?

Mr. Allchurch, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1254:

To the Minister of Northern Affairs: How much money has the provincial government invested, through grants, loans, subsidies, debt guarantees or other in Northwest Community Wood Products Ltd. in 2001?

Mr. Allchurch, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1255:

To the Minister of Northern Affairs: How much money has the provincial government invested, through grants, loans, subsidies, debt guarantees or other in Northwest Community Wood Products Ltd. in 2000?

Mr. Allchurch, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1256:

To the Minister of Northern Affairs: How much money has the provincial government invested, through grants, loans, subsidies, debt guarantees or other in Northwest Community Wood Products Ltd. in 1999?

Ms. Bakken Lackey, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1257:

To the Minister of Health: What is the policy regarding smoking in schools or on school property in the province of Saskatchewan?

Mr. Weekes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1258:

To the Minister Responsible for Immigration: How many businesses were notified about the Saskatchewan Immigrant Nominee Program in 2005?

Mr. Weekes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1259:

To the Minister Responsible for Immigration: How many businesses were notified about the Saskatchewan Immigrant Nominee Program in 2004?

Mr. Weekes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1260:

To the Minister Responsible for Immigration: How many businesses were notified about the Saskatchewan Immigrant Nominee Program in 2003?

Mr. Weekes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1261:

To the Minister Responsible for Immigration: How many businesses were notified about the Saskatchewan Immigrant Nominee Program in 2002?

Mr. Weekes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1262:

To the Minister Responsible for Immigration: How many businesses were notified about the Saskatchewan Immigrant Nominee Program in 2001?

Mr. Weekes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1263:

To the Minister Responsible for Immigration: How many businesses were notified about the Saskatchewan Immigrant Nominee Program in 2000?

Mr. Weekes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1264:

To the Minister Responsible for Immigration: How many businesses were notified about the Saskatchewan Immigrant Nominee Program in 1999?

Mr. Brkich, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1265:

To the Minister of Rural Development: How much money did the department give to Ducks Unlimited in 2004?

Mr. Brkich, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1266:

To the Minister of Environment: How much money did the department give to Ducks Unlimited in 2004?

Mr. Brkich, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1267:

To the Minister Responsible for SaskEnergy Incorporated: How much money did SaskEnergy give to Ducks Unlimited in 2004?

Mr. Brkich, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1268:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Telecommunications: How much money did SaskTel give to Ducks Unlimited in 2004?

Mr. Brkich, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1269:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: How much money did SaskPower give to Ducks Unlimited in 2004?

Mr. Brkich, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1270:

To the Minister of Agriculture and Food: How much money did the Department of Agriculture and Food give to Ducks Unlimited in 2004?