



No. 110

# **VOTES and PROCEEDINGS**

OF THE

**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

**FIRST SESSION – TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE**

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**Wednesday, May 11, 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, Eagles, Harpauer, Bakken Lackey, Cheveldayoff, Brkich, Weekes, Merriman, Morgan, 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 long-term health care facilities in the Weyburn-Big Muddy Constituency are not closed or further downsized.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 97)

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 immediately address the concerns of all individuals affected by the TransGas Asquith Natural Gas Storage Project, pay 100% of the costs involved to rectify disruptions to water supplies, produce an environment assessment study encompassing a larger area outside the scope of the project, disclose the project's long term effects on these areas and consider alternative sources of water for the project.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 640)

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 install the technical equipment necessary to ensure that all rural areas of Saskatchewan are protected by reliable cellular phone coverage.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 730)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to ensure that the consulting contract of Jim Fergusson is immediately terminated.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 800)

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 QUESTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 1218 to 1235, they were answered. (See Appendix)

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

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The Assembly adjourned at 2:40 p.m. until Thursday at 1:30 p.m.

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

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

**Mr. Allchurch asked the Government Question No. 1218, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Belanger:**

To the Minister of Northern Affairs: What was the total value of loans given out through the Northern Development Fund in 2004?

Answer:

Northern Development Fund loan records are maintained on the basis of fiscal years, not calendar years. The total value of loans issued in 2004-05 is \$1,357,505.

**Mr. Allchurch asked the Government Question No. 1219, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Belanger:**

To the Minister of Northern Affairs: What was the total value of loans given out through the Northern Development Fund in 2003?

Answer:

Northern Development Fund loan records are maintained on the basis of fiscal years, not calendar years. The total value of loans issued in 2003-04 is \$1,065,558.

**Mr. Allchurch asked the Government Question No. 1220, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Belanger:**

To the Minister of Northern Affairs: What was the total value of loans given out through the Northern Development Fund in 2002?

Answer:

Northern Development Fund loan records are maintained on the basis of fiscal years, not calendar years. The total value of loans issued in 2002-03 is \$2,288,789.

**Mr. Allchurch asked the Government Question No. 1221, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Belanger:**

To the Minister of Northern Affairs: What was the total value of loans given out through the Northern Development Fund in 2001?

Answer:

Northern Development Fund loan records are maintained on the basis of fiscal years, not calendar years. The total value of loans issued in 2001-02 is \$1,785,162.

**Mr. Allchurch asked the Government Question No. 1222, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Belanger:**

To the Minister of Northern Affairs: What was the total value of loans given out through the Northern Development Fund in 2000?

Answer:

Northern Development Fund loan records are maintained on the basis of fiscal years, not calendar years. The total value of loans issued in 2000-01 is \$1,906,724.

**Mr. Allchurch asked the Government Question No. 1223, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Belanger:**

To the Minister of Northern Affairs: What was the total value of loans given out through the Northern Development Fund in 1999?

Answer:

Northern Development Fund loan records are maintained on the basis of fiscal years, not calendar years. The total value of loans issued in 1999-2000 is \$1,095,910.

**Mr. Allchurch asked the Government Question No. 1224, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Belanger:**

To the Minister of Northern Affairs: What was the total value of loans in default given out through the Northern Development Fund in 2004?

Answer:

Northern Development Fund loan records are maintained on the basis of fiscal years, not calendar years. The total value of loans issued in 2004-05 in default (i.e. inactive but not written off) is nil.

**Mr. Allchurch asked the Government Question No. 1225, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Belanger:**

To the Minister of Northern Affairs: What was the total value of loans in default given out through the Northern Development Fund in 2003?

Answer:

Northern Development Fund loan records are maintained on the basis of fiscal years, not calendar years. The total value of loans issued in 2003-04 in default (i.e. inactive but not written off) is nil.

**Mr. Allchurch- asked the Government Question No. 1226, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Belanger:**

To the Minister of Northern Affairs: What was the total value of loans in default given out through the Northern Development Fund in 2002?

Answer:

Northern Development Fund loan records are maintained on the basis of fiscal years, not calendar years. The total value of loans issued in 2002-03 in default (i.e. inactive but not written off) is \$464,594.47.

**Mr. Allchurch asked the Government Question No. 1227, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Belanger:**

To the Minister of Northern Affairs: What was the total value of loans in default given out through the Northern Development Fund in 2001?

Answer:

Northern Development Fund loan records are maintained on the basis of fiscal years, not calendar years. The total value of loans issued in 2001-02 in default (i.e. inactive but not written off) is \$35,821.63.

**Mr. Allchurch asked the Government Question No. 1228, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Belanger:**

To the Minister of Northern Affairs: What was the total value of loans in default given out through the Northern Development Fund in 2000?

Answer:

Northern Development Fund loan records are maintained on the basis of fiscal years, not calendar years. The total value of loans issued in 2000-01 in default (i.e. inactive but not written off) is \$585,863.58.

**Mr. Allchurch asked the Government Question No. 1229, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Belanger:**

To the Minister of Northern Affairs: What was the total value of loans in default given out through the Northern Development Fund in 1999?

Answer:

Northern Development Fund loan records are maintained on the basis of fiscal years, not calendar years. The total value of loans issued in 1999-2000 in default (i.e. inactive but not written off) is \$32,935.42.

**Mr. Dearborn asked the Government Question No. 1230, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Prebble:**

To the Minister of Government Relations: What is the procedure for private fire-fighting companies employing non-unionized staff to receive accreditation for their skills and professional standards from the provincial fire commissioner?

Answer:

The Office of the Fire Commissioner has been accredited by the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAC) to certify Saskatchewan fire fighters in accordance with a number of NFPA Standards. As described by IFSAC's Bylaws, the accredited agency must make certification available to all members of the fire service. There is no discrimination between unionized, non-unionized or private industrial companies seeking certification. The certification program is voluntary where members of any fire department can pursue certification if so desired. The system of certification in place under the Office of the Fire Commissioner offers certification or recognition of training for both municipal fire services and industrial fire brigades.

**Mr. Dearborn asked the Government Question No. 1231, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Prebble:**

To the Minister of Government Relations: (1) What is the nature of the relationship between the standards for fire fighting in the oil field and petroleum industry, as monitored by Occupational Health and Safety and the office of the Fire Commissioner with regards to these standards? (2) If a relationship does not exist, has the Minister taken steps to outline the relationship?

Answer:

(1) The Occupational Health and Safety Branch establishes standards for workplace safety. Part XXXII of *The Occupational Health and Safety Regulations* "Additional Protection for Fire Fighters" introduced the Code of Practice for Fire Fighters in 1997. Section 480 of The Code of Practice states that this part "applies to fire fighters who are engaged in emergency operations on a full or part time basis and their employers, but does not apply to (a) fire fighters fighting prairie or forest fires and (b) fighting fires underground at mines." Part XXXII would apply to those employed in fighting fires in the petroleum industry.

The Code of Practice also makes reference to training of fire fighters under section 482(1), "An employer shall ensure that: (a) all fire fighters receive the training necessary to ensure that the fire fighter is able to carry out safely any emergency operation that the fire fighter will be expected to carry out; (b) the training required by clause (a) is provided by competent persons; and (c) a written record is kept of all training delivered to fire fighters pursuant to this Part." Although there is no specific reference to training standards in this section, the Appendix makes reference to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA). On this matter, Occupational Health and Safety has coordinated standards with those established by the Office of the Fire Commissioner for training and qualification of fire fighters. The standards for fire fighting used by both Occupational Health and Safety and the Office of the Fire Commissioner are the NFPA Professional Qualification Standards.

(2) N/A

**Mr. D'Autremont asked the Government Question No. 1232, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Cline:**

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority: For January, February and March 2005, by month, what amount of alcohol by volume, by category, was sold in Saskatchewan?

Answer:

Alcohol sales by volume for January, February, and March 2005 are:

<b>2005 Volume Sales (000s Litres)</b>				
	<b>Period 11*</b>	<b>Period 12**</b>	<b>Period 13***</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Beer</b>	3,056	3,613	4,751	11,420
<b>Refreshment Beverages</b>	119	137	171	427
<b>Spirits</b>	318	343	440	1,101
<b>Wine</b>	243	270	311	824
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,736</b>	<b>4,363</b>	<b>5,673</b>	<b>13,772</b>

\* Period 11 – Jan. 2, 2005 to Jan. 29, 2005.

\*\* Period 12 – Jan. 30, 2005 to Feb. 26, 2005.

\*\*\* Period 13 – Feb. 27, 2005 to March 31, 2005.

**Mr. D'Autremont asked the Government Question No. 1233, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Cline:**

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority: For January, February and March 2004, by month, what amount of alcohol by volume, by category, was sold in Saskatchewan?

Answer:

Alcohol sales by volume for January, February, and March 2004 are:

<b>2004 Volume Sales (000s Litres)</b>				
	<b>Period 11*</b>	<b>Period 12**</b>	<b>Period 13***</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Beer</b>	3,386	3,797	4,788	11,971
<b>Refreshment Beverages</b>	117	124	144	385
<b>Spirits</b>	324	347	411	1,082
<b>Wine</b>	222	250	260	732
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,049</b>	<b>4,518</b>	<b>5,603</b>	<b>14,170</b>

\* Period 11 – Jan. 4, 2004 to Jan. 31, 2004.

\*\* Period 12 – Feb. 1, 2004 to Feb. 28, 2004.

\*\*\* Period 13 – Feb. 29, 2004 to March 31, 2004.

**Mr. D'Autremont asked the Government Question No. 1234, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Cline:**

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority: For January, February and March 2004, by month and by casino, what was the revenue from Saskatchewan casinos?

Answer:

**Revenue**

<b>2004</b>	<b>NLC</b>	<b>GEC</b>	<b>PHC</b>	<b>BCC</b>	<b>Total SIGA</b>
<b>January</b>	3,563,551	1,822,214	1,414,014	452,009	7,251,788
<b>February</b>	3,715,905	2,183,456	1,662,037	563,950	8,125,348
<b>March</b>	3,739,227	2,350,689	1,830,126	659,681	8,579,723

<b>2004</b>	<b>Casino Regina</b>	<b>Casino Moose Jaw</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>January</b>	\$5,975,000	\$1,160,000	\$7,135,000
<b>February</b>	\$6,213,000	\$1,133,000	\$7,222,000
<b>March</b>	\$6,960,000	\$1,144,000	\$8,104,000

**Mr. D'Autremont asked the Government Question No. 1235, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Cline:**

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority: For January, February and March 2005, by month and by casino, what was the revenue from Saskatchewan casinos?

Answer:

Revenue					
2005	NLC	GEC	PHC	BCC	Total SIGA
January	3,892,206	2,064,349	1,488,705	650,924	8,096,184
February	3,950,576	2,401,460	1,326,658	661,218	8,339,912
March	4,328,286	2,618,045	1,675,063	790,399	9,411,793

We are unable to provide the financial results for Casino Regina and Casino Moose Jaw as Saskatchewan Gaming Corporation releases financial results quarterly and through the Annual Report. Fourth quarter results will be released when the Annual Report is tabled in July. We are unable to release the fourth quarter results prior to that because the financial statements must be audited.

## NOTICE OF PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTIONS

On Friday:

Mr. Trew 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. Trew 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 WRITTEN QUESTIONS

**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?

**The following Questions were asked on day no. 110 and are to be answered by day no. 115:**

Mr. Bjornerud, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1271:

To the Minister of Agriculture and Food: What will be the cost of issuing the *Food and Farm Report* for 2005?

Mr. Bjornerud, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1272:

To the Minister of Agriculture and Food: What was the cost of issuing the *Food and Farm Report* for 2004?

Mr. Kerpan, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1273:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Telecommunications: How many tickets has SaskTel purchased for the Lieutenant Governor's Centennial Gala on May 19, 2005 at Credit Union Place in Saskatoon?

Mr. Kerpan, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1274:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: How many tickets has SaskPower purchased for the Lieutenant Governor's Centennial Gala on May 19, 2005 at Credit Union Place in Saskatoon?

Mr. Kerpan, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1275:

To the Minister Responsible for SaskEnergy Incorporated: How many tickets has SaskEnergy purchased for the Lieutenant Governor's Centennial Gala on May 19, 2005 at Credit Union Place in Saskatoon?

Mr. Kerpan, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1276:

To the Minister Responsible for Crown Management Board: How many tickets has Crown Investments Corporation purchased for the Lieutenant Governor's Centennial Gala on May 19, 2005 at Credit Union Place in Saskatoon?

Mr. Kerpan, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1277:

To the Minister Responsible for Investment Saskatchewan: How many tickets has Investment Saskatchewan purchased for the Lieutenant Governor's Centennial Gala on May 19, 2005 at Credit Union Place in Saskatoon?

Mr. Kerpan, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1278:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority: How many tickets has Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority purchased for the Lieutenant Governor's Centennial Gala on May 19, 2005 at Credit Union Place in Saskatoon?