



No. 116

# **VOTES and PROCEEDINGS**

OF THE

**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

**FIRST SESSION – TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE**

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**Wednesday, May 25, 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, Draude, Hermanson, McMorris, Eagles, Gantfoer, Harpauer, Cheveldayoff, Brkich, Weekes, Kerpan, Merriman, Hart and Kirsch.

## **READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS**

According to Order, the Clerk Assistant 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 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 implement an allocation of financial resources to build an elementary school in Arbor Creek.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 716)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to implement a strategy that will deal with crystal methamphetamine education, prevention, enforcement and treatment.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 720)

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 the consulting contract of Jim Fergusson is immediately terminated.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 800)

#### **REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE ECONOMY**

The following Bills were reported with amendment and consideration in Committee of the Whole having been waived, by leave of the Assembly, they were considered as amended and read the third time and passed:

Bill No. 87 – The Trade Union Amendment Act, 2004

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

The following Bills were reported without amendment and consideration in Committee of the Whole having been waived, by leave of the Assembly, they were read the third time and passed:

Bill No. 86 – The Labour Standards Amendment Act, 2004 (No. 2)

Bill No. 120 – The Fuel Tax Amendment Act, 2005

Bill No. 94 – The Apiaries Act, 2005

Bill No. 121 – The Farm Financial Stability Amendment Act, 2005

Bill No. 123 – The Wildlife Habitat Protection Amendment Act, 2005

Moved by the Hon. Ms. Higgins: That Bill No. 122 - The Miscellaneous Labour Statutes Amendment Act, 2005 – be now read a third time and passed under its title.

A debate arising and the question being put, it was agreed to on the following Recorded Division:

#### YEAS - 53

Calvert	Addley	Lautermilch	Hagel	Van Mulligen
Serby	Atkinson	Cline	Sonntag	Crofford
Prebble	Forbes	Wartman	Belanger	Higgins
Thomson	Nilson	Beatty	Hamilton	Junor
Harper	Iwanchuk	McCall	Quennell	Trew
Yates	Taylor	Morin	Borgerson	Elhard
Heppner	D'Autremont	Krawetz	Draude	Hermanson
Bjornerud	Stewart	Wakefield	Chisholm	McMorris
Eagles	Gantfoer	Harpauer	Cheveldayoff	Huyghebaert
Allchurch	Brkich	Weekes	Kerpan	Merriman
Morgan	Hart	Kirsch		

#### NAYS - NIL

The said Bill was, accordingly, read the third time and passed.

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen: That Bill No. 125 - The Corporation Capital Tax Amendment Act, 2005 – be now read a third time and passed under its title.

The question being put, it was agreed to on the following Recorded Division:

#### YEAS - 29

Calvert	Addley	Lautermilch	Hagel	Van Mulligen
Serby	Atkinson	Cline	Sonntag	Crofford
Prebble	Forbes	Wartman	Belanger	Higgins
Thomson	Nilson	Beatty	Hamilton	Junor
Harper	Iwanchuk	McCall	Quennell	Trew
Yates	Taylor	Morin	Borgerson	

#### NAYS - 24

Elhard	Heppner	D'Autremont	Krawetz	Draude
Hermanson	Bjornerud	Stewart	Wakefield	Chisholm
McMorris	Eagles	Gantfoer	Harpauer	Cheveldayoff
Huyghebaert	Allchurch	Brkich	Weekes	Kerpan
Merriman	Morgan	Hart	Kirsch	

The said Bill was, accordingly, read the third time and passed.

Mr. Lautermilch, Chair of the Standing Committee on the Economy, presented the Third Report of the said Committee which is as follows:

Your Committee considered the Estimates of the following Government departments and agencies and adopted the following resolutions:

**Main Estimates, 2005-2006:**

Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2006, the following sums:

For Environment .....	\$187,067,000
For Finance .....	\$149,187,000
For Industry and Resources .....	\$58,623,000
For Labour .....	\$14,744,000
For Saskatchewan Research Council .....	\$8,190,000

**Supplementary Estimates, 2004-2005:**

Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ended March 31, 2005, the following sums:

For Finance .....	\$4,500,000
For Industry and Resources .....	\$4,509,000

Your committee reviewed the following Estimates for which no funds were requested or required to be voted:

**Main Estimates, 2005-2006:**

**Executive Branch of Government**

For Finance – Servicing the Government Debt (Statutory)  
For Municipal Financing Corporation of Saskatchewan (Statutory)

**Fiscal Stabilization Fund Transfer**

For Fiscal Stabilization Fund

**Lending and Investing Activities**

For Crown Investments Corporation of Saskatchewan (Statutory)  
For Municipal Financing Corporation of Saskatchewan  
For Saskatchewan Opportunities Corporation (Statutory)  
For Saskatchewan Power Corporation (Statutory)  
For Saskatchewan Water Corporation (Statutory)  
For Saskatchewan Telecommunications Holding Corporation (Statutory)  
For SaskEnergy Incorporation (Statutory)

**Debt Redemption, Sinking Fund and Interest Payments**

For Finance – Debt Redemption (Statutory)  
For Finance – Sinking Fund Payments – Government Share (Statutory)

Your Committee recommends that upon concurrence of its report by the Assembly, the sums as reported and approved shall be included in the Appropriation Bill for consideration by the Legislative Assembly.  
(Sessional Paper No. 819)

On motion of Mr. Lautermilch, seconded by Mr. Weekes:

Ordered, That the Third Report of the Standing Committee on the Economy be now concurred in.

### REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

Ms. Junor, Chair of the Standing Committee on Human Services presented the Third Report of the said Committee which is as follows:

Your Committee considered the Estimates of the following Government departments and agencies and adopted the following resolutions:

#### Main Estimates, 2005-2006:

Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2006, the following sums:

For Community Resources and Employment.....	\$637,126,000
For Corrections and Public Safety.....	\$128,343,000
For Culture, Youth and Recreation.....	\$57,186,000
For Justice.....	\$203,287,000

#### Supplementary Estimates, 2004-2005:

Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ended March 31, 2005 the following sums:

For Culture, Youth and Recreation.....	\$6,290,000
For Justice .....	\$1,400,000

Your Committee recommends that upon concurrence of its report by the Assembly, the sums as reported and approved shall be included in the Appropriation Bill for consideration by the Legislative Assembly.  
(Sessional Paper No. 820)

On motion of Ms. Junor, seconded by Mr. Elhard:

Ordered, That the Third Report of the Standing Committee on Human Services be now concurred in.

### WRITTEN QUESTION

The Order of the Day being called for Question No. 1279, 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 Government Relations.

The Committee then considered Estimates for the Department of Learning.

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

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen, seconded by Mr. Gantefoer, by leave of the Assembly:

Ordered, That notwithstanding Rule 3(2), this Assembly shall sit from 7:00 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 25, 2005.

The Assembly, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Finance.

The Committee recessed from 5:23 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

The Committee being resumed, it then considered Estimates for the Department of Executive Council.

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

The Deputy Speaker adjourned the Assembly without question put, pursuant to Rule 3(2).

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The Assembly adjourned at 10:37 p.m. until Thursday at 1:30 p.m.

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

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**RETURNS, REPORTS AND PAPERS TABLED**

The following paper was laid upon the Table:

By the Hon. Mr. Wartman:

Orders under *The Provincial Lands Act*, dated April 19, 2005 (No. 326/2005)

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 33)

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

**Mr. Kerpan asked the Government Question No. 1279, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Atkinson:**

To the Minister Responsible for Crown Management Board: (1) How many application forms were received by Crown Investments Corporation requesting the utility rebate be applied to power or energy bills? (2) How many of these applications were approved?

Answer:

- (1) There were 4,685 applications requesting the utility rebate be applied to power or energy bills.
- (2) 4,467 of these applications were approved.

## NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

**The following Questions were asked on day no. 113 and are to be answered by day no. 118:**

Mr. Allchurch, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1294:

To the Minister of Northern Affairs: What are the funding commitments that North West Communities Wood Products must meet to obtain provincial grants or other funding?

Mr. Allchurch, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1295:

To the Minister of Northern Affairs: Who was the government-appointed board member of North West Communities Wood Products in 1999?

Mr. Allchurch, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1296:

To the Minister of Northern Affairs: Who was the government-appointed board member of North West Communities Wood Products in 2000?

Mr. Allchurch, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1297:

To the Minister of Northern Affairs: Who was the government-appointed board member of North West Communities Wood Products in 2001?

Mr. Allchurch, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1298:

To the Minister of Northern Affairs: Who was the government-appointed board member of North West Communities Wood Products in 2002?

Mr. Allchurch, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1299:

To the Minister of Northern Affairs: Who was the government-appointed board member of North West Communities Wood Products in 2003?

Mr. Allchurch, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1300:

To the Minister of Northern Affairs: Who was the government-appointed board member of North West Communities Wood Products in 2004?

Mr. Allchurch, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1301:

To the Minister of Northern Affairs: Who was the government-appointed board member of North West Communities Wood Products in 2005?

Mr. Brkich, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1302:

To the Minister of Rural Development: (1) How many recommendations has the government implemented from the first ACRE report? (2) Which recommendations have not been acted upon?

Ms. Bakken Lackey, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1303:

To the Minister of Community Resources and Employment: (1) How many dollars will The Family Place in Weyburn receive for their Mini-Go School under the Early Learning and Care Initiative? (2) When will The Family Place receive the dollars allocated from the above program?

Mr. Merriman, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1304:

To the Minister of Community Resources and Employment: What is the province's policy on inter-country adoption of children that are not sibling pairings?