



No. 18

# **VOTES and PROCEEDINGS**

OF THE

**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

**FIRST SESSION – TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE**

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**Thursday, April 15, 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: Elhard, Hermanson, Huyghebaert, Allchurch, Brkich, Weekes and Dearborn.

## **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 ensure that the Davidson and Imperial Health Centres be maintained at their current level of service.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 63)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to fund the Unity and District Seniors Lodge Project to ensure that citizens of Unity and District remain in the community for this necessary service that will bridge the gap between independent living and long term care.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 65)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to repair Highway 43 in order to address safety concerns and to facilitate economic growth in rural Saskatchewan.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 69)

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 Highway 18 from Claydon to Robsart is repaved at the earliest possible time to ensure the safety of drivers in the area and so that economic development opportunities are not lost.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 83)

### 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. 23 – The Regional Parks Amendment Act, 2004

(Hon. Mr. Forbes)

Bill No. 24 – The Provincial Court Amendment Act, 2004

(Hon. Mr. Quennell)

Bill No. 25 – The Adoption Amendment Act, 2004

Projet de loi n° 25 – Loi de 2004 modifiant la Loi de 1998 sur l'adoption

(Hon. Ms. / L'hon. Mme. Crofford)

Bill No. 26 – The Adoption Consequential Amendment Act, 2004

(Hon. Ms. Crofford)

### WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Question No. 166, it was answered. (See Appendix)

### APPOINTMENT OF INFORMATION AND PRIVACY COMMISSIONER

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen, seconded by Mr. Morgan:

That an humble address be present the Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor recommending that the Lieutenant Governor in Council appoint R. Gary Dickson, Q.C., of the city of Regina, in the Province of Saskatchewan, as the Information and Privacy Commissioner pursuant to section 38 of *The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

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

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen, seconded by Mr. Gantefer, pursuant to Rule 4(1):

Ordered, That the House recess today from 2:43 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. to allow the attendance of members at a reception in honour of the Information and Privacy Commissioner.

The Assembly recessed from 2:43 p.m. until 3:15 p.m.

## **SECOND READINGS / DEUXIÈME LECTURE**

### **Bill No. 7 – The Automobile Accident Insurance Amendment Act, 2004**

The Hon. Mr. Sonntag, a member of the Executive Council, having acquainted the Assembly that Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the Bill, recommends it to the consideration of the Assembly, moved: That Bill No. 7 – The Automobile Accident Insurance Amendment Act, 2004 – be now read a second time.

A debate arising, it was on motion of Mr. Heppner, adjourned.

### **Bill No. 8 – The Gas Inspection Amendment Act, 2004**

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Quennell: That Bill No. 8 – The Gas Inspection Amendment Act, 2004 – be now read a second time.

A debate arising, it was on motion of Mr. Weekes, adjourned.

### **Bill No. 9 – The Electrical Inspection Amendment Act, 2004**

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Quennell: That Bill No. 9 – The Electrical Inspection Amendment Act, 2004 – be now read a second time.

A debate arising, it was on motion of Mr. Toth, adjourned.

### **Bill No. 10 – The Administration of Estates Amendment Act, 2004**

#### **Projet de loi n° 10 – Loi de 2004 modifiant la Loi sur l'administration des successions**

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Quennell: That Bill No. 10 – The Administration of Estates Amendment Act, 2004—be now read a second time.

L'hon. M. Quennell propose: Que le projet de loi n° 10 – Loi de 2004 modifiant la Loi sur l'administration des successions –soit maintenant lu une deuxième fois.

A debate arising, it was on motion of Mr. Morgan, adjourned.

Il s'élève un débat et sur motion de M. Morgan, le débat est ajourné.

**Bill No. 11 – The Department of Post-Secondary Education and Skills Training  
Amendment Act, 2004**

The Hon. Mr. Thomson, a member of the Executive Council, having acquainted the Assembly that Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the Bill, recommends it to the consideration of the Assembly, moved: That Bill No. 11 – The Department of Post-Secondary Education and Skills Training Amendment Act, 2004 – be now read a second time.

A debate arising, it was on motion of Mr. Gantefoer, adjourned.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

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The Assembly adjourned at 4:53 p.m. until Friday at 10:00 a.m.

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

**RETURNS, REPORTS AND PAPERS TABLED**

The following papers were laid upon the Table:

By the Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen:

Annual Report and Financial Statements for Municipal Financing Corporation of Saskatchewan for the year ended December 31, 2003.

(Sessional Paper No. 90)

By the Hon. Mr. Cline:

Annual Report and Financial Statements for Information Services Corporation of Saskatchewan for the year ended December 31, 2003.

(Sessional Paper No. 91)

By the Hon. Mr. Taylor:

Annual Report for Saskatchewan Municipal Board for the year ended December 31, 2003.

(Sessional Paper No. 92)

Annual Report and Financial Statements for Saskatchewan Assessment Management Agency for the year ended December 31, 2003.

(Sessional Paper No. 93)

Public Accounts for Saskatchewan Assessment Management Agency for the year ended December 31, 2003.

(Sessional Paper No. 94)

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

**Mr. Heppner asked the Government Question No. 166, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Sonntag:**

To the Minister of Highways and Transportation: (1) With regard to the Highway 11 twinning project, what is the Department's plan for accesses on this Highway in the communities of Hague, Osler and Rosthern? (2) Has the Department consulted with the councils in those communities about the number and location of these accesses? (3) What is the position of those communities about these accesses, and how does it compare to that of the Department of Highways' plan?

Answer:

- (1) Osler, Hague and Rosthern will each have one main access point, and a secondary access point.
- (2) Yes, the department has consulted the Councils of Osler, Hague and Rosthern. As well, the public was invited to open houses in all three communities.
- (3) The Department of Highways and Transportation has met with and noted the concerns expressed by the Council representing each of the communities. As this initiative draws closer to the final planning stages, the department will seek additional input from the local Councils to determine if their concerns have been addressed.

## NOTICE OF MOTIONS FOR FIRST READING OF BILLS AVIS DE MOTION PORTANT PREMIÈRE LECTURE DE PROJETS DE LOI

On Monday / lundi:

Hon. Mr. Quennell to move First Reading of Bill No. 30 – The Queen's Bench Amendment Act, 2004  
L'hon. M. Quennell proposera la première lecture du projet de loi n° 30 – Loi de 2004 modifiant la Loi de 1998 sur la Cour du Banc de la Reine

Hon. Mr. Quennell to move First Reading of Bill No. 31 – The Miscellaneous Statutes Repeal (Regulatory Reform) Act, 2004

## NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

**The following Questions were given notice on day no. 15 and are to be answered by day no. 20:**

Mr. Hermanson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 168:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Telecommunications: (1) As of December 31, 2003, how many MAX TV subscribers were employees of SaskTel? (2) Do SaskTel employees receive a discounted subscription rate for the MAX TV service? (3) If so, how much is the employees' discount, per employee? (4) What is the total discount amount?

Mr. Hermanson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 169:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Telecommunications: Can the Minister provide an explanation as to why SaskTel can release the number of subscribers for its MAX TV service, yet does not release the number of disconnects due to what is termed "competitive reasons"?

Mr. Brkich, to ask the Government the following Question No. 170:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Property Management Corporation: How many full- and part-time positions will be lost within SPMC due to the budget?

Mr. Dearborn, to ask the Government the following Question No. 171:

To the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Revitalization: In light of the recently announced cull of 19 million chickens in Canada, and given the need to replace those birds, will any action be taken to expedite the granting of quotas to Saskatchewan chicken and egg producers who are on waiting lists for the Chicken Farmers of Saskatchewan and the Saskatchewan Hatching Egg Producers' Marketing Board, respectively?

**The following Questions were given notice on day no. 16 and are to be answered by day no. 21:**

Mr. Weekes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 172:

To the Minister of Health: (1) What will be the anticipated costs to change the names of all hospitals in the Heartland Health Region? (2) Is it expected to occur in this fiscal year?

Mr. McMorris, to ask the Government the following Question No. 173:

To the Minister of Justice: For fiscal year 2001, what was the total number of transfers done by Spectrum Transfer Company in the Regina area?

Mr. McMorris, to ask the Government the following Question No. 174:

To the Minister of Justice: For fiscal year 2002, what was the total number of transfers done by Spectrum Transfer Company in the Regina area?

Mr. McMorris, to ask the Government the following Question No. 175:

To the Minister of Justice: For fiscal year 2003, what was the total number of transfers done by Spectrum Transfer Company in the Regina area?

Mr. McMorris, to ask the Government the following Question No. 176:

To the Minister of Justice: For fiscal year 2003, what was the fee paid by the Coroner's office to Spectrum Transfer Company, per transfer in the Regina area?

**The following Questions were given notice on day no. 17 and are to be answered by day no. 22:**

Mr. Weekes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 177:

To the Minister Responsible for Information Services Corporation: (1) How many lawyers are employed by ISC? (2) Under the old Land Titles system, how many lawyers were employed?

Mr. Weekes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 178:

To the Minister Responsible for Information Services Corporation: (1) How many people are employed full- and part-time at ISC as of April 1, 2004? (2) How many were employed full- and part-time at ISC as of December 31, 2003?

**The following Questions were given notice on day no. 18 and are to be answered by day no. 23:**

Mr. D'Autremont, to ask the Government the following Question No. 179:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority: In 2003-04, what was the net revenue from VLTs placed in businesses in each of the categories used by SLGA for beer purchase discounts?

Mr. D'Autremont, to ask the Government the following Question No. 180:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority: (1) In the fiscal year 2003-04, what was the total amount of discount in each discount category for beer purchases made by Saskatchewan businesses? (2) How many individual businesses received discounts in each category?

Mr. Gantefer, to ask the Government the following Question No. 181:

To the Minister of Health: How much money did the Kelsey Trail Regional Health Authority pay in PST during the fiscal year of 2002-2003?

Mr. Gantefer, to ask the Government the following Question No. 182:

To the Minister of Health: How much money did the Heartland Regional Health Authority pay in PST during the fiscal year of 2002-2003?

Mr. Gantefer, to ask the Government the following Question No. 183:

To the Minister of Health: How much money did the Saskatoon Regional Health Authority pay in PST during the fiscal year of 2002-2003?

Mr. Gantefer, to ask the Government the following Question No. 184:

To the Minister of Health: How much money did the Sunrise Regional Health Authority pay in PST during the fiscal year of 2002-2003?

Mr. Gantefer, to ask the Government the following Question No. 185:

To the Minister of Health: How much money did the Regina Qu'Appelle Regional Health Authority pay in PST during the fiscal year of 2002-2003?

Mr. Gantefer, to ask the Government the following Question No. 186:

To the Minister of Health: How much money did the Cypress Regional Health Authority pay in PST during the fiscal year of 2002-2003?



Mr. Gantefer, to ask the Government the following Question No. 187:

To the Minister of Health: How much money did the Five Hills Regional Health Authority pay in PST during the fiscal year of 2002-2003?

Mr. Gantefer, to ask the Government the following Question No. 188:

To the Minister of Health: How much money did the Sun Country Regional Health Authority pay in PST during the fiscal year of 2002-2003?

Mr. Gantefer, to ask the Government the following Question No. 189:

To the Minister of Health: How much money did the Athabasca Health Authority Inc. pay in PST during the fiscal year of 2002-2003?

Mr. Gantefer, to ask the Government the following Question No. 190:

To the Minister of Health: How much money did the Keewatin Yatthe Regional Health Authority pay in PST during the fiscal year of 2002-2003?

Mr. Gantefer, to ask the Government the following Question No. 191:

To the Minister of Health: How much money did the Mamawetan Churchill River Regional Health Authority pay in PST during the fiscal year of 2002-2003?

Mr. Gantefer, to ask the Government the following Question No. 192:

To the Minister of Health: How much money did the Prairie North Regional Health Authority pay in PST during the fiscal year of 2002-2003?

Mr. Gantefer, to ask the Government the following Question No. 193:

To the Minister of Health: How much money did the Prince Albert Parkland Regional Health Authority pay in PST during the fiscal year of 2002-2003?

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#### **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

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