



No. 24

# VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

FIRST SESSION – TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

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Friday, April 23, 2004

10:00 a.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 and Dearborn.

## PRESENTING PETITIONS FOR PRIVATE BILLS

The following Petitions were presented and laid upon the Table:

By Mr. Heppner	Of the Bethany Bible Institute, in the Province of Saskatchewan
By Mr. Toth	Of the Fountain of Life School of Ministry, in the Province of Saskatchewan
By Mr. McCall	Of the Saskatchewan School Trustees' Association, in the Province of Saskatchewan

## 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 portion of Highway 15 from the junction of #20 east to the village of Semans 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.

(Sessional Paper No. 115)

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 22 in order to address safety and economic concerns.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 50)

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 long-term health care facilities in the Weyburn-Big Muddy Constituency are not closed or further downsized.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 97)

#### **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. 38 – The Credit Reporting Act

(Hon. Mr. Quennell)

Bill No. 39 – The Enforcement of Maintenance Orders Amendment Act, 2004

Projet de loi n° 39 – Loi de 2004 modifiant la Loi de 1997 sur l'exécution des ordonnances alimentaires

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

Bill No. 40 – The Fatal Accidents Amendment Act, 2004

(Hon. Mr. Quennell)

**MOTION FOR A SEVENTY-FIVE MINUTE DEBATE**

The Order of the Day being called for a Motion for a Seventy-five Minute Debate, it was moved by Mr. Heppner, seconded by Mr. D'Autremont:

That this Assembly recognizes the particularly harsh toll this year's provincial budget has taken on seniors in Saskatchewan, especially the closing of long-term care beds, further reductions of acute care services, and raising the Provincial Sales Tax which most adversely affects those people on fixed incomes.

A debate arising, it was moved by Ms. Junor, seconded by Ms. Hamilton, in amendment thereto:

That all words after "Assembly" be deleted and substituted with the following:

"recognizes that this year's provincial Budget has increased the funding for health care by \$160 million, and

that the top priority of the Government of Saskatchewan is to use the means available to deliver high quality services like home care, long term care, the drug plan and acute care, which are all a top priority of the people of Saskatchewan."

The debate continuing and the period of seventy-five minutes having expired pursuant to Rule 19(5), the Acting Speaker interrupted proceedings.

**PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTIONS**

The Order of the Day being called for Motion No. 1, it was moved by Mr. McCall, seconded by Mr. Borgerson:

That this Assembly recognize the government's on-going commitment to the young people of Saskatchewan and that initiatives in the budget will continue to build a bright future for the youth of this province.

The debate continuing on the motion, the Deputy Speaker interrupted proceedings and adjourned the Assembly without question put, pursuant to Rule 3(2).

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The Assembly adjourned at 1:00 p.m. until Monday at 1:30 p.m.

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

**Returns, Reports and Papers Tabled**

The following paper was laid upon the Table:

By the Hon. Mr. Cline:

Annual Report and Financial Statements for Saskatchewan Research Council Employees' Pension Plan for the year ended December 31, 2003.

(Sessional Paper No. 127)

**NOTICE OF A GOVERNMENT MOTION**

On Tuesday:

Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen to move the following Motion:

That the following Estimates and Supplementary Estimates, being:

Vote 74	Information Technology Office
Vote 33	Public Service Commission
Vote 53	Saskatchewan Property Management Corporation

be withdrawn from the Committee of Finance and referred to the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies.

Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen to move the following Motion:

That the following Estimates and Supplementary Estimates, being:

Vote 70	Centenary Fund
Vote 12, 18, 175, 176, 177	Finance
Vote 23, 171	Industry and Resources
Vote 20	Labour
Vote 35	Saskatchewan Research Council
Vote 71	Fiscal Stabilization Fund
Vote 147	Agricultural Credit Corporation of Saskatchewan
Vote 140	Saskatchewan Water Corporation
Vote 164	Saskatchewan Watershed Authority
Vote 165	Crown Investment Corporation of Saskatchewan
Vote 159	Information Services Corporation of Saskatchewan
Vote 154	Saskatchewan Opportunities Corporation
Vote 152	Saskatchewan Power Corporation
Vote 153	Saskatchewan Telecommunications Holding Corporation
Vote 150	SaskEnergy Incorporated

be withdrawn from the Committee of Finance and referred to the Standing Committee on the Economy.

Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen to move the following Motion:

That the following Estimates and Supplementary Estimates, being:

Vote 34	Chief Electoral Officer
Vote 57	Conflict of Interest Commissioner
Vote 55	Information and Privacy Commissioner
Vote 21	Legislative Assembly
Vote 56	Ombudsman and Children's Advocate
Vote 28	Provincial Auditor

be withdrawn from the Committee of Finance and referred to the Standing Committee on House Services.

Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen to move the following Motion:

That the following Estimates and Supplementary Estimates, being:

Vote 36	Community Resources and Employment
Vote 73	Corrections and Public Safety
Vote 27	Culture, Youth and Recreation
Vote 3	Justice
Vote 170	Education Infrastructure Financing Corporation

be withdrawn from the Committee of Finance and referred to the Standing Committee on Human Services.

Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen to move the following Motion:

That the following Estimates and Supplementary Estimates, being:

Vote 30	Government Relations and Aboriginal Affairs
Vote 16, 17, 145	Highways and Transportation
Vote 75, 163	Northern Affairs
Vote 151	Municipal Financing Corporation of Saskatchewan

be withdrawn from the Committee of Finance and referred to the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Infrastructure.

## NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

**The following Questions were given notice on day no. 21 and are to be answered by day no. 26:**

Ms. Harpauer, to ask the Government the following Question No. 234:

To the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Revitalization: (1) How many extension agrologists were employed by the Government of Saskatchewan on April 1, 2004? (2) How many will be employed by the Government of Saskatchewan as of May 1, 2004?

Mr. Dearborn, to ask the Government the following Question No. 235:

To the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Revitalization: (1) Will Saskatchewan chicken producers, currently on the waiting list to be granted quotas in our province to supply chickens, be granted those quotas in an expedited manner in order to supply the increased need for chickens due to the cull of 19 million birds? (2) What is the time frame from the granting of these new quotas?

**The following Questions were given notice on day no. 22 and are to be answered by day no. 27:**

Mr. Hermanson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 236:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Telecommunications: (1) Does SaskTel's MAX TV service have the technical capability to provide high definition television to its subscribers? (2) How much did it cost SaskTel to acquire or develop this technology? (3) If SaskTel's MAX TV service does not have the capability to provide high definition television to its subscribers, when does it intend to purchase or develop the required technology? (4) At what cost?

Mr. Brkich, to ask the Government the following Question No. 237:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Property Management Corporation: (1) Can the Minister please provide all of SPMC's sub-lease agreements with all of the Crown agencies, as well as the terms of these deals? (2) If not, why not?

Mr. Brkich, to ask the Government the following Question No. 238:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Property Management Corporation: (1) Can the Minister please provide all of SPMC's lease agreements with its public and private sector partners? (2) If not, why not?

Mr. Weekes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 239:

To the Minister Responsible for Information Services Corporation: (1) During fiscal year 2002-2003, what was the name of the report that resulted from the Gartner Group study recommending an appropriate governance model for geomatics services within the provincial government? (2) What were the costs associated with this study? (3) What were the results of the study? (4) Will the Minister table this report in the Assembly?

**The following Questions were given notice on day no. 23 and are to be answered by day no. 28:**

Mr. Dearborn, to ask the Government the following Question No. 240:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: (1) What is the minimum rate charge for a disconnect and reconnect for a commercial customer, specifically around seasonal buildings? (2) How is this rate determined?

Mr. Dearborn, to ask the Government the following Question No. 241:

To the Minister Responsible for the Public Service Commission: Does the 2004 provincial budget wage increase mandate of 0% - 1% - 1% for year one, year two and year three extend to the various types of Crown Corporations as defined in section 2(c), (e), (f), (f.1), (h) and (i) of *The Crown Corporations Act, 1993*, S.S. c - 50.101?

Mr. Brkich, to ask the Government the following Question No. 242:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Property Management Corporation: (1) Will SPMC be making any purchases of new and/or used vehicles for the Central Vehicle Agency in the 2004 calendar year? (2) Can the Minister please provide how many, and the make, model, year and cost of each vehicle?

Mr. Brkich, to ask the Government the following Question No. 243:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Property Management Corporation: (1) Does SPMC purchase any of the natural gas it uses in its properties in Saskatchewan from a company other than SaskEnergy? (2) If so, which properties use gas from a different company?

Mr. McMorris, to ask the Government the following Question No. 244:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Property Management Corporation: What was the revenue generated by the Echo Valley Conference Centre, and what were the operating expenses incurred by this facility in the fiscal year 2002-2003?

Mr. McMorris, to ask the Government the following Question No. 245:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Property Management Corporation: What was the revenue generated by the Echo Valley Conference Centre, and what were the operating expenses incurred by this facility in the fiscal year 2001-2002?

Mr. Gantefer, to ask the Government the following Question No. 246:

To the Minister of Health: How much money did the provincial government spend on the post-budget mail-out to Saskatchewan residents entitled "Budget 2004-2005: Understanding Health Care Spending in Saskatchewan"?

Mr. Gantefer, to ask the Government the following Question No. 247:

To the Minister of Finance: (1) How much money did the provincial government receive from the federal government for the Canada Health Infoway in the fiscal years of 2001-2002, 2002-2003, and 2003-2004? (2) How much of this money was allocated to the provincial health budget in each respective year?

Mr. Gantefer, to ask the Government the following Question No. 248:

To the Minister of Finance: (1) How much money did or will the provincial government receive from the federal government for the Canada Health Infoway in the fiscal year of 2004-2005? (2) How much of this money was or will be allocated to the provincial health budget?

**The following Questions were given notice on day no. 24 and are to be answered by day no. 29:**

Mr. Toth, to ask the Government the following Question No. 249:

To the Minister Responsible for Investment Saskatchewan:

For each of the suppliers, consultants, contractors and financial institutions used by the government in the discussions and negotiations with Broe Industries over the development of the Belle Plaine ethanol project: (1) What was each paid for their services? (2) How much did each receive from the Government of Saskatchewan as its share of the cost?

Mr. Stewart, to ask the Government the following Question No. 250:

To the Minister of Highways and Transportation: (1) What was the total cost of the recent overhaul and re-fit of the Riverhurst Ferry? (2) Who was the general contractor awarded this job? (3) What was the tender price for the jobs? (4) Did the general contractor hold a bid bond? (5) How much downtime was experienced by the Riverhurst Ferry in 2003 following the re-fit and overhaul?

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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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## ALPHABETICAL LIST OF BILLS

Bills that have been introduced are listed alphabetically along with the Bill number. To find what stage a Bill is at, refer to the Progress of Bills chart.

TITLE	DATE CONSIDERED	BILL NO.
Administration of Estates Amendment Act, 2004 / Loi de 2004 modifiant la Loi sur l'administration des successions	March 25, April 15, 20, 2004	10
Adoption Amendment Act, 2004 / Loi de 2004 modifiant la Loi de 1998 sur l'adoption	April 15, 20, 22, 2004	25
Adoption Consequential Amendment Act, 2004	April 15, 20, 22, 2004	26
Appropriation Act, 2004 (No. 1)	April 2, 2004	18
Archives Act, 2004	April 20, 21, 2004	33
Automobile Accident Insurance Amendment Act, 2004	March 24, April 15, 2004	7
Certified Management Consultants Amendment Act, 2004	March 24, April 14, 20, 2004	3
Credit Reporting Act	April 23, 2004	38
Crown Corporations Amendment Act, 2004	April 22, 2004	35
Department of Energy and Mines Amendment Act, 2004	April 1, 19, 21, 2004	17
Department of Post-Secondary Education and Skills Training Amendment Act, 2004	March 25, April 15, 2004	11
Electrical Inspection Amendment Act, 2004	March 25, April 15, 2004	9
Enforcement of Maintenance Orders Amendment Act, 2004 / Loi de 2004 modifiant la Loi de 1997 sur l'exécution des ordonnances alimentaires	April 23, 2004	39
Fatal Accidents Amendment Act, 2004	April 23, 2004	40
Financial Administration Amendment Act, 2004	March 24, April 14, 2004	1
Gas Inspection Amendment Act, 2004	March 25, April 15, 2004	8
Geographic Names Board Amendment Act, 2004	April 1, 19, 21, 2004	16
Labour-sponsored Venture Capital Corporations Amendment Act, 2004	March 29, April 19, 21, 2004	13
Land Surveyors and Professional Surveyors Amendment Act, 2004	April 8, 19, 21, 2004	20
Land Titles Amendment Act, 2004	April 8, 19, 21, 2004	19
Miscellaneous Statutes Repeal (Regulatory Reform) Act, 2004	April 19, 22, 2004	31
Municipal Employees' Pension Amendment Act, 2004	March 24, April 14, 20, 2004	4
Political Contributions Tax Credit Amendment Act, 2004	April 16, 20, 2004	27
Power Corporation Amendment Act, 2004	March 24, April 14, 2004	2
Powers of Attorney Amendment Act, 2004 / Loi de 2004 modifiant la Loi de 2002 sur les procurations	April 20, 21, 2004	32
Provincial Court Amendment Act, 2004	April 15, 20, 22, 2004	24
Provincial Sales Tax Amendment Act, 2004	April 22, 2004	36
Psychologists Amendment Act, 2004	April 20, 21, 2004	34
Public Employees Pension Plan Amendment Act, 2004	April 16, 20, 22, 2004	28
Purchasing Act, 2004	March 29, April 19, 21, 2004	12

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Queen's Bench Amendment Act, 2004 / Loi de 2004 modifiant la Loi de 1998 sur la Cour du Banc de la Reine	April 19, 22, 2004	30
Regional Parks Amendment Act, 2004	April 15, 19, 2004	23
Saskatchewan Association of School Business Officials Act, 2004	April 8, 19, 2004	21
Saskatchewan Farm Security Amendment Act, 2004	April 14, 19, 2004	22
Saskatchewan Pension Annuity Fund Amendment Act, 2004	March 24, April 14, 20, 2004	5
Snowmobile Amendment Act, 2004	April 15, 20, 2004	29
Superannuation (Supplementary Provisions) Amendment Act, 2004	March 24, April 14, 20, 2004	6
Tobacco Tax Amendment Act, 2004	April 22, 2004	37
Whistleblower Protection Act	April 5, 16, 2004	201
Workers' Compensation Board Pension Implementation Act	April 1, 19, 21, 2004	15

## PROGRESS OF BILLS

### Bill comes into force on:

A–Assent P–Proclamation

SD–Specific Date

SE–Specific Event

### Committees:

CF: Committee of Finance

CW: Committee of the Whole

HOS: House Services

IAI: Intergovernmental Affairs and Infrastructure

CCA: Crown and Central Agencies

HUS: Human Services

PBC: Private Bills

ECO: Economy

## GOVERNMENT BILLS

No.	Title	Member	1st Reading	Crown Recomm.	Comm.	2nd Reading	Comm.	Amdt.	3rd Reading	Royal Assent	In Effect
1	The Financial Administration Amendment Act, 2004	Van Mulligen	March 24/04	April 14/04							
2	The Power Corporation Amendment Act, 2004	Quennell	March 24/04	April 14/04							
3	The Certified Management Consultants Amendment Act, 2004	Van Mulligen	March 24/04			April 20/04	ECO				
4	The Municipal Employees' Pension Amendment Act, 2004	Van Mulligen	March 24/04	April 14/04		April 20/04	ECO				
5	The Saskatchewan Pension Annuity Fund Amendment Act, 2004	Van Mulligen	March 24/04	April 14/04		April 20/04	ECO				
6	The Superannuation (Supplementary Provisions) Amendment Act, 2004	Van Mulligen	March 24/04	April 14/04		April 20/04	ECO				
7	The Automobile Accident Insurance Amendment Act, 2004	Sonntag	March 24/04	April 15/04							
8	The Gas Inspection Amendment Act, 2004	Quennell	March 26/04								
9	The Electrical Inspection Amendment Act, 2004	Quennell	March 26/04								
10	The Administration of Estates Amendment Act, 2004 / Loi de 2004 modifiant la Loi sur l'administration des successions	Quennell	March 26/04			April 20/04	HUS				
11	The Department of Post-Secondary Education and Skills Training Amendment Act, 2004	Thomson	March 26/04	April 15/04							
12	The Purchasing Act, 2004	Higgins	March 29/04	April 19/04							
13	The Labour-sponsored Venture Capital Corporations Amendment Act, 2004	Cline	March 29/04	April 19/04							

**GOVERNMENT BILLS (continued)**

<b>No.</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Member</b>	<b>1st Reading</b>	<b>Crown Recomm.</b>	<b>Comm.</b>	<b>2nd Reading</b>	<b>Comm.</b>	<b>Amdt.</b>	<b>3rd Reading</b>	<b>Royal Assent</b>	<b>In Effect</b>
15	The Workers' Compensation Board Pension Implementation Act	Higgins	April 1/04								
16	The Geographic Names Board Amendment Act, 2004	Cline	April 1/04	April 19/04							
17	The Department of Energy and Mines Amendment Act, 2004	Cline	April 1/04								
18	The Appropriation Act, 2004 (No. 1)	Van Mulligen	April 2/04			April 2/04	CF Apr. 2/04		April 2/04	April 2/04	A
19	The Land Titles Amendment Act, 2004	Cline	April 8/04								
20	The Land Surveyors and Professional Surveyors Amendment Act, 2004	Cline	April 8/04								
21	The Saskatchewan Association of School Business Officials Act, 2004	Thomson	April 8/04	April 19/04							
22	The Saskatchewan Farm Security Amendment Act, 2004	Wartman	April 14/04								
23	The Regional Parks Amendment Act, 2004	Forbes	April 15/04								
24	The Provincial Court Amendment Act, 2004	Quennell	April 15/04	April 20/04							
25	The Adoption Amendment Act, 2004 / Loi de 2004 modifiant la Loi de 1998 sur l'adoption	Crofford	April 15/04								
26	The Adoption Consequential Amendment Act, 2004	Crofford	April 15/04								
27	The Political Contributions Tax Credit Amendment Act, 2004	Van Mulligen	April 16/04	April 20/04		April 20/04	CCA				
28	The Public Employees Pension Plan Amendment Act, 2004	Van Mulligen	April 16/04	April 20/04							
29	The Snowmobile Amendment Act, 2004	Sonntag	April 16/04								
30	The Queen's Bench Amendment Act, 2004 / Loi de 2004 modifiant la Loi de 1998 sur la Cour du Banc de la Reine	Quennell	April 19/04								
31	The Miscellaneous Statutes Repeal (Regulatory Reform) Act, 2004	Quennell	April 19/04								

**GOVERNMENT BILLS (continued)**

No.	Title	Member	1st Reading	Crown Recomm.	Comm.	2nd Reading	Comm.	Amdt.	3rd Reading	Royal Assent	In Effect
32	The Powers of Attorney Amendment Act, 2004 / Loi de 2004 modifiant la Loi de 2002 sur les procurations	Quennell	April 20/04								
33	The Archives Act, 2004	Beatty	April 20/04	April 21, 2004							
34	The Psychologists Amendment Act, 2004	Nilson	April 20/04								
35	The Crown Corporations Amendment Act, 2004	Atkinson	April 22/04								
36	The Provincial Sales Tax Amendment Act, 2004	Van Mulligen	April 22/04								
37	The Tobacco Tax Amendment Act, 2004	Van Mulligen	April 22/04								
38	The Credit Reporting Act	Quennell	April 23/04								
39	The Enforcement of Maintenance Orders Amendment Act, 2004 / Loi de 2004 modifiant la Loi de 1997 sur l'exécution des ordonnances alimentaires	Quennell	April 23/04								
40	The Fatal Accidents Amendment Act, 2004	Quennell	April 23/04								

**PRIVATE MEMBERS' PUBLIC BILLS**

No.	Title	Member	1st Reading	Crown Recomm.	Comm.	2nd Reading	Comm.	Amdt.	3rd Reading	Royal Assent	In Effect
201	The Whistleblower Protection Act	Morgan	April 5/04								