



No. 25

# VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

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**Monday, April 26, 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, Bakken, Huyghebaert, Allchurch, Brkich and Weekes.

## 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)

#### **SPEAKER TABLES REPORTS**

The Speaker laid before the Assembly the following:

Annual Report of the Saskatchewan Legislative Internship Program (SLIP) for the year 2003  
(Sessional Paper No. 142)

Annual Report of the Saskatchewan Conflict of Interest Commissioner for the year ended December 31, 2003.  
(Sessional Paper No. 143)

#### **WRITTEN QUESTIONS**

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 194 to 233, pursuant to Rule 45(5), they were transferred to Motions for Returns (Debatable) Nos. 136 to 175.

#### **SECOND READINGS / DEUXIÈME LECTURE**

##### **Bill No. 35 – The Crown Corporations Amendment Act, 2004**

The Hon. Ms. Atkinson, 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. 35 – The Crown Corporations Amendment Act, 2004 – be now read a second time.

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

##### **Bill No. 38 – The Credit Reporting Act**

The Hon. Mr. Quennell, 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. 38 – The Credit Reporting Act – be now read a second time.

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

**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**

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Quennell: That Bill No. 39 – The Enforcement of Maintenance Orders Amendment Act, 2004 – be now read a second time.

L'hon. M. Quennell propose: Que le projet de loi n° 39 – Loi de 2004 modifiant la Loi de 1997 sur l'exécution des ordonnances alimentaires – soit maintenant lu une deuxième fois.

A debate arising, it was on motion of Ms. Harpauer, adjourned.

Il s'élève un débat et sur motion de Mme. Harpauer, le débat est ajourné.

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

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Quennell: That Bill No. 40– The Fatal Accidents Amendment Act, 2004 – be now read a second time.

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

**ADJOURNED DEBATES / DÉBATS AJOURNÉS**

**Bill No. 29 – The Snowmobile Amendment Act, 2004**

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Ms. Atkinson: That Bill No. 29 – The Snowmobile Amendment Act, 2004 – be now read a second time.

The debate continuing, it was on motion of Ms. Eagles, adjourned.

**Bill No. 1 – The Financial Administration Amendment Act, 2004**

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen: That Bill No. 1 – The Financial Administration Amendment Act, 2004 – be now read a second time.

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

**Bill No. 2 – The Power Corporation Amendment Act, 2004**

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Quennell: That Bill No. 2 – The Power Corporation Amendment Act, 2004 – be now read a second time.

The debate continuing, it was on motion of Mr. D'Autremont, adjourned.

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

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Sonntag: That Bill No. 7 – The Automobile Accident Insurance Amendment Act, 2004 – be now read a second time.

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

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

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Quennell: Bill No. 8 – The Gas Inspection Amendment Act, 2004 – be now read a second time.

The debate continuing, it was moved by Mr. Toth, seconded by Mr. D'Autremont:

That this Assembly do now proceed to Item Number 1 in Adjourned Debates under Private Members' Public Bills and Orders, Bill No. 201 – The Whistleblower Protection Act.

The question being put on the motion, the Deputy Clerk informed the Speaker that there was an equality of votes on the following Recorded Division:

#### **YEAS – 28**

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

#### **NAYS – 28**

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

Mr. Speaker, under Rule 26(2), cast his vote against the motion and stated his reason to be as follows:

The Clerk has announced that there is an equality of votes for and against the amendment. In these circumstances, it is my duty pursuant to Rule 26(2) to give a casting vote to break the tie. In general, the principle applied to motions is that decisions should not be taken except by a majority. The Speaker should vote for continued debate and to maintain the status quo. I therefore vote against the motion and declare the motion defeated.

The debate continuing on Second Reading of Bill No. 8, it was on motion of Mr. McMorris, adjourned.

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

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Quennell: That Bill No. 9 – The Electrical Inspection Amendment Act, 2004 – be now read a second time.

The debate continuing, it was on motion of Mr. D'Autremont, adjourned.

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

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Thomson: That Bill No. 11 – The Department of Post-Secondary Education and Skills Training Amendment Act, 2004 – be now read a second time.

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

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

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The Assembly adjourned at 4:57 p.m. until Tuesday at 1:30 p.m.

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

### **Returns, Reports and Papers Tabled**

The following papers were laid upon the Table:

By the Hon. Mr. Cline:

Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements for Saskatchewan Government Growth Fund Management Corporation for the year ended December 31, 2003.

(Sessional Paper No. 129)

Annual Report and Financial Statements for Saskatchewan Government Growth Fund II Ltd. for the year ended December 31, 2003.

(Sessional Paper No. 130)

Annual Report and Financial Statements for Saskatchewan Government Growth Fund III Ltd. for the year ended December 31, 2003.

(Sessional Paper No. 131)

Annual Report and Financial Statements for Saskatchewan Government Growth Fund IV Ltd. for the year ended December 31, 2003.

(Sessional Paper No. 132)

Annual Report and Financial Statements for Saskatchewan Government Growth Fund (1997) V Ltd. for the year ended December 31, 2003.

(Sessional Paper No. 133)

Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements for Saskatchewan Government Growth Fund VI Ltd. for the year ended December 31, 2003.

(Sessional Paper No. 134)

Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements for Saskatchewan Government Growth Fund VII Ltd. for the year ended December 31, 2003.

(Sessional Paper No. 135)

Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements for Saskatchewan Government Growth Fund VIII Ltd. for the year ended December 31, 2003.

(Sessional Paper No. 136)

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

(Sessional Paper No. 137)

Annual Report and Consolidated and Non-Consolidated Financial Statements for Investment Saskatchewan Inc. for the year ended December 31, 2003.

(Sessional Paper No. 138)

Financial Statements for Saskatchewan Valley Potato Corporation for the year ended December 31, 2003.

(Sessional Paper No. 139)

Financial Statements for PCF Investments Ltd. for the year ended December 31, 2003

(Sessional Paper No. 140)

Financial Statements for WTC Investments Ltd. for the year ended December 31, 2003

(Sessional Paper No. 141)

## NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

**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?

**The following Questions were given notice on day no. 25 and are to be answered by day no. 30:**

Mr. Hart, to ask the Government the following Question No. 251:

To the Minister of Labour: For all the cases before the Labour Relations Board in which a final decision was handed down in 2003: (1) What was the average length of time between the case being heard by the Labour Relations Board and the final decision being made? (2) What was the longest period between the hearing of a case and a final decision? (3) What was the shortest?

Mr. Hart, to ask the Government the following Question No. 252:

To the Minister of Labour: For all the cases before the Labour Relations Board in which a final decision was handed down in 2002: (1) What was the average length of time between the case being heard by the Labour Relations Board and the final decision being made? (2) What was the longest period between the hearing of a case and a final decision? (3) What was the shortest?

Mr. Hermanson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 253:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Telecommunications: For the year 2003, what amount of money did SaskTel spend on advertising: (1) MAX TV services? (2) High-speed internet? (3) Other SaskTel services?

Mr. Weekes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 254:

To the Minister of Community Resources and Employment: For fiscal year 2004-2005, what is the annual maximum dental allowance for individuals who have been given Supplementary Health Benefits?

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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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