



No. 29

# VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

FIRST SESSION – TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

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Friday, April 30, 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, Draude, Stewart, Eagles, Bakken, 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 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 continuation of the current level of services available at the Kindersley Hospital and to ensure the current specialty services are sustained to better serve the people of West Central Saskatchewan.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 73)

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 close the Rural Service Centre and Environment Office in Biggar.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 128)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to ensure that Laflèche and District Health Centre is not closed or further downsized.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 145)

### WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Order of the Day being call for Question No. 249, pursuant to Rule 46(1), the answer was Tabled and, by reason of length, converted by the Clerk to Return No. 179.

(Sessional Paper No. 159)

The Order of the Day being called for Question No. 250, it was answered. (See Appendix)

Leave having been granted, the Assembly proceeded to Private Bills – Second Readings.

### SECOND READINGS

#### **Bill No. 301 – The Bethany College Amendment Act, 2004**

Moved by the Mr. Heppner: That Bill No. 301 – The Bethany College Amendment Act, 2004 – be now read a second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills..

The question being put, it was agreed to and the said Bill was, accordingly, read a second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills.

#### **Bill No. 302 – The Fountain of Life School of Ministry Inc. Act**

Moved by the Mr. Toth: That Bill No. 302 – The Fountain of Life School of Ministry Inc. Act – be now read a second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills.

The question being put, it was agreed to and the said Bill was, accordingly, read a second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills.

#### **Bill No. 303 – The Saskatchewan School Trustees' Association Amendment Act, 2004**

Moved by the Mr. McCall: That Bill No. 303 – The Saskatchewan School Trustees' Association Amendment Act, 2004 – be now read a second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills.

The question being put, it was agreed to and the said Bill was, accordingly, read a second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills.

**MOTION TO GRANT LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

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

Ordered, That leave of absence be granted to the Member for Cannington from Monday, May 3, 2004 to Friday, May 21, 2004 inclusive, to attend the Parliamentary Visit in Westminster on behalf of this Assembly.

**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. Trew, seconded by Mr. Sonntag.

That this Assembly affirm its on-going support for the Canadian Wheat Board and its historical mandate to conduct the orderly marketing of grain on behalf of Canadian farmers.

A debate arising, it was moved by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Dearborn, in amendment thereto:

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

expresses its grave concern over the provincial government’s ongoing failure to provide any vision or leadership when it comes to the adoption or formulation of innovative agriculture policy in Saskatchewan or nationwide such as options in marketing.

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

**PRIVATE MEMBERS’ MOTIONS**

The Order of the Day being called for Motion No. 2, it was moved by Mr. Gantefoer, seconded by Mr. Huyghebaert:

That, pursuant to Rule 133(1), The Standing Committee on Human Services shall hold an inquiry and make recommendations regarding the future of health care facilities throughout Saskatchewan, and that the committee shall:

- a) Obtain from the Department of Health a comprehensive list of all health care facilities scheduled for closure or conversion;
- b) Hold public meetings away from the seat of Government in order that the fullest representations may be received without unduly inconveniencing those desiring to be heard;
- c) Hold at least one public meeting in each community with a health care facility scheduled to be closed or converted;
- d) Have the authority to send for persons, papers and records and to examine witnesses under oath;
- e) Have the authority to receive representations from interested parties and individuals; and
- f) Have the authority to engage such advisors and assistants as are required for the purposes of the inquiry;

And, that this Assembly strongly urges the Government to place a moratorium on all health care facility closures and conversions until such time as this inquiry has been completed and a substantive report presented to the Assembly pursuant to Rule 133(4).

A debate arising, the Hon. Ms. Atkinson raised a point of order that quorum was not present. The Speaker adjourned the Assembly pursuant to Rule 6(3), due to a lack of quorum with the following Members being recorded as present:

The Speaker and  
Van Mulligen  
Elhard  
Gantefoer  
Kirsch

Atkinson  
Draude  
Bakken

Nilson  
Hermanson  
Huyghebaert

Harper  
Wakefield  
Hart

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The Assembly adjourned at 12:53 p.m. until Monday at 1:30 p.m.

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

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

**Mr. Stewart asked the Government Question No. 250, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Sonntag:**

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?

Answer:

- (1) \$1.67 Million
- (2) JNE Welding Ltd. from Saskatoon.
- (3) JNE Welding Ltd.'s tender award was \$339,398.27. In addition to the tendered work re-fit costs included:
  - Materials, \$238,000 (DHT purchased material through SPMC, i.e. steel, drive drum, doors, windows, hatches)
  - Supplemental contract materials, \$259,000
  - Supplemental contract labour and equipment, \$376,500
  - Department labour, \$39,000
  - Force Account and Sundries, \$51,500
  - Consultant Design & Construction Engineering, \$252,000
  - Dry-docking structure and launching ferry, \$112,000
- (4) Yes, all required bonding was in place at the time of the tender.
- (5) The Riverhurst Ferry downtime was 1.9 percent (95 hours) in 2003.

## NOTICE OF MOTIONS FOR FIRST READING OF A BILLS

On Tuesday:

Hon. Mr. Taylor to move First Reading of Bill No. 44 – The Municipal Revenue Sharing Amendment Act, 2004

Hon. Mr. Taylor to move First Reading of Bill No. 45 – The Planning and Development Amendment Act, 2004

Hon. Mr. Taylor to move First Reading of Bill No. 46 – The Northern Municipalities Amendment Act, 2004

Hon. Mr. Quennell to move First Reading of Bill No. 47 – The Pension Benefits Amendment Act, 2004

Hon. Mr. Sonntag to move First Reading of Bill No. 48 – The Vehicle Administration Amendment Act, 2004

## NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

**The following Questions were given notice on day no. 26 and are to be answered by day no. 31:**

Mr. Hart, to ask the Government the following Question No. 255:

To the Minister of Labour: In 2003, how much did the WCB spend on promotional items designed to promote or otherwise publicize the Workers' Compensation Board?

Mr. Hart, to ask the Government the following Question No. 256:

To the Minister of Labour: In 2002, how much did the WCB spend on promotional items designed to promote or otherwise publicize the Workers' Compensation Board?

Mr. Hart, to ask the Government the following Question No. 257:

To the Minister of Labour: In 2001, how much did the WCB spend on promotional items designed to promote or otherwise publicize the Workers' Compensation Board?

Mr. Dearborn, to ask the Government the following Question No. 258:

To the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Revitalization: (1) Will farm fuel purchased from a card lock centre under 200 litres still be eligible for the farm fuel rebate program? (2) If not, why not? (3) Are there any exemptions relative to volume purchase available?

Mr. Brkich, to ask the Government the following Question No. 259:

To the Minister of Health: Could you provide the number of full-time, part-time and contract staff in each employment category (i.e. nurse, housekeeping, doctor, etc.) at the Davidson health centre?

Mr. Brkich, to ask the Government the following Question No. 260:

To the Minister of Health: Could you provide the number of full-time, part-time and contract staff in each employment category (i.e. nurse, housekeeping, doctor, etc.) at the Imperial health centre?

Mr. Brkich, to ask the Government the following Question No. 261:

To the Minister of Health: Could you provide the number of full-time, part-time and contract staff in each employment category (i.e. nurse, housekeeping, doctor, etc.) at the Nokomis health centre?

Mr. Brkich, to ask the Government the following Question No. 262:

To the Minister of Health: Could you provide the number of full-time, part-time and contract staff in each employment category (i.e. nurse, housekeeping, doctor, etc.) at the Watrous hospital?

Mr. Brkich, to ask the Government the following Question No. 263:

To the Minister of Health: Could you provide the number of full-time, part-time and contract staff in each employment category (i.e. nurse, housekeeping, doctor, etc.) at the Wynyard hospital?

**The following Questions were given notice on day no. 27 and are to be answered by day no. 32:**

Mr. Heppner, to ask the Government the following Question No. 264:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Telecommunications: When will high speed internet be available in the community of Hague?

Mr. Heppner, to ask the Government the following Question No. 265:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Telecommunications: When will high speed internet be available in the community of Osler?

Ms. Bakken, to ask the Government the following Question No. 266:

To the Minister of Highways and Transportation: (1) What are the specific plans in the current fiscal year for repair of Highway 35 south of Weyburn to the US border? (2) What are the specific plans in the current fiscal year for repair of Airport Road near the city of Weyburn?

**The following Questions were given notice on day no. 28 and are to be answered by day no. 33:**

Mr. Stewart, to ask the Government the following Question No. 267:

To the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Revitalization: What is the current provincial funding level for each community pasture in the province in the current year?

Mr. Stewart, to ask the Government the following Question No. 268:

To the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Revitalization: What was the provincial funding level for each community pasture in the province in the last year?

Mr. Brkich, to ask the Government the following Question No. 269:

To the Minister of Learning: (1) How many elementary and high schools in Saskatchewan do not have high speed internet? (2) Can the Minister please provide the names of these schools?

Mr. Huyghebaert, to ask the Government the following Question No. 270:

To the Minister of Highways and Transportation: What is the department's specific plan in the current fiscal year for repair of Highway 43 west of Gravelbourg?

**The following Question was given notice on day no. 29 and is to be answered by day no. 34:**

Ms. Draude, to ask the Government the following Question No. 271:

To the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Revitalization: (1) In what locations is your department expanding rural service centres? (2) What is the proposed budget for these expansions?

## 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
Appropriation Act, 2004 (No. 2)	April 27, 2004	42
Archives Act, 2004	April 20, 21, 2004	33
Automobile Accident Insurance Amendment Act, 2004	March 24, April 15, 26, 2004	7
Bethany College Amendment Act, 2004	April 28, 30, 2004	301
Certified Management Consultants Amendment Act, 2004	March 24, April 14, 20, 2004	3
Credit Reporting Act	April 23, 26, 2004	38
Crown Corporations Amendment Act, 2004	April 22, 26, 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, 26, 2004	11
Electrical Inspection Amendment Act, 2004	March 25, April 15, 26, 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, 26, 2004	39
Fatal Accidents Amendment Act, 2004	April 23, 26, 2004	40
Financial Administration Amendment Act, 2004	March 24, April 14, 26, 2004	1
Fountain of Life School of Ministry Inc. Act	April 28, 30, 2004	302
Gas Inspection Amendment Act, 2004	March 25, April 15, 26, 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, 26, 2004	2



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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, 27, 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
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
Saskatchewan School Trustees' Association Amendment Act, 2004	April 28, 30, 2004	303
Snowmobile Amendment Act, 2004	April 15, 20, 26, 2004	29
Superannuation (Supplementary Provisions) Amendment Act, 2004	March 24, April 14, 20, 2004	6
Tobacco Tax Amendment Act, 2004	April 22, 27, 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

### Committees:

CF: Committee of Finance

IAI: Intergovernmental Affairs and Infrastructure

PBC: Private Bills

SD—Specific Date

CW: Committee of the Whole

CCA: Crown and Central Agencies

ECO: Economy

SE—Specific Event

HOS: House Services

HUS: Human Services

## 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								

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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	April 27, 2004							
37	The Tobacco Tax Amendment Act, 2004	Van Mulligen	April 22/04	April 27, 2004							
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								
42	The Appropriation Act, 2004 (No. 2)	Van Mulligen	April 27/04			April 27/04	CF Apr. 27/04		April 27/04	April 27/04	A

**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								

**PRIVATE BILLS**

No.	Title	Member	PBC	1st Reading	2nd Reading	PBC	Comm.	3rd Reading	Royal Assent	In Effect
301	The Bethany College Amendment Act, 2004	Heppner	April 28/04	April 28/04	April 30/04					
302	The Fountain of Life School of Ministry Inc. Act	Toth	April 28/04	April 28/04	April 30/04					
303	The Saskatchewan School Trustees' Association Amendment Act, 2004	McCall	April 28/04	April 28/04	April 30/04					