



No. 30

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

FIRST SESSION – TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Monday, May 3, 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, Wall, Draude, Stewart, Eagles, Bakken, Huyghebaert, 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 Mainprize Manor & Health Centre is not closed or further downsized.

(Sessional Paper No. 157)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to ensure that Herbert Nursing Home is not closed or further downsized.

(Sessional Paper No. 158)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to take the necessary steps to ensure current Crown land lessees maintain their first option to renew those leases.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 48)

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 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)

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.

(Addendum to 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 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 Lafleche and District Health Centre is not closed or further downsized.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 145)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to ensure that Porcupine Carragana Hospital is not closed or further downsized.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 146)

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 251 to 254, they were answered. (See Appendix)

ADJOURNED DEBATES / DÉBATS AJOURNÉS

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

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Quennell: That Bill No. 40 – The Fatal Accidents Amendment Act, 2004 – be now read a second time.

The debate continuing, it was on motion of Mr. Weekes, 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

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Quennell: That Bill No. 39 – The Enforcement of Maintenance Orders Amendment Act, 2004 – be now read a second time.

L'Assemblée reprend le débat ajourné sur la motion de l'hon. M. Quennell: 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.

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

Le débat se poursuit et sur motion de M. McMorris, il est ajourné.

Bill No. 38 – The Credit Reporting Act

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Quennell: That Bill No. 38 – The Credit Reporting Act – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 37 – The Tobacco Tax Amendment Act, 2004

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen: That Bill No. 37 – The Tobacco Tax Amendment Act, 2004 – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 36 – The Provincial Sales Tax Amendment Act, 2004

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen: That Bill No. 36 – The Provincial Sales Tax Amendment Act, 2004 – be now read a second time.

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

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

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Ms. Atkinson: That Bill No. 35 – The Crown Corporations Amendment Act, 2004 – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 34 – The Psychologists Amendment Act, 2004

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Nilson: That Bill No. 34 – The Psychologists Amendment Act, 2004 – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 33 – The Archives Act, 2004

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Ms. Beatty: That Bill No. 33 – The Archives Act, 2004 – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 32 – The Powers of Attorney Amendment Act, 2004**Projet de loi n° 32 – Loi de 2004 modifiant la Loi de 2002 sur les procurations**

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Quennell: That Bill No. 32 – The Powers of Attorney Amendment Act, 2004 – be now read a second time.

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

L'Assemblée reprend le débat ajourné sur la motion de l'hon. M. Quennell: Que le projet de loi n° 32 – Loi de 2004 modifiant la Loi de 2002 sur les procurations.

Le débat se poursuit et sur motion de M. Dearborn, il est ajourné.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 4:55 p.m. until Tuesday at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. P. Myron Kowalsky
Speaker

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Mr. Hart asked the Government Question No. 251, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Higgins:

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?

Answer:

The following is for the fiscal year 2003/04 and is broken down into certification/rescission applications as one category and all other applications as another category.

In the fiscal year April 1, 2003 to March 31, 2004:

For Certification/Rescission Applications: The average time between last hearing date and final decision was 4 days. The longest period between last hearing date and final decision was 99 days and the shortest period between last hearing date and final decision was 0 days (ie. the decision was rendered on the same day as the last hearing date).

For All Other Applications: The average time between last hearing date and final decision was 100 days. The longest period between last hearing date and final decision was 928 days and the shortest period between last hearing date and final decision was 0 days (ie. the decision was rendered on the same day as the last hearing date).

Mr. Hart asked the Government Question No. 252, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Higgins:

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?

Answer:

The following is for the fiscal year 2002/03 and is broken down into certification/rescission applications as one category and all other applications as another category.

In the fiscal year April 1, 2002 to March 31, 2003:

For Certification/Rescission Applications: The average time between last hearing date and final decision was 8 days. The longest period between last hearing date and final decision was 118 days and the shortest period between last hearing date and final decision was 0 days (ie. the decision was rendered on the same day as the last hearing date).

For All Other Applications: The average time between last hearing date and final decision was 56 days. The longest period between last hearing date and final decision was 421 days and the shortest period between last hearing date and final decision was 0 days (ie. the decision was rendered on the same day as the last hearing date).

Mr. Hermanson asked the Government Question No. 253, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Sonntag:

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?

Answer:

SaskTel does not release advertising costs for its individual lines of business as it is competitive information. However, SaskTel's 2003 overall advertising budget was approximately \$14 million, which included all communication costs for such things as MAX, High Speed Internet, Cellular, Long Distance, Employment, Tendering, Data Products, SecurTek, SmartTouch, Managed Information Services, eCommerce, Business Solutions and Customer Information.

Mr. Weekes asked the Government Question No. 254, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Crofford:

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?

Answer:

Community Resources and Employment does not deliver the Supplementary Health Benefits program.

NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

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?

The following Questions were asked on day no. 30 and are to be answered by day no. 35:

Mr. Elhard, to ask the Government the following Question No. 272:

To the Minister of Environment: In fiscal year 2002-2003, how much money in grants, financial assistance and/or donations in kind did the Environment Department give to Ducks Unlimited and the Nature Conservancy of Canada?

Mr. Elhard, to ask the Government the following Question No. 273:

To the Minister of Environment: In fiscal year 2003-2004, how much money in grants, financial assistance and/or donations in kind will the Environment Department give to Ducks Unlimited and the Nature Conservancy of Canada?

Mr. Dearborn, to ask the Government the following Question No. 274:

To the Minister of Community Resources and Employment: (1) Does the \$4.60 budget per person for food in community care homes for clients with disabilities suffice to provide each individual proper calorie intake and nutritional requirements as outlined by Health Canada? (2) Are there ratios for economies of scale? (3) What is the minimum number of clients required for this per capita allocation without adjustment?