



No. 33

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

FIRST SESSION – TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Thursday, May 6, 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, Crofford 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 Craik and District Health Centre is not closed or further downsized.

(Sessional Paper No. 166)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to ensure that the Dodsland and Luseland ambulance services are not discontinued.

(Sessional Paper No. 167)

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 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 the Biggar Hospital, Long-term Care Home and Ambulance services maintain their current level of services.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 106)

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)

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

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 160)

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

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 161)

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 267 to 270, they were answered. (See Appendix)

MOTION PURSUANT TO RULE 49

Leave of the Assembly having been granted, pursuant to Rule 49, it was moved by Mr. Lautermilch, seconded by Mr. Krawetz:

That this Assembly call upon the Federal Government to immediately call a meeting of Provincial Consumer Affairs Ministers, to ensure consumers are not unfairly impacted by gasoline prices that create unfair windfalls; and,

That the Federal Government act to protect consumers in light of the massive revenues they will receive from the increased add-valorem tax regime.

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

TRANSMITTAL MOTION

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

Ordered, That this Assembly request that Mr. Speaker send a copy of the transcript of the debate on the motion, just passed, to the Prime Minister of Canada and the Federal Minister of Consumer Affairs.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 3:11 p.m. until Friday at 10:00 a.m.

Hon. P. Myron Kowalsky
Speaker

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Mr. Stewart asked the Government Question No. 267, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Wartman:

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?

Answer:

No provincial funding from general revenue will be used for community pasture operations.

Mr. Stewart asked the Government Question No. 268, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Wartman:

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?

Answer:

No provincial funding from general revenue was used for community pasture operations last year.

Mr. Brkich asked the Government Question No. 269, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Thomson:

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?

Answer:

(1) 0

(2) N/A

Mr. Huyghebaert asked the Government Question No. 270, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Sonntag:

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?

Answer:

For the 2004-05 fiscal year, Department crews will continue to provide routine maintenance (hand patching, machine patching, minor sandvik blading and seal coat patching) on the roadway's surface. In addition, the department plans to strengthen 2 km with a granular base overlay and seal.

NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

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?

The following Questions were asked on day no. 31 and are to be answered by day no. 36:

Mr. Kirsch, to ask the Government the following Question No. 275:

To the Premier: With regard to the special supplement entitled “Opportunity Saskatchewan”, which appeared in the May 4, 2004 edition of the *Globe and Mail*: (1) How much did the Government of Saskatchewan spend in exchange for the inclusion of this supplement? (2) In which regional editions of the *Globe and Mail* did this supplement appear? (3) How many of the articles which appeared were placed for free?

Mr. Weekes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 276:

To the Minister Responsible for Information Services Corporation: (1) For fiscal year 2004-2005, has the “lapse procedure review”, as indicated by Acting Registrar Catherine Benning in her correspondence, been completed? (2) Will the Minister please table the results of this review?

Mr. Weekes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 277:

To the Minister Responsible for Information Services Corporation: (1) Has the Land System Fee Schedule been updated for this fiscal year 2004-2005? (2) Will the Minister please table the updated version of this fee schedule?

The following Questions were asked on day no. 32 and are to be answered by day no. 37:

Ms. Eagles, to ask the Government the following Question No. 278:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Telecommunications: What is the rate of compensation for a SaskTel high-speed internet dealer?

Mr. Weekes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 279:

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

Mr. Elhard, to ask the Government the following Question No. 280:

To the Minister Responsible for Crown Management Board: Will the Minister please provide the out-of-country travel itinerary and the cost of each trip for the President of CIC for the calendar year 2000?

Mr. Elhard, to ask the Government the following Question No. 281:

To the Minister Responsible for Crown Management Board: Will the Minister please provide the out-of-country travel itinerary and the cost of each trip for the President of CIC for the calendar year 2001?

Mr. Elhard, to ask the Government the following Question No. 282:

To the Minister Responsible for Crown Management Board: Will the Minister please provide the out-of-country travel itinerary and the cost of each trip for the President of CIC for the calendar year 2002?

Mr. Elhard, to ask the Government the following Question No. 283:

To the Minister Responsible for Crown Management Board: Will the Minister please provide the out-of-country travel itinerary and the cost of each trip for the President of CIC for the calendar year 2003?

Mr. Elhard, to ask the Government the following Question No. 284:

To the Minister Responsible for Crown Management Board: Will the Minister please provide the out-of-country travel itinerary and the cost of each trip for the President of the Investments Division of CIC for the calendar year 2000?

Mr. Elhard, to ask the Government the following Question No. 285:

To the Minister Responsible for Crown Management Board: Will the Minister please provide the out-of-country travel itinerary and the cost of each trip for the President of the Investments Division of CIC for the calendar year 2001?

Mr. Elhard, to ask the Government the following Question No. 286:

To the Minister Responsible for Crown Management Board: Will the Minister please provide the out-of-country travel itinerary and the cost of each trip for the President of the Investments Division of CIC for the calendar year 2002?

Mr. Elhard, to ask the Government the following Question No. 287:

To the Minister Responsible for Crown Management Board: Will the Minister please provide the out-of-country travel itinerary and the cost of each trip for the President of the Investments Division of CIC for the calendar year 2003?

Mr. Elhard, to ask the Government the following Question No. 288:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Government Insurance: Will the Minister please provide the out-of-country travel itinerary and the cost of each trip for the President of SGI for the calendar year 2000?

Mr. Elhard, to ask the Government the following Question No. 289:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Government Insurance: Will the Minister please provide the out-of-country travel itinerary and the cost of each trip for the President of SGI for the calendar year 2001?

Mr. Elhard, to ask the Government the following Question No. 290:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Government Insurance: Will the Minister please provide the out-of-country travel itinerary and the cost of each trip for the President of SGI for the calendar year 2002?

Mr. Elhard, to ask the Government the following Question No. 291:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Government Insurance: Will the Minister please provide the out-of-country travel itinerary and the cost of each trip for the President of SGI for the calendar year 2003?

Mr. Elhard, to ask the Government the following Question No. 292:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: Will the Minister please provide the out-of-country travel itinerary and the cost of each trip for the President of SaskPower for the calendar year 2000?

Mr. Elhard, to ask the Government the following Question No. 293:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: Will the Minister please provide the out-of-country travel itinerary and the cost of each trip for the President of SaskPower for the calendar year 2001?

Mr. Elhard, to ask the Government the following Question No. 294:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: Will the Minister please provide the out-of-country travel itinerary and the cost of each trip for the President of SaskPower for the calendar year 2002?

Mr. Elhard, to ask the Government the following Question No. 295:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: Will the Minister please provide the out-of-country travel itinerary and the cost of each trip for the President of SaskPower for the calendar year 2003?

Mr. Elhard, to ask the Government the following Question No. 296:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Energy: Will the Minister please provide the out-of-country travel itinerary and the cost of each trip for the President of SaskEnergy for the calendar year 2000?

Mr. Elhard, to ask the Government the following Question No. 297:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Energy: Will the Minister please provide the out-of-country travel itinerary and the cost of each trip for the President of SaskEnergy for the calendar year 2001?

Mr. Elhard, to ask the Government the following Question No. 298:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Energy: Will the Minister please provide the out-of-country travel itinerary and the cost of each trip for the President of SaskEnergy for the calendar year 2002?

Mr. Elhard, to ask the Government the following Question No. 299:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Energy: Will the Minister please provide the out-of-country travel itinerary and the cost of each trip for the President of SaskEnergy for the calendar year 2003?

Mr. Elhard, to ask the Government the following Question No. 300:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Telecommunications: Will the Minister please provide the out-of-country travel itinerary and the cost of each trip for the President of SaskTel for the calendar year 2000?

Mr. Elhard, to ask the Government the following Question No. 301:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Telecommunications: Will the Minister please provide the out-of-country travel itinerary and the cost of each trip for the President of SaskTel for the calendar year 2001?

Mr. Elhard, to ask the Government the following Question No. 302:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Telecommunications: Will the Minister please provide the out-of-country travel itinerary and the cost of each trip for the President of SaskTel for the calendar year 2002?

Mr. Elhard, to ask the Government the following Question No. 303:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Telecommunications: Will the Minister please provide the out-of-country travel itinerary and the cost of each trip for the President of SaskTel for the calendar year 2003?

The following Questions were asked on day no. 33 and are to be answered by day no. 38:

Mr. Brkich, to ask the Government the following Question No. 304:

To the Minister of Health: (1) When will the town of Watrous get its share of provincial funding for its new hospital? (2) If there is a waiting list for projects such as this, where is the Watrous Hospital on that list?

Mr. Weekes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 305:

To the Minister Responsible for Information Services Corporation: For fiscal year 2004-2005: (1) Does ISC have an Assurance Fund to compensate those who suffered financial losses due to system delays or errors? (2) If not, how are compensation claims handled? (3) How many such claims have been made to date? (4) How many have been approved? (5) What is the total dollar value of those claims?

Mr. Weekes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 306:

To the Minister Responsible for Information Services Corporation: For fiscal year 2003-2004: (1) Did ISC have an Assurance Fund to compensate those who suffered financial losses due to system delays or errors? (2) If not, how were compensation claims handled? (3) How many such claims were made that year? (4) How many were approved? (5) What was the total dollar value of those claims?

Mr. Weekes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 307:

To the Minister Responsible for Information Services Corporation: For fiscal year 2002-2003: (1) Did ISC have an Assurance Fund to compensate those who suffered financial losses due to system delays or errors? (2) If not, how were compensation claims handled? (3) How many such claims were made that year? (4) How many were approved? (5) What was the total dollar value of those claims?

Mr. Weekes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 308:

To the Minister Responsible for Information Services Corporation: For fiscal year 2001-2002: (1) Did ISC have an Assurance Fund to compensate those who suffered financial losses due to system delays or errors? (2) If not, how were compensation claims handled? (3) How many such claims were made that year? (4) How many were approved? (5) What was the total dollar value of those claims?

Mr. Weekes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 309:

To the Minister Responsible for Information Services Corporation: For fiscal year 2004-2005: (1) How does ISC compensate those who suffered financial losses due to system delays or errors? (2) Do compensation claims come out of the government's Consolidation Fund? (3) How many such claims have been made to date? (4) How many have been approved? (5) What is the total dollar value of those claims?

Mr. Weekes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 310:

To the Minister Responsible for Information Services Corporation: For fiscal year 2003-2004: (1) How did ISC compensate those who suffered financial losses due to system delays or errors? (2) Did compensation claims come out of the government's Consolidation Fund? (3) How many such claims were made that year? (4) How many were approved? (5) What was the total dollar value of those claims?

Mr. Weekes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 311:

To the Minister Responsible for Information Services Corporation: For fiscal year 2002-2003: (1) How did ISC compensate those who suffered financial losses due to system delays or errors? (2) Did compensation claims come out of the government's Consolidation Fund? (3) How many such claims were made that year? (4) How many were approved? (5) What was the total dollar value of those claims?

Mr. Weekes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 312:

To the Minister Responsible for Information Services Corporation: For fiscal year 2001-2002: (1) How did ISC compensate those who suffered financial losses due to system delays or errors? (2) Did compensation claims come out of the government's Consolidation Fund? (3) How many such claims were made that year? (4) How many were approved? (5) What was the total dollar value of those claims?

STANDING COMMITTEE ON PRIVATE BILLS

NOTICE OF MEETING

Thursday, May 13, 2004 – Room 8.

10:00 a.m.

Consideration of the following Bills:

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

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

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