



No. 35

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

FIRST SESSION – TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Monday, May 10, 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, Draude, Stewart, Morgan, Eagles, Huyghebaert, Brkich, Weekes, Dearborn and Hart.

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 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 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 ensure that the Wilkie Health Centre and Special Care Home maintain, at the very least, their current level of services.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 96)

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 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 Herbert Nursing Home is not closed or further downsized.

(Addendum to 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 ensure that Radville Marian Health Centre is not closed or further downsized.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 160)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bill was received, read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time at the next sitting:

Bill No. 14 – The Highway Traffic Amendment Act, 2004

(Hon. Mr. Sonntag)

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 272 to 274, they were answered. (See Appendix)

SECOND READINGS

Bill No. 43 – The Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods Act

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Quennell: That Bill No. 43 – The Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods Act – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 47 – The Pension Benefits Amendment Act, 2004

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. 47 – The Pension Benefits Amendment Act, 2004 – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 48 – The Vehicle Administration Amendment Act, 2004

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Sonntag: That Bill No. 48 – The Vehicle Administration Amendment Act, 2004 – be now read a second time.

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

ADJOURNED DEBATES

Bill No. 13 – The Labour-sponsored Venture Capital Corporations Amendment Act, 2004

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Cline: That Bill No. 13 – The Labour-sponsored Venture Capital Corporations Amendment Act, 2004 – be now read a second time.

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

COMMITTEE OF FINANCE

The Assembly, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Finance to consider Estimates for the Department of Health.

The Assembly recessed from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

The Committee then considered Estimates for the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Revitalization.

The Committee then considered Estimates for the Department of Learning.

Progress was reported and the Committee given leave to sit again.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 9:05 p.m. until Tuesday at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. P. Myron Kowalsky
Speaker

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Mr. Elhard asked the Government Question No. 272, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Forbes:

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?

Answer:

In fiscal year 2002-2003, Saskatchewan Environment provided to:

- (1) Ducks Unlimited Canada - \$60,754.00.
- (2) The Nature Conservancy of Canada - no funding.

Mr. Elhard asked the Government Question No. 273, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Forbes:

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?

Answer:

In fiscal year 2003-2004, Saskatchewan Environment provided to:

- (1) Ducks Unlimited Canada - no funds from its appropriation.
- (2) The Nature Conservancy of Canada - no funds from its appropriation.

Mr. Dearborn asked the Government Question No. 274, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Crofford:

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?

Answer:

- (1) Yes (based on 4 people - Health Canada's National Nutritious Food Basket). The Department developed a policy in 2004-05 to provide funding to offset the cost of physician-ordered special diets for individuals in group homes. This is expected to help alleviate some of the pressures on agency budgets related to exceptional food costs.
- (2) Funding rates/person are not adjusted in relation to number of individuals living in each home.
- (3) The rate per person is not adjusted to group home size.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS FOR FIRST READING OF BILLS AVIS DE MOTION PORTANT PREMIÈRE LECTURE DE PROJETS DE LOI

On Wednesday / mercredi:

Hon. Mr. Nilson to move First Reading of Bill No. 49 – The Vital Statistics Amendment Act, 2004

L'hon. M. Nilson proposera la première lecture du projet de loi n° 49 – Loi de 2004 modifiant la Loi de 1995 sur les services de l'état civil

Hon. Ms. Higgins to move First Reading of Bill No. 50 – The Labour Standards Amendment Act, 2004

Hon. Mr. Quennell to move First Reading of Bill No. 51 – The Limitations Act

Hon. Mr. Quennell to move First Reading of Bill No. 52 – The Limitations Consequential Amendment Act, 2004

L'hon. M. Quennell proposera la première lecture du projet de loi n° 52 – Loi de 2004 sur les modifications corrélatives découlant de la loi intitulée The Limitations Act

Hon. Mr. Quennell to move First Reading of Bill No. 53 – The Securities Amendment Act, 2004

Hon. Mr. Nilson to move First Reading of Bill No. 54 – The Tobacco Control Amendment Act, 2004

NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

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?

The following Questions were asked on day no. 35 and are to be answered by day no. 40:

Mr. Huyghebaert, to ask the Government the following Question No. 313:

To the Minister of Environment: (1) How much space does the department have leased in the provincial building in Meadow Lake? (2) How much of that space is vacant? (3) What are the financial terms of the lease?

Mr. Huyghebaert, to ask the Government the following Question No. 314:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Property Management Corporation: With regard to the provincial building in Meadow Lake: (1) What is the current square footage under lease to the provincial government? (2) What is the length of the lease? (3) How much of the leased space is currently vacant? (4) What are the financial terms of the lease? (5) Who is the owner of this building?