



No. 42

# VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

FIRST SESSION – TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

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Wednesday, May 19, 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, Eagles, Bakken, Brkich, Weekes, Dearborn and McMorris.

## 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 reconsider the decision to reduce funding to the Claybank Brick Plant.

(Sessional Paper No. 180)

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

(Sessional Paper No. 181)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to ensure that the Border Health Centre in Climax remains a 24-hour facility.

(Sessional Paper No. 182)

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

(Sessional Paper No. 183)

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. 184)

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 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 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 Herbert-Morse Union Hospital is not closed or further downsized.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 169)

### WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 324 to 331, they were answered. (See Appendix)

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 332 to 349, pursuant to Rule 45(5), they were transferred to Motions for Returns (Debatable) Nos. 186 to 203.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

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The Assembly adjourned at 2:37 p.m. until Wednesday at 1:30 p.m.

*Hon. P. Myron Kowalsky*  
*Speaker*

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**RETURNS, REPORTS AND PAPERS TABLED**

The following paper was laid upon the Table:

By the Hon. Mr. Taylor:

Supplementary Information and Financial Statements for Northern Revenue Sharing Trust Account for the year ended December 31, 2003

(Sessional Paper No. 186)

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

**Ms. Bakken asked the Government Question No. 324 which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Higgins:**

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Property Management Corporation: What was the cost of the study entitled "Premarket Evaluation Study for Souris Valley Regional Care Centre, Weyburn", completed in February 2004 by NAI Commercial Real Estate Services Ltd.?

Answer:

This information cannot be released, in accordance with a confidentiality clause within the contract.

**Ms. Bakken asked the Government Question No. 325, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Higgins:**

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Property Management Corporation: (1) Has SPMC found a buyer for Souris Valley Regional Care Centre (SRVCC)? (2) If so, who is the buyer? (3) If not, what is SPMC's next step in finding a buyer, alternative tenant or alternative use for this facility? (4) If a buyer or alternative use for this facility is not in place by December 31, 2004, what is SPMC's plan for this facility?

Answer:

- (1) No
- (2) N/A
- (3) SPMC will be marketing the property to the private sector.
- (4) December 31, 2004 is not a specified date for any of SPMC's plans with regard to this facility, however the corporation will decommission the facility once it has been vacated by the health district in the fall of 2004.

**Mr. Brkich asked the Government Question No. 326, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Quennell:**

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: How much did SaskPower contribute to Ducks Unlimited in the year 2004?

Answer:

As of May 14, 2004, SaskPower has planned to contribute \$115,000 to Ducks Unlimited in 2004.

**Mr. Brkich asked the Government Question No. 327, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Quennell:**

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: How much will SaskPower contribute to Ducks Unlimited in the year 2005?

Answer:

As of May 14, 2004, SaskPower has planned to contribute \$115,000 to Ducks Unlimited in 2005.

**Mr. Brkich asked the Government Question No. 328, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Prebble:**

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Water: How much did SaskWater contribute to Ducks Unlimited in the year 2002?

Answer:

In the year 2002, SaskWater contributed \$300 to Ducks Unlimited.

**Mr. Brkich asked the Government Question No. 329, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Prebble:**

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Water: How much did SaskWater contribute to Ducks Unlimited in the year 2003?

Answer:

In the year 2003, SaskWater contributed \$300 to Ducks Unlimited.

**Mr. Brkich asked the Government Question No. 330, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Prebble:**

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Water: How much did SaskWater contribute to Ducks Unlimited in the year 2004?

Answer:

SaskWater has not made a contribution to Ducks Unlimited in 2004.

**Mr. Brkich asked the Government Question No. 331, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Prebble:**

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Water: How much will SaskWater contribute to Ducks Unlimited in the year 2005?

Answer:

SaskWater has not yet made any commitments for contributions to Ducks Unlimited for 2005.

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

On Thursday / jeudi:

Hon. Ms. Atkinson to move First Reading of Bill No. 60 – The Public Service Amendment Act, 2004

Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen to move First Reading of Bill No. 61 - The Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Amendment Act, 2004

Hon. Mr. Quennell to move First Reading of Bill No. 62 – The Statute Law Amendment Act, 2004

Hon. Mr. Quennell to move First Reading of Bill No. 63 – The Statute Law Amendment Act, 2004 (No. 2)  
L'hon. M. Quennell proposera la première lecture du projet de loi n° 63 – Loi de modification législative de 2004 (n° 2)

Hon. Mr. Thomson to move First Reading of Bill No. 64 – The Post-Secondary Graduate Tax Credit Amendment Act, 2004

## **NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS**

**The following Questions were asked on day no. 39 and are to be answered by day no. 44:**

Mr. Wakefield, to ask the Government the following Question No. 437:

To the Minister of Health: (1) Will the Minister clarify the implementation of the proposed amendments to *The Tobacco Control Act*, specifically as they apply in the City of Lloydminster and how they are or are not affected by the Lloydminster Charter? (2) Will the proposed amendments affect only locations on the Saskatchewan side of Lloydminster?

Mr. Kerpan, to ask the Government the following Question No. 438:

To the Minister of Corrections and Public Safety: (1) Can the Minister please provide the names of those who have received a severance package in your department in the year 2002? (2) Please provide the compensation package amount given for each person.

Mr. Kerpan, to ask the Government the following Question No. 439:

To the Minister of Corrections and Public Safety: (1) Can the Minister please provide the names of those who have received a severance package in your department in the year 2003? (2) Please provide the compensation package amount given for each person.

Mr. Kerpan, to ask the Government the following Question No. 440:

To the Minister of Corrections and Public Safety: (1) Can the Minister please provide the names of those who have received a severance package in your department in the year 2004? (2) Please provide the compensation package amount given for each person.

**The following Questions were asked on day no. 40 and are to be answered by day no. 45:**

Mr. Brkich, to ask the Government the following Question No. 441:

To the Minister Responsible for Investment Saskatchewan: How much money does the government have invested in Heartland Hog Barns?

Mr. Weekes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 442:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Telecommunications: What is the cost to SaskTel for each MAX TV home installation?

Mr. Weekes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 443:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Telecommunications: (1) Is a study underway to move MAX TV from ADSL capability to VDSL? (2) When will the study be complete? (3) How much would the cost involved be for the upgrade?

Ms. Harpauer, to ask the Government the following Question No. 444:

To the Minister of Highways and Transportation: What is the total number of kilometres of roadways that your department is responsible for?

Ms. Harpauer, to ask the Government the following Question No. 445:

To the Minister of Highways and Transportation: For fiscal year 2001-2002, how many kilometres of highways were rebuilt?

Ms. Harpauer, to ask the Government the following Question No. 446:

To the Minister of Highways and Transportation: For fiscal year 2002-2003, how many kilometres of highways were rebuilt?

Ms. Harpauer, to ask the Government the following Question No. 447:

To the Minister of Highways and Transportation: For fiscal year 2003-2004, how many kilometres of highways were rebuilt?

Ms. Harpauer, to ask the Government the following Question No. 448:

To the Minister of Highways and Transportation: For fiscal year 2001-2002, how many kilometres of highways were repaired and/or resurfaced?

Ms. Harpauer, to ask the Government the following Question No. 449:

To the Minister of Highways and Transportation: For fiscal year 2002-2003, how many kilometres of highways were repaired and/or resurfaced?

Ms. Harpauer, to ask the Government the following Question No. 450:

To the Minister of Highways and Transportation: For fiscal year 2003-2004, how many kilometres of highways were repaired and/or resurfaced?

Ms. Harpauer, to ask the Government the following Question No. 451:

To the Minister of Highways and Transportation: For fiscal year 2004-2005, what is the total number of kilometres of highways projected to be: (1) Repaired and/or resurfaced? (2) Rebuilt?

**The following Questions were asked on day no. 41 and are to be answered by day no. 46:**

Mr. Hermanson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 452:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Telecommunications: What is the return on investment in MAX TV to date, both in terms of capital expenditures and in terms of operating costs?

Mr. Hermanson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 453:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Telecommunications: What is the value of incremental revenues earned from MAX TV to date?

Ms. Bakken, to ask the Government the following Question No. 454:

To the Minister of Health: (1) What process is used to ensure that Methadone is only provided to people who qualify for the Methadone program? (2) Are those qualifying for the Methadone program required to take their dosage in the presence of a physician?

Mr. Brkich, to ask the Government the following Question No. 455:

To the Minister of Health: What is the total cost savings of closing one wing of the long-term care facility in Davidson?

**The following Questions were asked on day no. 42 and are to be answered by day no. 47:**

Ms. Draude, to ask the Government the following Question No. 456:

To the Minister of Health: (1) How many Communications Directors and Communications Officers are employed within your department? (2) What is the total amount for their wages and expenses?

Ms. Draude, to ask the Government the following Question No. 457:

To the Minister of Health: (1) How many Communications Directors and/or Communications Officers are employed at each Regional Health Authority? (2) What is the breakdown for wages and expenses for each of them?