



No. 44

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

FIRST SESSION – TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Thursday, May 27, 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, McMorris, Bakken, 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 provide dust suppression on the gravel portion of Highway #99 between Junction 6 and Craven.

(Sessional Paper No. 187)

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

(Sessional Paper No. 188)

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

(Sessional Paper No. 189)

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

(Sessional Paper No. 190)

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 Porcupine Carragana Hospital is not closed or further downsized.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 146)

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)

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

(Addendum to 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 introduce and support whistleblower legislation.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 170)

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

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 171)

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

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 175)

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.

(Addendum to 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 the Border Health Centre in Climax remains a 24-hour facility.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 182)

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON CROWN AND CENTRAL AGENCIES

The following Bills were reported without amendment and consideration in Committee of the Whole having been waived, by leave of the Assembly, they were read the third time and passed:

Bill No. 8 - The Gas Inspection Amendment Act, 2004

Bill No. 20 - The Land Surveyors and Professional Surveyors Amendment Act, 2004

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON HOUSE SERVICES

Mr. Gantefer, Deputy Chair of the Standing Committee on House Services, presented the Third Report of the Committee:

Your Committee considered the Estimates of the Legislative branch of Government and adopted the following resolutions:

Main Estimates, 2004-2005:

Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2005, the following sums:

For Conflict of Interest Commissioner	\$122,000.00
For Information and Privacy Commissioner	\$387,000.00
For Legislative Assembly	\$6,319,000.00
For Ombudsman and Children's Advocate	\$2,475,000.00
For Provincial Auditor.....	\$5,627,000.00

Supplementary Estimates, 2003-2004:

Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ended March 31, 2004 the following sums:

For Legislative Assembly	\$224,000.00
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Your Committee recommends that upon concurrence of its report by the Assembly, the sums as reported and approved shall be included in the Appropriation Bill for consideration by the Legislative Assembly.

On motion of Mr. Gantefer, seconded by Mr. Yates:

Ordered, That the Third Report of the Standing Committee on House Services be now concurred in.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS / DÉPÔT DE PROJETS DE LOI

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

Les projets de loi suivants sont reçus, lus une première fois, et la deuxième lecture en est fixée à la prochaine séance:

Bill No. 60 - The Public Service Amendment Act, 2004

(Hon. Ms. Atkinson)

Bill No. 61 - The Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Amendment Act, 2004

(Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen)

Bill No. 62 - The Statute Law Amendment Act, 2004

(Hon. Mr. Quennell)

Bill No. 63 - The Statute Law Amendment Act, 2004 (No. 2)

Projet de loi n° 63 - Loi de modification législative de 2004 (n° 2)

(Hon. Mr. / L'hon. M. Quennell)

Bill No. 64 - The Post-Secondary Graduate Tax Credit Amendment Act, 2004

(Hon. Mr. Thomson)

SPEAKER TABLES REPORTS

The Speaker laid before the Assembly the following:

Annual Report for Provincial Ombudsman Saskatchewan for the year ended December 31, 2003.

(Sessional Paper No. 191)

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Question No. 437, it was answered. (See Appendix)

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 438 to 440, pursuant to Rule 45(5), they were transferred to Motions for Returns (Debatable) Nos. 279 and 281.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 2:31 p.m. until Friday at 10:00 a.m.

Hon. P. Myron Kowalsky
Speaker

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Mr. Wakefield asked the Government Question No. 437 which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Nilson:

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?

Answer:

- (1) *The Tobacco Control Amendment Act*, 2004 applies on the Saskatchewan side of the City of Lloydminster and will be enforced by Public Health Inspectors employed by the Prairie North Health Region. The Lloydminster Charter does not affect *The Tobacco Control Amendment Act*, 2004 because this Act is a separate piece of legislation and is not part of *The Public Health Act*, which does apply to the entire City of Lloydminster through provisions under the Charter.
- (2) Yes.

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

On Monday / lundi:

Hon. Mr. Cline to move First Reading of Bill No. 67 - The Alcohol and Gaming Regulation Amendment Act, 2004

L'hon. M. Cline proposera la première lecture du projet de loi n° 67 - Loi de 2004 modifiant la Loi de 1997 sur la réglementation des boissons alcoolisées et des jeux de hasard

Hon. Mr. Taylor to move First Reading of Bill No. 68 - The Assessment Management Agency Amendment Act, 2004

Hon. Mr. Quennell to move First Reading of Bill No. 69 - The Public Inquiries Amendment Act, 2004

NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

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?

The following Questions were asked on day no. 43 and are to be answered by day no. 48:

Mr. Gantefoer, to ask the Government the following Question No. 458:

To the Minister of Health: How much money did the Regina Qu'Appelle Health Authority spend in overtime for nursing positions in each quarter of the fiscal year 2002-2003?

Mr. Gantefoer, to ask the Government the following Question No. 459:

To the Minister of Health: How much money did the Regina Qu'Appelle Health Authority save by recently combining units and reallocating beds?

Mr. Weekes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 460:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Government Insurance: For the calendar year 2004, can the Minister please provide: (1) The names of employees who have participated in language lessons in a foreign country. (2) What country they travelled to. (3) What language they are learning. (4) How many trips they have made and the duration of their stay. (5) The cost of each of these trips.

Mr. Weekes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 461:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Government Insurance: For the calendar year 2003, can the Minister please provide: (1) The names of employees who have participated in language lessons in a foreign country. (2) What country they travelled to. (3) What language they are learning. (4) How many trips they have made and the duration of their stay. (5) The cost of each of these trips.

Mr. Weekes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 462:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Government Insurance: For the calendar year 2002, can the Minister please provide: (1) The names of employees who have participated in language lessons in a foreign country. (2) What country they travelled to. (3) What language they are learning. (4) How many trips they have made and the duration of their stay. (5) The cost of each of these trips.

Mr. Weekes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 463:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Government Insurance: For the calendar year 2001, can the Minister please provide: (1) The names of employees who have participated in language lessons in a foreign country. (2) What country they travelled to. (3) What language they are learning. (4) How many trips they have made and the duration of their stay. (5) The cost of each of these trips.

Mr. Weekes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 464:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Telecommunications: For the calendar year 2001, can the Minister please provide: (1) The names of employees who have participated in language lessons in a foreign country. (2) What country they travelled to. (3) What language they are learning. (4) How many trips they have made and the duration of their stay. (5) The cost of each of these trips.

Mr. Weekes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 465:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Telecommunications: For the calendar year 2002, can the Minister please provide: (1) The names of employees who have participated in language lessons in a foreign country. (2) What country they travelled to. (3) What language they are learning. (4) How many trips they have made and the duration of their stay. (5) The cost of each of these trips.

Mr. Weekes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 466:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Telecommunications: For the calendar year 2003, can the Minister please provide: (1) The names of employees who have participated in language lessons in a foreign country. (2) What country they travelled to. (3) What language they are learning. (4) How many trips they have made and the duration of their stay. (5) The cost of each of these trips.

Mr. Weekes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 467:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Telecommunications: For the calendar year 2004, can the Minister please provide: (1) The names of employees who have participated in language lessons in a foreign country. (2) What country they travelled to. (3) What language they are learning. (4) How many trips they have made and the duration of their stay. (5) The cost of each of these trips.

Mr. Weekes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 468:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: For the calendar year 2004, can the Minister please provide: (1) The names of employees who have participated in language lessons in a foreign country. (2) What country they travelled to. (3) What language they are learning. (4) How many trips they have made and the duration of their stay. (5) The cost of each of these trips.

Mr. Weekes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 469:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: For the calendar year 2003, can the Minister please provide: (1) The names of employees who have participated in language lessons in a foreign country. (2) What country they travelled to. (3) What language they are learning. (4) How many trips they have made and the duration of their stay. (5) The cost of each of these trips.

Mr. Weekes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 470:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: For the calendar year 2002, can the Minister please provide: (1) The names of employees who have participated in language lessons in a foreign country. (2) What country they travelled to. (3) What language they are learning. (4) How many trips they have made and the duration of their stay. (5) The cost of each of these trips.

Mr. Weekes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 471:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: For the calendar year 2001, can the Minister please provide: (1) The names of employees who have participated in language lessons in a foreign country. (2) What country they travelled to. (3) What language they are learning. (4) How many trips they have made and the duration of their stay. (5) The cost of each of these trips.

Mr. Weekes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 472:

To the Minister Responsible for SaskEnergy Incorporated: For the calendar year 2001, can the Minister please provide: (1) The names of employees who have participated in language lessons in a foreign country. (2) What country they travelled to. (3) What language they are learning. (4) How many trips they have made and the duration of their stay. (5) The cost of each of these trips.

Mr. Weekes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 473:

To the Minister Responsible for SaskEnergy Incorporated: For the calendar year 2002, can the Minister please provide: (1) The names of employees who have participated in language lessons in a foreign country. (2) What country they travelled to. (3) What language they are learning. (4) How many trips they have made and the duration of their stay. (5) The cost of each of these trips.

Mr. Weekes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 474:

To the Minister Responsible for SaskEnergy Incorporated: For the calendar year 2003, can the Minister please provide: (1) The names of employees who have participated in language lessons in a foreign country. (2) What country they travelled to. (3) What language they are learning. (4) How many trips they have made and the duration of their stay. (5) The cost of each of these trips.

Mr. Weekes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 475:

To the Minister Responsible for SaskEnergy Incorporated: For the calendar year 2004, can the Minister please provide: (1) The names of employees who have participated in language lessons in a foreign country. (2) What country they travelled to. (3) What language they are learning. (4) How many trips they have made and the duration of their stay. (5) The cost of each of these trips.

The following Questions were asked on day no. 44 and are to be answered by day no. 49:

Mr. Brkich, to ask the Government the following Question No. 476:

To the Minister of Health: (1) In the year 2002, did administration (CEO, all vice-presidents, chief medical officer, etc.) at the Heartland Health Region receive any increase in salary, benefits or gratuities? (2) If so, what was the increase?

Mr. Brkich, to ask the Government the following Question No. 477:

To the Minister of Health: (1) In the year 2003, did administration (CEO, all vice-presidents, chief medical officer, etc.) at the Heartland Health Region receive any increase in salary, benefits or gratuities? (2) If so, what was the increase?

Mr. Brkich, to ask the Government the following Question No. 478:

To the Minister of Health: (1) In the year 2004, did administration (CEO, all vice-presidents, chief medical officer, etc.) at the Heartland Health Region receive any increase in salary, benefits or gratuities? (2) If so, what was the increase?

Ms. Harpauer, to ask the Government the following Question No. 479:

To the Minister Responsible for the Highway Traffic Board: For fiscal year 2003-2004: (1) What was the total number of appeal applications made to the Highway Traffic Board? (2) Of that number, how many were approved? (3) How many were rejected? (4) How many of the approved applications resulted in a successful appeal?

Ms. Harpauer, to ask the Government the following Question No. 480:

To the Minister Responsible for the Highway Traffic Board: For fiscal year 2002-2003: (1) What was the total number of appeal applications made to the Highway Traffic Board? (2) Of that number, how many were approved? (3) How many were rejected? (4) How many of the approved applications resulted in a successful appeal?

Ms. Harpauer, to ask the Government the following Question No. 481:

To the Minister Responsible for the Highway Traffic Board: For fiscal year 2001-2002: (1) What was the total number of appeal applications made to the Highway Traffic Board? (2) Of that number, how many were approved? (3) How many were rejected? (4) How many of the approved applications resulted in a successful appeal?

Ms. Harpauer, to ask the Government the following Question No. 482:

To the Minister Responsible for the Highway Traffic Board: For fiscal year 2000-2001: (1) What was the total number of appeal applications made to the Highway Traffic Board? (2) Of that number, how many were approved? (3) How many were rejected? (4) How many of the approved applications resulted in a successful appeal?

Ms. Harpauer, to ask the Government the following Question No. 483:

To the Minister Responsible for the Highway Traffic Board: For fiscal year 1999-2000: (1) What was the total number of appeal applications made to the Highway Traffic Board? (2) Of that number, how many were approved? (3) How many were rejected? (4) How many of the approved applications resulted in a successful appeal?