



No. 47

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

FIRST SESSION – TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Tuesday, June 1, 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, Stewart, McMorris, Bakken, Huyghebaert, Brkich, Weekes, Dearborn and Higgins.

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 cause a reduction in the education tax burden carried by Saskatchewan residents and employers.

(Sessional Paper No. 195)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government not to implement the Commission on Financing Kindergarten to Grade 12 Education's recommendation to expand the Provincial Sales Tax to include restaurant meals.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 47)

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 Craik and District Health Centre is not closed or further downsized.

(Addendum to 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.

(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 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)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

Bill No. 70 - The Income Tax Amendment Act, 2004

(Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen)

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 456 and 457, they were answered. (See Appendix)

SECOND READINGS / DEUXIÈME LECTURE**Bill No. 65 – The Agri-Food Act, 2004**

The Hon. Mr. Wartman, 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. 65 – The Agri-Food Act, 2004 – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 66 – The Cattle Marketing Deductions Amendment Act, 2004

The Hon. Mr. Wartman, 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. 66 – The Cattle Marketing Deductions Amendment Act, 2004 – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 68 – The Assessment Management Agency Amendment Act, 2004

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Taylor: That Bill No. 68 – The Assessment Management Agency Amendment Act, 2004 – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 67 – The Alcohol and Gaming Regulation Amendment Act, 2004**Projet de loi n° 67 - Loi de 2004 modifiant la Loi de 1997 sur la réglementation des boissons alcoolisées et des jeux de hasard**

The Hon. Mr. Cline, 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. 67 – The Alcohol and Gaming Regulation Amendment Act, 2004 – be now read a second time.

L'hon. M. Cline, membre du Conseil exécutif, fait savoir à l'Assemblée que Son Honneur la Lieutenant-gouverneure, ayant été informé de l'objet du projet de loi, le recommande à la considération de l'Assemblée et propose: Que le projet de loi n° 67 – Loi de 2004 modifiant la Loi de 1997 sur la réglementation des boissons alcoolisées et des jeux de hasard – soit maintenant lu une deuxième fois.

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

Il s'élève un débat et sur motion de Mr. McMorris, le débat est ajourné.

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

The Hon. Mr. Thomson, 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. 64 – The Post-Secondary Graduate Tax Credit Amendment Act, 2004 – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 69 – The Public Inquiries Amendment Act, 2004

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Quennell: That Bill No. 69 – The Public Inquiries Amendment Act, 2004 – be now read a second time.

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

ADJOURNED DEBATES / DÉBATS AJOURNÉS**Bill No. 41 – The Contributory Negligence Amendment Act, 2004**

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Quennell: That Bill No. 41 – The Contributory Negligence Amendment Act, 2004 – be now read a second time.

The debate continuing, it was on motion of Mr. D'Autremont, adjourned.

Bill No. 54 – The Tobacco Control Amendment Act, 2004

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Nilson: That Bill No. 54 – The Tobacco Control Amendment Act, 2004 – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 49 – The Vital Statistics Amendment Act, 2004**Projet de loi n° 49 – Loi de 2004 modifiant la Loi de 1995 sur les services de l'état civil**

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Nilson: That Bill No. 49 – The Vital Statistics Amendment Act, 2004 – be now read a second time.

The question being put, it was agreed to and the said Bill was, accordingly, read a second time.

L'Assemblée reprend le débat ajourné sur la motion de l'hon. M. Nilson: Que le projet de loi n° 49 – Loi de 2004 modifiant la Loi de 1995 sur les services de l'état civil – soit maintenant lu une deuxième fois.

Il s'élève un débat et la motion, mise aux voix, est adoptée et, en conséquence, ledit projet de loi est lu une deuxième fois.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Nilson:

Ordered, That Bill No. 49 – The Vital Statistics Amendment Act, 2004 - be now referred to the Standing Committee on Human Services

Sur motion de l'hon. M. Nilson:

Il est résolu que le projet de loi n° 49 – Loi de 2004 modifiant la Loi de 1995 sur les services de l'état civil – soit maintenant renvoyé au Comité permanent des services à la personne.

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

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Sonntag: That Bill No. 14 – The Highway Traffic Amendment Act, 2004 – be now read a second time.

The question being put, it was agreed to and the said Bill was, accordingly, read a second time.

On motion of the Hon. Ms. Atkinson:

Ordered, That Bill No. 14 – The Highway Traffic Amendment Act, 2004 - be now referred to the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies.

Bill No. 50 – The Labour Standards Amendment Act, 2004

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Ms. Higgins: That Bill No. 50 – The Labour Standards Amendment Act, 2004 – be now read a second time.

The debate continuing, and the question being put, it was agreed to and the said Bill was, accordingly, read a second time.

On motion of the Hon. Ms. Atkinson:

Ordered, That Bill No. 50 – The Labour Standards Amendment Act, 2004 - be now referred to the Standing Committee on the Economy.

Bill No. 53 – The Securities Amendment Act, 2004

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Quennell: That Bill No. 53 – The Securities Amendment Act, 2004 – be now read a second time.

The question being put, it was agreed to and the said Bill was, accordingly, read a second time.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Quennell:

Ordered, That Bill No. 53 – The Securities Amendment Act, 2004 - be now referred to the Standing Committee on Human Services.

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 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 8:57 p.m. until Wednesday at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. P. Myron Kowalsky
Speaker

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Ms. Draude asked the Government Question No. 456 which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Nilson:

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?

Answer:

- (1) Three Directors of Communications (one Executive Director and two Directors), six Communications Consultants and three Correspondence Consultants are currently employed within Saskatchewan Health.
- (2) The budgeted total for their wages and expenses is \$699,000.

Ms. Draude asked the Government Question No. 457 which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Nilson:

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?

Answer:

Saskatchewan Health does not currently collect this level of staffing or salary details of regional health authorities.

NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

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?

The following Questions were asked on day no. 45 and are to be answered by day no. 50:

Ms. Eagles, to ask the Government the following Question No. 484:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Government Insurance: In 2003, how many vehicle damage claims to SGI were denied because the claimants were found to be residents of Alberta?

Ms. Eagles, to ask the Government the following Question No. 485:

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The following Questions were asked on day no. 46 and are to be answered by day no. 51:

Mr. Dearborn, to ask the Government the following Question No. 486:

To the Minister of Culture, Youth and Recreation: Can the Minister provide the names of the 14 people whose jobs were terminated in the last fiscal year?

Mr. Dearborn, to ask the Government the following Question No. 487:

To the Minister of Culture, Youth and Recreation: Can the Minister provide the classification, salaries and geographic location of the 14 positions terminated in the last fiscal year?

The following Questions were asked on day no. 47 and are to be answered by day no. 52:

Ms. Draude, to ask the Government the following Question No. 488:

To the Minister of Health: (1) In the year 2000, how many patients were sent to Slim Thorpe Detox Centre in Lloydminster for treatment of gambling addictions? (2) What was the cost for treatment of these patients?

Ms. Draude, to ask the Government the following Question No. 489:

To the Minister of Health: (1) In the year 2001, how many patients were sent to Slim Thorpe Detox Centre in Lloydminster for treatment of gambling addictions? (2) What was the cost for treatment of these patients?

Ms. Draude, to ask the Government the following Question No. 490:

To the Minister of Health: (1) In the year 2002, how many patients were sent to Slim Thorpe Detox Centre in Lloydminster for treatment of gambling addictions? (2) What was the cost for treatment of these patients?

Ms. Draude, to ask the Government the following Question No. 491:

To the Minister of Health: (1) In the year 2003, how many patients were sent to Slim Thorpe Detox Centre in Lloydminster for treatment of gambling addictions? (2) What was the cost for treatment of these patients?

Mr. Gantfoer, to ask the Government the following Question No. 492:

To the Minister of Health: In the answer to question #392, it was indicated that the Regina Qu'Appelle Regional Health Authority awards contract to private physiotherapy clinics for outpatient physiotherapy based on 17 categories. What are the 17 categories?

Mr. Brkich, to ask the Government the following Question No. 493:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Telecommunications: (1) How many companies do the "locates" (searching for underground lines) for SaskTel? (2) Please provide the names of these companies, and if the contracts were tendered or not.