



No. 48

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

FIRST SESSION – TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Wednesday, June 2, 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, Hermanson, McMorris, Bakken, Huyghebaert, Brkich, Weekes, Stewart 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 explore all possible means of continuing the operations of the Echo Valley Conference Centre as a viable and successful facility.

(Sessional Paper No. 196)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to reverse its decision to reduce Saskatchewan Environment's presence in northern Saskatchewan, including the reduction in forest fighting services and the closure of Environment offices.

(Sessional Paper No. 197)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to ensure that the Radisson School fall under the two-year moratorium on school closures and allow the community and school division the opportunity to consult on alternatives to the closing of the Radisson School.

(Sessional Paper No. 198)

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 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 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 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)

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 458 and 459, they were answered. (See Appendix)

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 460 to 475, pursuant to Rule 45(5), they were transferred to Motions for Returns (Debatable) Nos. 282 to 297.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 2:24 p.m. until Thursday at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. P. Myron Kowalsky
Speaker

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Mr. Gantefer asked the Government Question No. 458 which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Nilson:

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?

Answer:

Saskatchewan Health does not collect information pertaining to costs associated with overtime for nursing positions in regional health authorities.

Mr. Gantefer asked the Government Question No. 459 which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Nilson:

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

Answer:

The consolidation will achieve scheduling efficiencies which will allow the Region to reduce overtime costs and provide a better working environment for its staff, with access to vacation and time off and more consistent schedules. The Region estimates annualized savings of \$1.5 million.

NOTICE OF MOTION FOR A SEVENTY-FIVE MINUTE DEBATE

On Friday:

Mr. Morgan to move the following motion:

That this Assembly congratulates Boards of Education throughout Saskatchewan for their leadership and vision in pursuing voluntary amalgamations of school divisions throughout the province.

NOTICE OF PRIORITY ITEMS

On Friday:

No. 1 (Opposition)

Adjourned debate on Motion No. 2 moved by Mr. Gantefer:

That, pursuant to Rule 133(1), The Standing Committee on Human Services shall hold an inquiry and make recommendations regarding the future of health care facilities throughout Saskatchewan, and that the committee shall:

- a) Obtain from the Department of Health a comprehensive list of all health care facilities scheduled for closure or conversion;
- b) Hold public meetings away from the seat of Government in order that the fullest representations may be received without unduly inconveniencing those desiring to be heard;
- c) Hold at least one public meeting in each community with a health care facility scheduled to be closed or converted;
- d) Have the authority to send for persons, papers and records and to examine witnesses under oath;
- e) Have the authority to receive representations from interested parties and individuals; and
- f) Have the authority to engage such advisors and assistants as are required for the purposes of the inquiry;

And, that this Assembly strongly urges the Government to place a moratorium on all health care facility closures and conversions until such time as this inquiry has been completed and a substantive report presented to the Assembly pursuant to Rule 133(4)

Adjourned Twice

No. 2 (Opposition)

Bill No. 201 – The Whistleblower Protection Act

(Mr. Yates)

Adjourned Once

NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

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?

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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. Gantefer, 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.

The following Questions were asked on day no. 48 and are to be answered by day no. 53:

Ms. Bakken, to ask the Government the following Question No. 494:

To the Minister of Health: What is the progress on the establishment of an emergency mattress detox treatment centre in Saskatoon?

Ms. Bakken, to ask the Government the following Question No. 495:

To the Minister of Health: (1) Has the forensic audit of the MACIS Centre been completed? (2) When will the findings of this audit be made public?