



No. 49

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

FIRST SESSION – TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Thursday, June 3, 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, Huyghebaert, Bakken, 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 reverse the increase in Crop Insurance Premiums and the reduction in coverage.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 72)

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 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)

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.

(Addendum to 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.

(Addendum to 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.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 198)

SPEAKER TABLES REPORTS

The Speaker laid before the Assembly, the 2004 Report (Volume 1) of the Provincial Auditor, in accordance with the provisions of section 14.1 of *The Provincial Auditor Act*.

(Sessional Paper No. 199)

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON CROWN AND CENTRAL AGENCIES

Mr. Addley, Chair of the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies presented the First Report of the said Committee which is as follows:

Your Committee considered the Estimates of the following Government departments and agencies 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 Information Technology Office.	\$2,609,000.00
For Public Service Commission	\$8,210,000.00
For Saskatchewan Property Management Corporation	\$16,808,000.00

Supplementary Estimates, 2003-2004:

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

For Saskatchewan Property Management Corporation	\$4,500,000.00
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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.

(Sessional Paper No. 200)

On motion of Mr. Addley, seconded by Mr. Elhard:

Ordered, That the First Report of the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies be now concurred in.

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE ECONOMY

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

Bill No. 37 - The Tobacco Tax Amendment Act, 2004

The following Bill was reported without amendment, and ordered referred to the Committee of the Whole at the next sitting:

Bill No. 1 - The Financial Administration Amendment Act, 2004

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 476 and 483, they were answered. (See Appendix)

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 2:24 p.m. until Friday at 10:00 a.m.

Hon. P. Myron Kowalsky
Speaker

RETURNS, REPORTS AND PAPERS TABLED

The following paper was laid upon the Table:

By the Hon. Mr. Quennell:

Amendment to the Bylaws of the following Professional Association:
Saskatchewan Association of Social Workers

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 62)

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Mr. Brkich asked the Government Question No. 476 which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Nilson:

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?

Answer:

In 2002, when RHAs were created and original CEOs hired, salary limits for CEOs were provided to RHAs through a Minister's Directive. Heartland Health Region filled other administrative positions within their new regional organizational structure. There was no prior year's salary for these regional administrative positions; therefore, no salary increase can be determined. Heartland does not directly employ a Medical Officer nor do they have Chief Medical Officer on salary.

Mr. Brkich asked the Government Question No. 477 which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Nilson:

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?

Answer:

Effective April 1, 2003, the CEO and vice-presidents received a 3% economic increase that was comparable to the increase received by unionized staff. Some staff members received a step-increase consistent with the established baseline salary grids.

Mr. Brkich asked the Government Question No. 478 which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Nilson:

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?

Answer:

Effective April 1, 2004, the CEO and vice-presidents received a 0% economic increase. Some staff members will receive a step-increase consistent with the established baseline salary grids.

Mr. Harpauer asked the Government Question No. 479 which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Sonntag:

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?

Answer:

- (1) 3012
- (2) All applications for appeal that fall under the HTB's jurisdiction are heard.
- (3) None
- (4) 1564 were successful or altered in some way (i.e. restricted licence was granted rather than a suspension)

Mr. Harpauer asked the Government Question No. 480 which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Sonntag:

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?

Answer:

- (1) 1752
- (2) All applications for appeal that fall under the HTB's jurisdiction are heard.
- (3) None
- (4) 1174 were successful or altered in some way (i.e. restricted licence was granted rather than a suspension)

Mr. Harpauer asked the Government Question No. 481 which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Sonntag:

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?

Answer:

- (1) 1091
- (2) All applications for appeal that fall under the HTB's jurisdiction are heard.
- (3) None
- (4) 825 were successful or altered in some way (i.e. restricted licence was granted rather than a suspension)

Mr. Harpauer asked the Government Question No. 482 which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Sonntag:

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?

Answer:

- (1) 1093
- (2) All applications for appeal that fall under the HTB's jurisdiction are heard.
- (3) None
- (4) 720 were successful or altered in some way (i.e. restricted licence was granted rather than a suspension)

Mr. Harpauer asked the Government Question No. 483 which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Sonntag:

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?

Answer:

- (1) 1386
- (2) All applications for appeal that fall under the HTB's jurisdiction are heard.
- (3) None
- (4) 1007 were successful or altered in some way (i.e. restricted licence was granted rather than a suspension)

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

On Monday / lundi:

Hon. Mr. Taylor to move First Reading of Bill No. 71 – The City of Lloydminster Act

Hon. Mr. Sonntag to move First Reading of Bill No. 72 - The Traffic Safety Act

Hon. Mr. Sonntag to move First Reading of Bill No. 73 - The Traffic Safety Consequential Amendment Act, 2004

L'hon. M. Sonntag proposera la première lecture du projet de loi n° 73 – Loi de 2004 sur les modifications corrélatives découlant de la loi intitulée The Traffic Safety Act

NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

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?