



No. 52

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

FIRST SESSION – TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Tuesday, June 8, 2004

1:30 p.m.

PRAYERS

ABSENCE OF THE SPEAKER

The Clerk advised the Assembly that the Speaker would not be present to open the sitting. Thereupon the Deputy Speaker took the chair.

PRESENTING PETITIONS

Petitions of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan were presented and laid upon the Table by the following Members: Elhard, Hermanson, Stewart, 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 make the necessary repairs to Highway 35 north from the United States border, in order to prevent injury or loss of life and to prevent the loss of economic opportunity in the area.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 107)

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 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, through the Legislature's Human Services Committee, to hold public hearings in each of the communities affected by the changes recently announced by the Minister of Health prior to those bed closures, facility closures and layoffs taking place.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 201)

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 488 to 493, they were answered. (See Appendix)

SECOND READINGS

Bill No. 71 – The City of Lloydminster Act

The Hon. Mr. Taylor, 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. 71 – The City of Lloydminster Act – be now read a second time.

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

ADJOURNED DEBATES

Bill No. 7 – The Automobile Accident Insurance Amendment Act, 2004

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Sonntag: That Bill No. 7 – The Automobile Accident Insurance Amendment Act, 2004 – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 55 – The Regional Health Services Amendment Act, 2004

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Nilson: That Bill No. 55 – The Regional Health Services Amendment Act, 2004 – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 56 – The Public Health Amendment Act, 2004

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Nilson: That Bill No. 56 – The Public Health Amendment Act, 2004 – be now read a second time.

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

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Nilson:

Ordered, That Bill No. 56 – The Public Health Amendment Act, 2004 - be now referred to the Standing Committee on Human Services.

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. Dearborn, adjourned.

Bill No. 59 – The Ambulance Amendment Act, 2004

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Nilson: That Bill No. 59 – The Ambulance Amendment Act, 2004 – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 65 – The Agri-Food Act, 2004

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Wartman: That Bill No. 65 – The Agri-Food Act, 2004 – be now read a second time.

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

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

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Wartman: That Bill No. 66 – The Cattle Marketing Deductions Amendment Act, 2004 – be now read a second time.

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

COMMITTEE OF FINANCE

The Assembly, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Finance to consider Estimates for the Department of Environment.

Progress was reported and the Committee given leave to sit again.

On motion of the Hon. Ms. Atkinson:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 5:02 p.m. until Wednesday at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. P. Myron Kowalsky
Speaker

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Ms. Draude asked the Government Question No. 488 which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Nilson:

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?

Answer:

- (1) Saskatchewan records problem gambling treatment information by fiscal year. In the fiscal year 2000/01, 15 clients approved for funding by Saskatchewan Health attended the Walter A. "Slim" Thorpe Recovery Centre in Lloydminster for inpatient problem gambling treatment.
- (2) The cost to Saskatchewan Health for treatment of these clients was \$13,500.

Ms. Draude asked the Government Question No. 489 which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Nilson:

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?

Answer:

- (1) Saskatchewan records problem gambling treatment information by fiscal year. In the fiscal year 2001/02, 24 clients approved for funding by Saskatchewan Health attended the Walter A. "Slim" Thorpe Recovery Centre in Lloydminster for inpatient problem gambling treatment.
- (2) The cost to Saskatchewan Health for treatment of these clients was \$23,500.

Ms. Draude asked the Government Question No. 490 which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Nilson:

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?

Answer:

- (1) Saskatchewan records problem gambling treatment information by fiscal year. In the fiscal year 2002/03, 26 clients approved for funding by Saskatchewan Health attended the Walter A. "Slim" Thorpe Recovery Centre in Lloydminster for inpatient problem gambling treatment.
- (2) The cost to Saskatchewan Health for treatment of these clients was \$24,500.

Ms. Draude asked the Government Question No. 491 which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Nilson:

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?

Answer:

- (1) Saskatchewan records problem gambling treatment information by fiscal year. In the fiscal year 2003/04, 10 clients approved for funding by Saskatchewan Health attended the Walter A. "Slim" Thorpe Recovery Centre in Lloydminster for inpatient problem gambling treatment.
- (2) The cost to Saskatchewan Health for treatment of these clients was \$9,500.

Mr. Gantfoer asked the Government Question No. 492 which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Nilson:

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?

Answer:

The criteria used by the Regina Qu'Appelle Regional Health Authority to award contracts to private physiotherapy clinics are:

1. Qualifications of professional staff
2. Supervision of unlicensed personnel
3. Staff identification
4. Continuing competency
5. Planned orientation for professional and support staff
6. Written documentation/care plan/client intervention
7. Scheduling
8. Adequate physical space for safe movement/treatment delivery
9. Equipment maintenance/safety
10. Safety procedures and policies
11. Infection control policies/procedures
12. Insurance coverage: liability/malpractice
13. Outcome reporting
14. Statistical reporting
15. Number of years clinic in operation
16. Clinic demographics
17. Previous contracts with the Region

Mr. Brkich asked the Government Question No. 493 which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Sonntag:

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.

Answer:

- (1) There are three companies.
- (2) Thompson-Jonsson Trenching Ltd
K-Line Maintenance & Construction Ltd.
Magna Electric Corporation

Yes, the contracts are tendered.

NOTICE OF A GOVERNMENT MOTION

On Thursday:

Hon. Mr. Calvert to move the following Motion:

That this Legislature recognize the Boughen Commission's finding that inequities exist in the province's education property tax system and supports the government's intention to provide education property tax relief throughout the province at such time as sustainable financial resources are available, and in conjunction with the Minister of Learning's school division restructuring proposals.

NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The following Questions were asked on day no. 51 and are to be answered by day no. 56:

Mr. Brkich, to ask the Government the following Question No. 496:

To the Minister of Highways and Transportation: (1) On highway 44 from Davidson west to the junction of highway number 19, will the speed limit be raised from 80 km/h to 90km/h? (2) If not, why?

Mr. Elhard, to ask the Government the following Question No. 497:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Government Insurance: (1) How many severance packages worth \$100,000 or more were given out to employees who left the corporation in 2002? (2) Can the Minister please provide how much each of these severance packages were?

Mr. Elhard, to ask the Government the following Question No. 498:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Government Insurance: (1) How many severance packages worth \$100,000 or more were given out to employees who left the corporation in 2003? (2) Can the Minister please provide how much each of these severance packages were?

Mr. Elhard, to ask the Government the following Question No. 499:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Government Insurance: (1) How many severance packages worth \$100,000 or more were given out to employees who left the corporation in 2004? (2) Can the Minister please provide how much each of these severance packages were?

Mr. Morgan, to ask the Government the following Question No. 500:

To the Minister of Health: (1) Can the Minister please provide the details of the consulting contract signed between the Saskatoon Health Region and Jim Ferguson? (2) When was the contract signed? (3) When does the contract expire? (4) What are the financial details of the contract?

The following Question was asked on day no. 52 and is to be answered by day no. 57:

Mr. Brkich, to ask the Government the following Question No. 501:

To the Minister Responsible for Information Services Corporation: (1) Has ISC conducted any phone surveys in 2004? (2) What company conducted the survey? (3) What was the cost of the survey? (4) What were the questions on the survey?