



No. 54

# **VOTES and PROCEEDINGS**

OF THE

**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

**FIRST SESSION – TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE**

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**Thursday, June 10, 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, Toth, D'Autremont, Krawetz, Wall, Draude, Hermanson, Bjornerud, Stewart, Wakefield, Morgan, McMorris, Eagles, Gantefoer, Harpauer, Bakken, Cheveldayoff, Huyghebaert, Allchurch, Brkich, Weekes, Kerpan, Merriman, Chisholm, Dearborn, Hart, Kirsch, Trew and Yates.

## **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 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 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 Kerrobert Hospital is not closed or further downsized.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 165)

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 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, 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)

#### **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. 14 – The Highway Traffic Amendment Act, 2004

Bill No. 48 – The Vehicle Administration Amendment Act, 2004

Bill No. 29 – The Snowmobile Amendment Act, 2004

#### **REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE ECONOMY**

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. 13 – The Labour-sponsored Venture Capital Corporations Amendment Act, 2004

Bill No. 15 – The Workers' Compensation Board Pension Implementation Act

#### **INTRODUCTION OF BILLS**

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

Bill No. 202 – The Legislative Assembly and Executive Council (Set Election Dates) Amendment Act, 2004

(Mr. Hermanson)

**SPEAKER TABLES REPORTS**

The Speaker laid before the Assembly the following:

The Annual Report on Operations of the Office of the Provincial Auditor, in accordance with the provisions of section 14 of *The Provincial Auditor Act*, for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2004.

(Sessional Paper No. 205)

**GOVERNMENT MOTION**

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Calvert, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Taylor:

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.

A debate arising, it was moved by Mr. Wall, seconded by Mr. Bjornerud, in amendment thereto:

That all words after the word "Legislature" be deleted and the following substituted therefore:

"urge the Premier to fulfill the commitments he made at the 2003 SARM convention and during the 2003 election campaign by taking immediate action to reduce the education portion of the property tax."

The debate continuing and the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived on the following Recorded Division:

**YEAS – 27**

Wall	Toth	Elhard	D'Autremont	Krawetz
Draude	Hermanson	Bjornerud	Stewart	Wakefield
Morgan	McMorris	Eagles	Gantefer	Harpauer
Bakken	Cheveldayoff	Huyghebaert	Allchurch	Brkich
Weekes	Kerpan	Merriman	Chisholm	Dearborn
Hart	Kirsch			

**NAYS – 29**

Calvert	Addley	Lautermilch	Hagel	Van Mulligen
Serby	Atkinson	Cline	Sonntag	Crofford
Prebble	Forbes	Wartman	Belanger	Higgins
Thomson	Nilson	Beatty	Hamilton	Junor
Harper	Iwanchuk	McCall	Quennell	Trew
Yates	Taylor	Morin	Borgerson	

The question being put on the motion, it was agreed to, on Division.

### COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

The Assembly, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

The question being put on Clauses 1 to 6, they were agreed to.

During consideration of Clause 7, it was moved by Mr. Krawetz:

Amend section 15 of *The Financial Administration Act*, 1993, as being enacted by Clause 7 of the printed Bill by striking out “in accordance with the accounting policies established by the board” and substituting “in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles”.

A debate arising and the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived on the following Recorded Division:

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Taylor	Morin	Borgerson		

The question being put on Clause 7, it was agreed to.

During consideration of Clause 8, it was moved by Mr. Krawetz:

Amend section 16 of *The Financial Administration Act*, 1993, as being enacted by Clause 8 of the printed Bill by striking out “in accordance with the accounting policies established by the board” and substituting “in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles”.

A debate arising and the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived on Division:

The question being put on Clauses 8 to 21, they were agreed to.

The question being put on Schedules I and II, they were agreed to.

The following Bill was reported without amendment, read the third time and passed:

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

The Committee was given leave to sit again.

**ADJOURNED DEBATES**

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

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen: That Bill No. 70 - The Income Tax 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. Van Mulligen:

Ordered, That Bill No. 70 - The Income Tax Amendment Act, 2004 - be now referred to the Standing Committee on the Economy.

**Bill No. 71 – The City of Lloydminster Act**

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Taylor: That Bill No. 71 – The City of Lloydminster Act – 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. Taylor:

Ordered, That Bill No. 71 – The City of Lloydminster Act - be now referred to the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Infrastructure.

**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.

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. Sonntag:

Ordered, That Bill No. 7 – The Automobile Accident Insurance Amendment Act, 2004 - be now referred to the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies.

## ROYAL ASSENT / SANCTION ROYALE

4:49 p.m.

Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, having entered the Chamber, took her seat upon the Throne.

Son Honneur la Lieutenant-gouverneure fait son entrée dans la Chambre et prend place au Trône.

The Speaker addressed Her Honour:

Le Président s'adresse à Son Honneur:

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

QU'IL PLAISE À VOTRE HONNEUR:

This Legislative Assembly at its present Session has passed several Bills which, in the name of the Assembly, I present to Your Honour and to which Bills I respectfully request Your Honour's Assent.

Cette Assemblée législative, au cours de la présente session, a adopté des projets de loi que je présente à Votre Honneur, au nom de l'Assemblée, et que de demande respectueusement à Votre Honneur de sanctionner.

The Clerk Assistant of the Assembly then read the titles of the Bills that had been passed severally as follows:

La Greffière adjointe de l'Assemblée a donné lecture des titres du projets de loi adoptés comme suit:

Bill No. 12 - The Purchasing Act, 2004

Bill No. 3 - The Certified Management Consultants Amendment Act, 2004

Bill No. 4 - The Municipal Employees' Pension Amendment Act, 2004

Bill No. 5 - The Saskatchewan Pension Annuity Fund Amendment Act, 2004

Bill No. 6 - The Superannuation (Supplementary Provisions) Amendment Act, 2004

Bill No. 301 - The Bethany College Amendment Act, 2004

Bill No. 302 - The Fountain of Life School of Ministry Inc. Act

Bill No. 303 - The Saskatchewan School Trustees' Association Amendment Act, 2004

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

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

Bill No. 30 – The Queen's Bench Amendment Act, 2004

Projet de loi n° 30 – Loi de 2004 modifiant la Loi de 1998 sur la Cour du Banc de la Reine

Bill No. 32 – The Powers of Attorney Amendment Act, 2004

Projet de loi n° 32 – Loi de 2004 modifiant la Loi de 2002 sur les procurations

Bill No. 39 – The Enforcement of Maintenance Orders Amendment Act, 2004

Projet de loi n° 39 – Loi de 2004 modifiant la Loi de 1997 sur l'exécution des ordonnances alimentaires

Bill No. 24 – The Provincial Court Amendment Act, 2004

Bill No. 28 – The Public Employees Pension Plan Amendment Act, 2004

Bill No. 16 – The Geographic Names Board Amendment Act, 2004

Bill No. 17 – The Department of Energy and Mines Amendment Act, 2004

Bill No. 22 – The Saskatchewan Farm Security Amendment Act, 2004

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

Bill No. 25 – The Adoption Amendment Act, 2004

Projet de loi n° 25 – Loi de 2004 modifiant la Loi de 1998 sur l'adoption

Bill No. 26 – The Adoption Consequential Amendment Act, 2004

Bill No. 38 – The Credit Reporting Act

Bill No. 40 – The Fatal Accidents Amendment Act, 2004

Bill No. 51 – The Limitations Act

Bill No. 52 – The Limitations Consequential Amendment Act, 2004

Projet de loi n° 52 – Loi de 2004 sur les modifications corrélatives découlant de la loi intitulée The Limitations Act

Bill No. 44 – The Municipal Revenue Sharing Amendment Act, 2004

Bill No. 45 – The Planning and Development Amendment Act, 2004

Bill No. 46 – The Northern Municipalities Amendment Act, 2004

Bill No. 43 – The Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods Act

Bill No. 10 – The Administration of Estates Amendment Act, 2004

Projet de loi n° 10 – Loi de 2004 modifiant la Loi sur l'administration des successions

Bill No. 53 – The Securities Amendment Act, 2004

Bill No. 34 – The Psychologists Amendment Act, 2004

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

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

Bill No. 48 – The Vehicle Administration Amendment Act, 2004

Bill No. 29 – The Snowmobile Amendment Act, 2004

Bill No. 13 – The Labour-sponsored Venture Capital Corporations Amendment Act, 2004

Bill No. 15 – The Workers' Compensation Board Pension Implementation Act

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

Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor then replied:  
“In Her Majesty’s name, I assent to these Bills.”

Son Honneur la Lieutenant-gouverneure alors a  
répondu: “Au nom de Sa Majestée, je sanctionne  
ces projets de loi.”

Her Honour then retired from the Chamber.

Son Honneur se retire de la Chambre.

4:54 p.m.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

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The Assembly adjourned at 4:55 p.m. until Friday at 10:00 a.m.

***Hon. P. Myron Kowalsky***  
***Speaker***



## 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?

**The following Questions were asked on day no. 53 and are to be answered by day no. 58:**

Mr. Elhard, to ask the Government the following Question No. 502:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Telecommunications: Can the Minister please provide what changes in service fees there have been for telephone installation and hook-up charges in the year 2003?

Mr. Elhard, to ask the Government the following Question No. 503:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Telecommunications: Can the Minister please provide what changes in service fees there have been for telephone installation and hook-up charges in the year 2004?

Mr. Brkich, to ask the Government the following Question No. 504:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Telecommunications: Are any of the employees and/or owners performing contract work for SaskTel doing “locates” (searching for underground lines) current employees of SaskTel?

**The following Questions were asked on day no. 54 and are to be answered by day no. 59:**

Mr. Weekes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 505:

To the Minister of Highways and Transportation: Do conservation officers have the authority to enforce the law dealing with the trail permit portion of Bill No. 29 of 2004, *An Act to Amend the Snowmobile Act*?

Mr. Brkich, to ask the Government the following Question No. 506:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Property Management Corporation: Can the Minister please provide which rules and policies are in place right now for the CVA government car division relating to use of these vehicles by government employees for personal and recreational use?