



No. 56

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

FIRST SESSION – TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Monday, June 14, 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, Eagles, Brkich, Kerpan, Dearborn, Hart, Wall, Huyghebaert, Weekes, Van Mulligen 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 ensure that the residents of Davidson and area have local representation on the Heartland Health Region Board, and that the Minister of Health halt the decision to close 10 long-term care beds and cut staff until all interested parties are fully consulted and their input received by government committee.

(Sessional Paper No. 206)

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 reinstate the bulk beer discount structure cancelled in the recent provincial budget.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 174)

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 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)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to ensure that the Eatonia ambulance services are not discontinued.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 203)

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 496 to 500, they were answered. (See Appendix)

ADJOURNED DEBATES

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

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Taylor: Bill No. 68 - The Assessment Management Agency Amendment Act, 2004 – be now read a second time.

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

COMMITTEE OF FINANCE

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

The Assembly recessed from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

The Committee being resumed, it continued consideration of Estimates for the Department of Executive Council.

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2005, the sum of \$6,681,000 for Executive Council (Ordinary).

The Committee then considered Estimates for the Department of Learning.

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2005, the sum of \$1,119,385,000 for Learning (Ordinary).

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2005, the sum of \$66,000,000 for Learning (Lending and Investing Activities).

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

The Deputy Speaker adjourned the Assembly without question put, pursuant to Rule 3(2).

The Assembly adjourned at 10:42 p.m. until Tuesday at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. P. Myron Kowalsky
Speaker

RETURNS, REPORTS AND PAPERS TABLED

The following papers were laid upon the Table:

By the Hon. Ms. Crofford:

Letter of correction for the Annual Report of the Department of Social Services for the year ended March 31, 2003. (Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 228, tabled July 29, 2003)

(Sessional Paper No. 207)

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Mr. Brkich asked the Government Question No. 496 which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Sonntag:

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?

Answer:

- (1) Yes. The speed limit will be increased to 90 km/hr by the end of June 2004.
- (2) Not applicable.

Mr. Elhard asked the Government Question No. 497 which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Sonntag:

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?

Answer:

- (1) None
- (2) N/A

Mr. Elhard asked the Government Question No. 498 which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Sonntag:

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?

Answer:

- (1) None
- (2) N/A

Mr. Elhard asked the Government Question No. 499 which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Sonntag:

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?

Answer:

- (1) None
- (2) N/A

Mr. Morgan asked the Government Question No. 500 which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Nilson:

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?

Answer:

The contract negotiated between the former CEO and the Saskatoon Regional Health Authority is a personnel matter between the said parties with some details having been released to the media by the Saskatoon Regional Health Authority Board Chair.

NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

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?

The following Questions were asked on day no. 55 and are to be answered by day no. 60:

Mr. Brkich, to ask the Government the following Question No. 507:

To the Minister of Health: (1) In 2003, was there any increase or decrease in administration personnel at the Heartland Health Region? (2) What was that change?

Mr. Brkich, to ask the Government the following Question No. 508:

To the Minister of Health: (1) In 2004, was there any increase or decrease in administration personnel at the Heartland Health Region? (2) What was that change?

Mr. Gantefoer, to ask the Government the following Question No. 509:

To the Minister of Health: (1) How many radiation machines for treating cancer patients are in operation in the Regina Qu’Appelle Health Region? (2) How old are they? (3) How many hours do they operate per week? (4) How often is maintenance required and scheduled?

Mr. Gantefoer, to ask the Government the following Question No. 510:

To the Minister of Health: How many acute care hospital beds were in operation on March 31, 2004 in the Regina Qu’Appelle Health Region?