



No. 68

# **VOTES and PROCEEDINGS**

OF THE

**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

**FIRST SESSION – TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE**

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**Thursday, November 25, 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: Toth, Elhard, D'Autremont, Wall, Draude, Hermanson, Bjornerud, Morgan, McMorris, Eagles, Bakken, Brkich, Weekes, Dearborn and Hart.

## **READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS**

According to Order, the 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 take immediate action and make necessary repairs to Highway 32 in order to address safety and economic concerns.

(Sessional Paper No. 666)

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 reverse the decision to force the amalgamation of school divisions in Saskatchewan and continue re-organization of school division on a strictly voluntary basis.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 637)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to take the necessary action to ensure that the CAIS program receives adequate provincial funding, the funding formula is changed to ensure equal access to compensation, and to contribute funds to the latest BSE assistance package released by the Federal Government.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 638)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to take necessary action to hold an independent judicial inquiry into the Spudco scandal.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 647)

### **REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON CROWN AND CENTRAL AGENCIES**

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

Your Committee considered the Supplementary Estimates of the following Government departments and agencies and adopted the following resolutions:

#### **Supplementary 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 .....	\$1,715,000
For Saskatchewan Property Management Corporation .....	\$ 470,000

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. 668)

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

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

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

Mr. Lautermilch, Chair of the Standing Committee on the Economy, presented the Second 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:

**Supplementary Estimates, 2004-2005:**

Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2005, the following sums:

**Budgetary Expenses**

For Agriculture	\$40,000,000
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For Industry and Resources	\$12,000,000
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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. 669)

On motion of Mr. Lautermilch, seconded by Mr. Stewart:

Ordered, That the Second Report of the Standing Committee on the Economy be now concurred in.

**WRITTEN QUESTIONS**

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 831 to 833, they were answered. (See Appendix)

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

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The Assembly adjourned at 2:34 p.m. until Friday at 10:00 a.m.

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

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

**Ms. Eagles asked the Government Question No. 831, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Nilson:**

To the Minister of Health: Provide the average percentage of wage increases awarded to administrative positions in the Sun Country Regional Health Authority for the fiscal year 2004-2005 and the total amount of money these increases cost for this fiscal year.

Answer:

The Sun Country Regional Health Authority follows the Saskatchewan Association of Health Organization's (SAHO) pay bands as a source to guide their compensation policy. The annual increase this year to the salary scale for out-of-scope employees was zero percent.

**Ms. Eagles asked the Government Question No. 832, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Nilson:**

To the Minister of Health: What public consultation process took place prior to the recent changes to the delivery of services and staffing in the Sun Country Regional Health Authority?

Answer:

Regional health authorities are responsible for the day-to-day delivery of health programs and services. This includes working with local residents to ensure community involvement in program decisions.

**Mr. Gantefoer asked the Government Question No. 833, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Nilson:**

To the Minister of Health: Please provide the terms of tendering contracts with pharmacies as well as the policies for administering prescription drugs in the Moose Jaw Pioneer Lodge, Five Hills Regional Health Authority.

Answer:

Moose Jaw Pioneer Lodge is a licensed special-care home owned and operated by the Five Hills Regional Health Authority.

Regional health authorities that own and operate a special-care home or the Board of an affiliate special-care home are responsible for arranging the contract for pharmacy services for the special-care home.

## NOTICE OF MOTION FOR FIRST READING OF A BILL

On Monday:

Hon. Ms. Higgins to move First Reading of Bill No. 88 – The Health Labour Relations Reorganization Amendment Act, 2004

## NOTICE OF MOTION FOR AN ADDRESS TO HER HONOUR THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

On Monday:

Hon. Mr. Quennell to move that an Humble Address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor:

Recommending that the Lieutenant Governor in Council appoint Kevin Fenwick, of the Lorlie District, Ombudsman for the Province of Saskatchewan pursuant to section 3 of *The Ombudsman Act*.

## NOTICE OF A GOVERNMENT MOTION

On Monday:

Hon. Mr. Quennell to move the following motion:

That this Assembly hereby appoints Jean Ouellet, of the city of Regina in the Province of Saskatchewan, Chief Electoral Officer, pursuant to section 4 of *The Election Act, 1996*.

## NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

**The following Questions were asked on day no. 65 and are to be answered by day no. 70:**

Mr. Elhard, to ask the Government the following Question No. 858:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Government Insurance: What discounts do SGI employees, executives and retirees receive on their SGI bills?

Mr. Elhard, to ask the Government the following Question No. 859:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: What discounts do SaskPower employees, executives and retirees receive on their SaskPower bills?

Mr. Elhard, to ask the Government the following Question No. 860:

To the Minister Responsible for SaskEnergy Incorporated: What discounts do SaskEnergy employees, executives and retirees receive on their SaskEnergy bills?

Mr. Elhard, to ask the Government the following Question No. 861:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Transportation Corporation: What discounts do STC employees, executives and retirees receive on their STC services?

Mr. Elhard, to ask the Government the following Question No. 862:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority: What discounts do SLGA employees, executives and retirees receive on their SLGA purchases?

Mr. Weekes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 863:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Watershed Authority: (1) How many wells have been affected by the Grandora/Dunfermline/Vanscoy TransGas Natural Gas Storage Project? (2) Where are these affected wells located?

Mr. Weekes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 864:

To the Minister Responsible for SaskEnergy Incorporated: (1) Has an environmental impact study been completed on the Grandora/Dunfermline/Vanscoy TransGas Natural Gas Storage Project? (2) If so, what are the findings?

Mr. Weekes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 865:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Watershed Authority: What scientific basis does TransGas have that the Grandora/Dunfermline/Vanscoy TransGas Natural Gas Storage Project will not affect local groundwater quality and quantity?

Mr. Weekes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 866:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Watershed Authority: According to Saskatchewan Watershed Authority Vice President Wayne Dybvig, "Seventeen wells in the Vanscoy/Grandora area were sampled by Authority staff between November 8 and 10, 2004. These 17 wells were deemed to be at the highest risk, based on previous data." What previous data is being referenced?

Mr. Weekes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 867:

To the Minister Responsible for SaskEnergy Incorporated: According to Saskatchewan Watershed Authority Vice President Wayne Dybvig, "Seventeen wells in the Vanscoy/Grandora area were sampled by Authority staff between November 8 and 10, 2004. These 17 wells were deemed to be at the highest risk, based on previous data." What previous data is being referenced?

Mr. Weekes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 868:

To the Minister Responsible for SaskEnergy Incorporated: What scientific basis does TransGas have that the Grandora/Dunfermline/Vanscoy TransGas Natural Gas Storage Project will not affect local groundwater quality and quantity?

Mr. Weekes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 869:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Watershed Authority: (1) Has an environmental impact study been completed on the Grandora/Dunfermline/Vanscoy TransGas Natural Gas Storage Project? (2) If so, what are the findings?

Mr. Weekes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 870:

To the Minister Responsible for SaskEnergy Incorporated: (1) Were environmental impact studies done on any other TransGas Natural Gas Storage Projects completed in the province? (2) If so, what were the findings?

Mr. Weekes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 871:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Watershed Authority: (1) Were environmental impact studies done on any other TransGas Natural Gas Storage Projects completed in the province? (2) If so, what were the findings?

Mr. Weekes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 872:

To the Minister Responsible for SaskEnergy Incorporated: (1) How many wells have been affected by the Grandora/Dunfermline/Vanscoy TransGas Natural Gas Storage Project? (2) Where are these affected wells located?

Mr. Weekes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 873:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Watershed Authority: Will there be public involvement prior to the re-start of the Grandora/Dunfermline/Vanscoy TransGas Natural Gas Storage Project?

Mr. Weekes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 874:

To the Minister Responsible for SaskEnergy Incorporated: Will there be public involvement prior to the re-start of the Grandora/Dunfermline/Vanscoy TransGas Natural Gas Storage Project?

Mr. Weekes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 875:

To the Minister of Culture, Youth and Recreation: How much did your department give to the Provincial Youth Advisory Committee in the fiscal year 2000?

Mr. Weekes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 876:

To the Minister of Culture, Youth and Recreation: How much did your department give to the Provincial Youth Advisory Committee in the fiscal year 2001?

Mr. Weekes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 877:

To the Minister of Culture, Youth and Recreation: How much did your department give to the Provincial Youth Advisory Committee in the fiscal year 2002?

Mr. Weekes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 878:

To the Minister of Culture, Youth and Recreation: How much did your department give to the Provincial Youth Advisory Committee in the fiscal year 2003?

Mr. Weekes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 879:

To the Minister of Culture, Youth and Recreation: How much did your department give to the Provincial Youth Advisory Committee in the fiscal year 2004?

Mr. Weekes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 880:

To the Minister of Culture, Youth and Recreation: How much did your department give to the Saskatchewan Seniors Mechanism in the fiscal year 2004?

Mr. Weekes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 881:

To the Minister of Culture, Youth and Recreation: How much did your department give to the Saskatchewan Seniors Mechanism in the fiscal year 2003?

Mr. Weekes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 882:

To the Minister of Culture, Youth and Recreation: How much did your department give to the Saskatchewan Seniors Mechanism in the fiscal year 2002?

Mr. Weekes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 883:

To the Minister of Culture, Youth and Recreation: How much did your department give to the Saskatchewan Seniors Mechanism in the fiscal year 2001?

Mr. Weekes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 884:

To the Minister of Culture, Youth and Recreation: How much did your department give to the Saskatchewan Seniors Mechanism in the fiscal year 2000?

**The following Questions were asked on day no. 66 and are to be answered by day no. 71:**

Mr. Wakefield, to ask the Government the following Question No. 885:

To the Minister of Environment: (1) What changes has SERM made to fisheries management policy since 1997? (2) Have any of these changes involved the devolution of authority to a co-operative or other third party?

Mr. Wakefield, to ask the Government the following Question No. 886:

To the Minister of Environment: (1) Within SERM, who is responsible for the management of fisheries resources? (2) Have any fisheries resource management functions been devolved? (3) Who is responsible for compliance in fisheries management?

Ms. Bakken, to ask the Government the following Question No. 887:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Water Corporation: (1) What happened to the balance of the stored seed potato inventory, more specifically the Agriculture Canada inspected and certified true to variety, greenhouse produced, first generation seed potatoes by Microgro? (2) Was there any revenue from the sale of these first generation seed potatoes? (3) Where is it shown that Microgro was credited for this revenue? (4) What happened to the funds that were approved and allocated by CIC to construct a new first generation seed potato storage facility at Biggar for seed potatoes produced under a 5-year Spudco contract by Microgro?

**The following Questions were asked on day no. 67 and are to be answered by day no. 72:**

Ms. Draude, to ask the Government the following Question No. 888:

To the Premier: (1) Does the government have any financial interest in A1 Soybean Enterprise Ltd.? (2) If so, what dollar amount and when was it made?

Mr. Stewart, to ask the Government the following Question No. 889:

To the Minister of Agriculture and Food: (1) What is the process used for auditing purposes in the Livestock Loan Guarantee Program? (2) Are there any safeguards in place to protect participants in the program from financial malfeasance?

Mr. Stewart, to ask the Government the following Question No. 890:

To the Minister of Agriculture and Food: (1) For every month since November 2003 to the present day, how many calls has the farm stress hotline received? (2) Please break down the information by month.



Mr. Bjornerud, to ask the Government the following Question No. 891:

To the Minister of Environment: (1) When land is purchased and set aside for wildlife, are adjacent landowners consulted? (2) If not, why not? (3) If yes, please explain the consultation process.

Mr. Gantefoer, to ask the Government the following Question No. 892:

To the Minister of Health: (1) Please indicate the patient assessment criteria for prioritizing chemotherapy and radiation treatment. (2) Are these assessment criteria the same for both cancer centres in the province?

Mr. Gantefoer, to ask the Government the following Question No. 893:

To the Minister of Health: Please indicate the number of people currently waiting for radiation and chemotherapy, respectively, at the Allan Blair Centre.

Mr. Gantefoer, to ask the Government the following Question No. 894:

To the Minister of Health: Please indicate the number of people currently waiting for radiation and chemotherapy, respectively, at the Saskatoon Cancer Centre.

**The following Question was asked on day no. 68 and is to be answered by day no. 73:**

Mr. Elhard, to ask the Government the following Question No. 895:

To the Minister of Crown Management Board: (1) How many delinquent and past due accounts will SaskTel be able to collect through the \$137 utility rebate? (2) What is the anticipated dollar amount of these accounts?