



No. 72

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

FIRST SESSION – TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Monday, March 14, 2005

1:30 p.m.

PRAYERS

INTRODUCTION OF PAGES

The Speaker informed the Assembly that Glenna Coleman, Isla Dowling, Jonathan Moscoso, Pamela Scheidl, Shanna Schulhauser and Arielle Zerr would be Pages for the present Session.

PRESENTING PETITIONS

Petitions of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan were presented and laid upon the Table by the following Members: Elhard, Krawetz, Wall, Bjornerud, Stewart, Brkich and Weekes.

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 Eatonia ambulance services are not discontinued.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 203)

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 immediately address the concerns of all individuals affected by the TransGas Asquith Natural Gas Storage Project, pay 100% of the costs involved to rectify disruptions to water supplies, produce an environment assessment study encompassing a larger area outside the scope of the project, disclose the project's long term effects on these areas and consider alternative sources of water for the project.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 640)

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)

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 public consultations are done prior to changes to the health care services in Sun Country.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 667)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to take all necessary action to reverse charges recently made that require the education sector to contribute to the cost of SAMA.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 670)

MOMENT OF SILENCE

With unanimous consent, the Assembly observed a moment of silence in remembrance of the four RCMP officers killed in the line of duty near Mayerthorpe, Alberta on March 3, 2005.

COMMONWEALTH DAY MESSAGE

The Speaker, before Orders of the Day, read the Commonwealth Day Message of Her Majesty the Queen.

MOTION PURSUANT TO RULE 49

Leave of the Assembly having been granted, pursuant to Rule 49, it was moved by the Hon. Mr. Calvert, seconded by Mr. Wall:

That this Assembly urge the Prime Minister and the Federal Minister of Finance to respect the principle of equity in the treatment of provincial energy revenues and immediately begin negotiations with the Government of Saskatchewan on the achievement of a Saskatchewan Energy Accord that guarantees 100 per cent protection from Equalization claw backs on its energy revenues beginning in the 2005-06 fiscal year;

And further, that this Assembly urge the Prime Minister and the Federal Minister of Finance to introduce reforms to the manner in which Equalization entitlements are determined to recognize that natural resources are non-renewable, and that the financial benefits from the depletion of these resources should remain with the province that owns them, and that any program reforms include the return to a national determination of provincial fiscal disparities.

A debate arising and the question being put, it was agreed to.

TRANSMITTAL MOTIONS

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen, seconded by Mr. Gantefer, by leave of the Assembly:

Ordered, That the transcripts of the motion just passed be forwarded to the Prime Minister of Canada and Federal Minister of Finance by Mr. Speaker.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen, seconded by Mr. Gantefer, by leave of the Assembly:

Ordered, That the transcripts of the tribute in remembrance of the four RCMP officers killed in action be forwarded to their families and loved ones as well as all officers at the RCMP Depot in Regina by Mr. Speaker.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 3:39 p.m. until Tuesday at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. P. Myron Kowalsky
Speaker

RETURNS, REPORTS AND PAPERS TABLED

The following papers were tabled during the period of adjournment between November 30, 2004 and March 13, 2005:

679-696	Return Nos. 318–335	December 20, 2004
697	Return No. 336 Revision to Return No. 336	December 20, 2004 March 11, 2005
698	Tourism Saskatchewan: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended September 30, 2004	January 19, 2005
699	Carlton Trail Regional College: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended June 30, 2004	January 27, 2005
700	Cumberland Regional College: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended June 30, 2004	January 27, 2005
701	Cypress Hills Regional College: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended June 30, 2004	January 27, 2005
702	Northlands College: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended June 30, 2004	January 27, 2005
703	North West Regional College: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended June 30, 2004 Corrected copy of Annual Report and Financial Statements	January 27, 2005 March 9, 2005
704	Parkland Regional College: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended June 30, 2004	January 27, 2005
705	Prairie West Regional College: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended June 30, 2004	January 27, 2005
706	Southeast Regional College: Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended June 30, 2004	January 27, 2005
707	Saskatchewan Irrigation Projects Association: Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2004	February 3, 2005
708	Chief Electoral Officer: Report pursuant to section 286 of <i>The Election Act, 1996</i> for the by-election held on June 26, 2003 in the constituency of Carrot River Valley	February 8, 2005
709	Chief Electoral Officer: Report pursuant to section 286 of <i>The Election Act, 1996</i> respecting campaign contributions and expenditures for the 25 th General Provincial Election	February 8, 2005
710	Children's Advocate: <i>Perspectives</i> volume 1, issue 1, entitled "Corporal Punishment and Saskatchewan Children"	February 16, 2005
711	Notice of incorporation by Crown Investments Corporation, pursuant to section 30(3) of <i>The Crown Corporations Act, 1993</i> and <i>The Tabling of Documents Act, 1991</i> : subsidiary called Gradworks Inc.	February 18, 2005
712	Conflict of Interest Commissioner: Report pursuant to section 29(1) of <i>The Members' Conflict of Interest Act</i> , dated February 21, 2005	February 23, 2005
713	Education Infrastructure Financing Corporation: Report and Financial Statements for the period from April 1, 2003 to August 17, 2004	March 1, 2005
714	Children's Advocate: Report entitled <i>A Summary of Child Death Reviews for the Years 2000 and 2001</i>	March 8, 2005

NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The following Question was asked on day no. 69 and is to be answered by day no. 74:

Mr. Dearborn, to ask the Government the following Question No. 896:

To the Premier: (1) Did the Deputy Premier request legal advice from the Department of Justice regarding documents filed on October 17, 2003 in the SPUDCO lawsuit, alleging that the Saskatchewan Party had committed to settle the SPUDCO lawsuit if it became government, by lawyers with the firm Olive Waller Zinkhan Waller? (2) If so, what was the monetary cost to the Department of Justice and how many hours were billed for this legal advice?

The following Questions were asked on day no. 72 and are to be answered by day no. 77:

Ms. Bakken, to ask the Government the following Question No. 897:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority: (1) What are the communities where VLTs are operating? (2) What is the number of VLT machines in each community? (3) What is the total revenue generated from VLT machines in each of those communities?

Ms. Eagles, to ask the Government the following Question No. 898:

To the Minister of Environment: What cities, towns and/or villages have been charged under subsection 33(3) of *The Environmental Management and Protection Act, 2002*, subsection 33(2) of *The Environmental Management and Protection Act, 2002*, subsection 30(5) of *The Water Regulations, 2002*, section 74(1)(a) of *The Environmental Management and Protection Act, 2002*, and/or any other legislation or regulations pertaining to the operation of water works for the purpose of supplying water for human consumption?

Ms. Eagles, to ask the Government the following Question No. 899:

To the Provincial Secretary: (1) Can the Provincial Secretary identify the amount the provincial government has spent to date on television commercials promoting the province's centennial? (2) Please also identify the names of the actors that appear in the commercials, where they live and whether they are members of ACTRA.

Mr. Heppner, to ask the Government the following Question No. 900:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Government Insurance: How many tickets has SGI purchased, and how many does it intend to purchase, for the Lieutenant Governor's Centennial Gala on May 19, 2005 at Credit Union Place in Saskatoon?

Ms. Harpauer, to ask the Government the following Question No. 901:

To the Minister Responsible for SaskEnergy Incorporated: How many tickets has SaskEnergy purchased, and how many does it intend to purchase, for the Lieutenant Governor's Centennial Gala on May 19, 2005 at Credit Union Place in Saskatoon?

Mr. Kerpan, to ask the Government the following Question No. 902:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Telecommunications: How many tickets has SaskTel purchased, and how many does it intend to purchase, for the Lieutenant Governor's Centennial Gala on May 19, 2005 at Credit Union Place in Saskatoon?

Mr. Kerpan, to ask the Government the following Question No. 903:

To the Minister Responsible for Crown Management Board: How many tickets has Crown Management Board purchased, and how many does it intend to purchase, for the Lieutenant Governor's Centennial Gala on May 19, 2005 at Credit Union Place in Saskatoon?

Mr. Kerpan, to ask the Government the following Question No. 904:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: How many tickets has SaskPower purchased, and how many does it intend to purchase, for the Lieutenant Governor's Centennial Gala on May 19, 2005 at Credit Union Place in Saskatoon?

Mr. D'Autremont, to ask the Government the following Question No. 905:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority: How many tickets has Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority purchased, and how many does it intend to purchase, for the Lieutenant Governor's Centennial Gala on May 19, 2005 at Credit Union Place in Saskatoon?