



No. 78

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

FIRST SESSION – TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Tuesday, March 22, 2005

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: D'Autremont, Wall, Draude, Hermanson, Bjornerud, Stewart, McMorris, Eagles, Harpauer, Bakken, Cheveldayoff, Huyghebaert, Hart and Morgan.

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 reconsider the decision to reduce funding to the Claybank Brick Plant.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 180)

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 divisions 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 provide the funding required for additional residential spaces for Swift Current residents with lifelong disabilities.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 715)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to fulfill their commitment to the people of Humboldt and area and provide the funding necessary for a new hospital in Humboldt.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 718)

MOTIONS CONCERNING SITTINGS OF THE ASSEMBLY

On motion of the Hon. Ms. Atkinson, seconded by Mr. Gantefoer, by leave of the Assembly:

Ordered, That notwithstanding Rule 3(1), of the *Rules and Procedures of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan*, that when this House adjourns on Thursday, March 24th, it shall stand adjourned until Wednesday, March 30th at 1:30 p.m.

On motion of the Hon. Ms. Atkinson, seconded by Mr. Gantefoer, by leave of the Assembly:

Ordered, That notwithstanding Rule 3(1), of the *Rules and Procedures of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan*, that when this House meets on Thursday, April 14th, it shall meet from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., and when this House adjourns on Thursday, April 14th, it shall stand adjourned until Monday, April 18th at 1:30 p.m.

On motion of the Hon. Ms. Atkinson, seconded by Mr. Gantefoer, by leave of the Assembly:

Ordered, That notwithstanding Rule 3(1), of the *Rules and Procedures of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan*, that when this House adjourns on Tuesday, May 17th, it shall stand adjourned until Tuesday, May 24th at 1:30 p.m.

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 906 and 907, they were answered. (See Appendix)

SECOND READINGS / DEUXIÈME LECTURE

Bill No. 90 – The Adult Guardianship and Co-decision-making Amendment Act, 2005

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Quennell: That Bill No. 90 – The Adult Guardianship and Co-decision-making Amendment Act, 2005 – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 91 – The Land Surveys Amendment Act, 2005

The Hon. Mr. Cline, 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. 91 – The Land Surveys Amendment Act, 2005 – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 92 – The International Protection of Adults (Hague Convention Implementation) Act
Projet de loi n° 92 – Loi de mise en oeuvre de la Convention de la Haye sur la protection internationale des adultes

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Quennell: That Bill No. 92 – The Adult Guardianship and Co-decision-making Amendment Act, 2005 – be now read a second time.

L'hon. M. Quennell propose: Que le projet de loi n° 92 – Loi de mise en oeuvre de la Convention de la Haye sur la protection internationale des adultes – soit maintenant lu une deuxième fois.

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

Il s'élève un débat et sur motion de M. Gantefer, le débat est ajourné.

Bill No. 93 – The Doukhobors of Canada C.C.U.B. Trust Fund Amendment Act, 2005

Moved by the Hon. Ms. Beatty: That Bill No. 93 – The Doukhobors of Canada C.C.U.B. Trust Fund Amendment Act, 2005 – be now read a second time.

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

ADJOURNED DEBATES / DÉBATS AJOURNÉS

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. Krawetz adjourned.

Bill No. 67 – The Alcohol and Gaming Regulation Amendment Act, 2004
Projet de loi n° 67 – Loi de 2004 modifiant la Loi de 1997 sur la réglementation des boissons alcoolisées et des jeux de hasard

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Cline: That Bill No. 67 – The Alcohol and Gaming Regulation Amendment Act, 2004 – be now read a second time.

L'Assemblée reprend le débat ajourné sur la motion de l'hon. M. Cline: Que le projet de loi n° 67 – Loi de 2004 modifiant la Loi de 1997 sur la réglementation des boissons alcoolisées et des jeux de hasard – soit maintenant lu une deuxième fois.

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

Le débat se poursuit et la motion, mise aux voix, est adopté et, en conséquence, ledit projet de loi est lu une deuxième fois.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Cline:

Sur motion de L'hon. M. Cline:

Ordered, That Bill No. 67 - The Alcohol and Gaming Regulation Amendment Act, 2004 - be now referred to the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies.

Il est résolu que le projet de loi n° 67 – Loi de 2004 modifiant la Loi de 1997 sur la réglementation des boissons alcoolisées et des jeux de hasard – soit maintenant déferé au Comité permanent des sociétés d'état et des organismes centraux.

Bill No. 86 – The Labour Standards Amendment Act, 2004 (No. 2)

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Ms. Higgins: That Bill No. 86 – The Labour Standards Amendment Act, 2004 (No. 2) - be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 87 – The Trade Union Amendment Act, 2004

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Ms. Higgins: That Bill No. 87 – The Trade Union Amendment Act, 2004 - be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 80 – The Education Amendment Act, 2004**Projet de loi n° 80 – Loi de 2004 modifiant la Loi de 1995 sur l'éducation**

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Thomson: That Bill No. 80 – The Education Amendment Act, 2004 – be now read a second time.

L'Assemblée reprend le débat ajourné sur la motion de l'hon. M. Thomson: Que le projet de loi n° 80 – Loi de 2004 modifiant la Loi de 1995 sur l'éducation – soit maintenant lu une deuxième fois.

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

Le débat se poursuit et sur motion de M. McMorris, il est ajourné.

On motion of the Hon. Ms. Atkinson:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 4:16 p.m. until Wednesday at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. P. Myron Kowalsky
Speaker

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Ms. Bakken asked the Government Question No. 906, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Sonntag:

To the Minister of Highways and Transportation: (1) Is Highway 35 south of Weyburn to the US border part of the 2005 spring construction project for the Department of Highways and Transportation? (2) When will the construction be started? (3) What section of Highway 35 will be included in the project? (4) What type of work will the project include? (5) What is the cost of the project?

Answer:

- (1) The Spring Tender Schedule is released subsequent to the tabling of the provincial budget.
- (2) N/A
- (3) N/A
- (4) N/A
- (5) N/A

Mr. Brkich asked the Government Question No. 907, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Quennell:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: (1) What reasoning may be provided for rural customers paying a municipal fee? (2) How are municipal fees assessed? (3) What amount of revenue does SaskPower collect from municipal fees? (4) Do city customers pay this fee?

Answer:

- (1) SaskPower's rural customers, which are those that reside outside of the corporate limits of a city, town or village, will not be required to pay a municipal surcharge on their power bill. The authority to assess the municipal surcharge on a customer's monthly electrical billing is given through section 36 of *The Power Corporation Act*.
- (2) The council of a town or village can require that SaskPower collect an amount equal to five percent of the monthly account for electrical energy of every customer in the town or village. The council of a city can require that SaskPower collect an amount not to exceed ten percent of the monthly account for electrical energy of every customer in the city.
- (3) SaskPower does not retain any revenue from municipal surcharge. All money collected through the municipal surcharge is remitted to the appropriate urban municipality.
- (4) Yes - SaskPower's urban customers, which are those that reside within the corporate limits of a city, town or village, may be required to pay a municipal surcharge on their power bill.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS FOR FIRST READING OF BILLS

AVIS DE MOTIONS PORTANT PREMIÈRE LECTURE DE PROJETS DE LOI

On Thursday / jeudi:

Hon. Mr. Wartman to move First Reading of Bill No. 94 – The Apiaries Act, 2005

Hon. Mr. Forbes to move First Reading of Bill No. 95 – The Ecological Reserves Amendment Act, 2005

Hon. Mr. Thomson to move First Reading of Bill No. 96 – The Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act, 2005

Hon. Mr. Thomson to move First Reading of Bill No. 97 – The Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Consequential Amendment Act, 2005

L'hon. M. Thomson proposera la première lecture du projet de loi n° 97 - Loi de 2005 sur une modification corrélatrice découlant de la loi intitulée The Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act, 2005

Hon. Mr. Forbes to move First Reading of Bill No. 98 – The Prairie and Forest Fires Amendment Act, 2005

NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The following Questions were asked on day no. 75 and are to be answered by day no. 80:

Mr. Brkich, to ask the Government the following Question No. 909:

To the Minister of Highways and Transportation: (1) Will the section of Highway 15 between the junction with Highway 20 and the village of Semans be resurfaced during the course of 2005? (2) If so, will this section of Highway 15 be resurfaced to the same standard as the section of Highway 15 east of Semans up to the junction with Highway 6?

Mr. Dearborn, to ask the Government the following Question No. 910:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Telecommunications: (1) For entry level marketing positions, why are driving licenses a requirement? (2) Does this requirement discriminate against applicants with visual impairments? (3) How many applicants for these positions in the past have been visually impaired, and how many of these applicants have been hired?

Mr. Dearborn, to ask the Government the following Question No. 911:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: (1) For entry level marketing positions, why are driving licenses a requirement? (2) Does this requirement discriminate against applicants with visual impairments? (3) How many applicants for these positions in the past have been visually impaired, and how many of these applicants have been hired?

Mr. Dearborn, to ask the Government the following Question No. 912:

To the Minister Responsible for SaskEnergy Incorporated: (1) For entry level marketing positions, why are driving licenses a requirement? (2) Does this requirement discriminate against applicants with visual impairments? (3) How many applicants for these positions in the past have been visually impaired, and how many of these applicants have been hired?

The following Question was asked on day no. 76 and is to be answered by day no. 81:

Mr. Brkich, to ask the Government the following Question No. 913:

To the Minister of Environment: (1) What amount of revenue was raised in 2004 through the scrap tire fee? (2) For what purpose is this revenue being used?

The following Questions were asked on day no. 77 and are to be answered by day no. 82:

Ms. Bakken, to ask the Government the following Question No. 914:

To the Minister of Community Resources and Employment: When a child is placed in foster care and the Department then learns that the child has become suicidal, what steps does the Department take to ensure the child's safety?

Ms. Bakken, to ask the Government the following Question No. 915:

To the Minister of Community Resources and Employment: What are the Department of Community Resources and Employment's policies and procedures for following up on a complaint made by a child against a parent whom the child is living with?

Ms. Bakken, to ask the Government the following Question No. 916:

To the Minister of Community Resources and Employment: (1) Is it common practice for the Department to place a child with a person who was involved in filing a complaint against the child's parent? (2) If not, what is the common practice for placing a child in foster care?

NOTICE REGARDING PETITIONS FOR PRIVATE BILLS

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with an Order of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan dated March 16, 2005, that the time for filing Petitions for Private Bills with the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly will expire on Monday, April 4, 2005, and that the time for presenting Petitions for Private Bills to the Legislative Assembly at its present Session will expire on Wednesday, April 6, 2005.

GWENN RONYK
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly
