



No. 81

# VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

FIRST SESSION – TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

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Wednesday, March 30, 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: Elhard, D'Autremont, Wall, Draude, Hermanson, Bjornerud, Stewart, Eagles, Bakken, Brkich, Weekes, Kerpan, Hart and Kirsch.

## 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 implement a strategy that will deal with crystal methamphetamine education, prevention, enforcement and treatment.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 720)

**WRITTEN QUESTIONS**

The Order of the Day being called for Question No. 913, it was answered. (See Appendix)

**BUDGET DEBATE**

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen, seconded by Mr. Hagel:

That the Assembly approves in general the budgetary policy of the Government.

A debate arising, it was moved by Mr. Cheveldayoff, seconded by Mr. Krawetz, in amendment thereto:

That all words after “That the Assembly” be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

“disagrees with the general budgetary policy of the government because the Premier and Cabinet have betrayed low and modest income earners by not increasing the basic personal exemption for people who earn less than \$35,000 a year, have not included indexation to the food allowance for people living on social assistance, have pre-determined the outcome of collective bargaining for teachers and nurses, have frozen funding for K-12 education, have not committed to fully fund the province’s share of the Canadian Agriculture Income Stabilization Program , have not addressed revenue sharing with municipalities, and have not laid out a long-term vision for the province for the next 100 years, therefore this provincial government does not enjoy the confidence of this Assembly.”

The debate continuing on the motion and the amendment, the Speaker adjourned the Assembly without question put, pursuant to Rule 3(2).

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The Assembly adjourned at 5:00 p.m. until Thursday 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. Mr. Quennell:

Amendment to the Bylaw of the following Professional Association:

The Saskatchewan College of Psychologists

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 62)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Law Foundation of Saskatchewan for the year ended June 30, 2004

(Sessional Paper No. 722)

By the Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen:

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Pension Plan for the year ended December 31, 2004,  
including Supplementary Payment Information

(Sessional Paper No. 723)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Extended Health Care Plan for Certain Other Employees for the year  
ended December 31, 2004

(Sessional Paper No. 724)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Public Employees Deferred Salary Leave Fund for the year ended  
December 31, 2004

(Sessional Paper No. 725)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Liquor Board Superannuation Commission for the year  
ended December 31, 2004

(Sessional Paper No. 726)

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

**Mr. Brkich asked the Government Question No. 913, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Forbes:**

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?

Answer:

- (1) The Saskatchewan Scrap Tire Corporation (SSTC) collected \$4.2 million in tire recycling fees in 2004.
- (2) Tire recycling fees are used to facilitate the collection; transportation and recycling of scrap tires. The fee funds the operation and administration of the Scrap Tire Management Program.

- Operations:
  - recycling credits are paid to collectors who collect and transport scrap tires to the processors;
  - recycling credits are paid to processors who transform the scrap tires into value added products.
- Administration of the SSTC:
  - rent, salaries, office equipment and the like.

The tire-recycling fee also funds special projects under the Scrap Tire Management Program:

- Phase 2, the removal of stockpiled scrap tires from community landfills at no charge to the community,
- other special projects including:
  - playground grants for communities who use crumb rubber in and around their play structures instead of sand; and
  - research and development grants and demonstration projects such as modified crumb rubber asphalt in road construction.

## NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

**The following Questions were asked on day no. 79 and are to be answered by day no. 84:**

Ms. Bakken, to ask the Government the following Question No. 917:

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?

Ms. Eagles, to ask the Government the following Question No. 918:

To the Provincial Secretary: Please identify the amount the provincial government has spent to date on: (1) Print commercials promoting the province's centennial; and (2) Radio commercials promoting the province's centennial.

Ms. Harpauer, to ask the Government the following Question No. 919:

To the Minister of Health: In the 2005-06 budget, how much money is allocated for the construction of a new St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Humboldt?

Ms. Harpauer, to ask the Government the following Question No. 920:

To the Minister of Health: When is the construction of a new hospital in Humboldt scheduled to begin?

**The following Questions were asked on day no. 80 and are to be answered by day no. 85:**

Mr. Morgan, to ask the Government the following Question No. 921:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority: (1) How much did SLGA pay for veterinary services at Marquis Downs Race Track in Saskatoon in 2004, and to whom? (2) Please provide details of all veterinary services provided at Marquis Downs Race Track during 2004.

Mr. Morgan, to ask the Government the following Question No. 922:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority: (1) How much did SLGA pay for veterinary services at Marquis Downs Race Track in Saskatoon in 2003, and to whom? (2) Please provide details of all veterinary services provided at Marquis Downs Race Track during 2003.

Ms. Harpauer, to ask the Government the following Question No. 923:

To the Minister of Learning: Is there a minimal standard of professional training that is required of any person employed within the K-12 school system in the capacity of a counsellor?

Ms. Harpauer, to ask the Government the following Question No. 924:

To the Minister of Learning: In view that personal counselling could be considered as mental health treatment, are policies in place by the Department that determine: (1) The minimum age for which a child can receive counselling without parental permission or awareness; and (2) A minimum number of sessions for which a child may consult with a counsellor before parental consent and/or awareness is required?

Ms. Harpauer, to ask the Government the following Question No. 925:

To the Minister of Learning: If it has been determined by a professional worker within the K-12 system that a child may harm him/herself or another student, what protocol does the Department have in place for that professional to follow to: (1) Inform the parents of the child; and (2) Seek professional help for the child?

**The following Question was asked on day no. 81 and is to be answered by day no. 86:**

Mr. Hermanson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 926:

To the Premier: (1) What new positions were included in the 2005-2006 budget for Executive Council? (2) What are the corresponding job descriptions and responsibilities? (3) What are the salaries for each new position?

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**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

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