



No. 84

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

FIRST SESSION – TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Monday, April 4, 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: Toth, Elhard, Wall, Draude, Hermanson, Bjornerud, Stewart, McMorris, Eagles, Bakken, Brkich, Weekes, Kerpan, Morgan and Hart.

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

According to Order, the Clerk Assistant 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 reverse the increase in Crop Insurance Premiums and the reduction in coverage.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 72)

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 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 immediate action and make necessary repairs to Highway 32 in order to address safety and economic concerns.

(Addendum to 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 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 an allocation of financial resources to build an elementary school in Arbor Creek.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 716)

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 Nos. 917 to 920, they were 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 and the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived on the following Recorded Division:

YEAS – 27

Wall	Toth	Elhard	D'Autremont	Krawetz
Draude	Hermanson	Bjornerud	Stewart	Wakefield
Chisholm	McMorris	Eagles	Gantefoer	Harpauer
Bakken	Cheveldayoff	Huyghebaert	Allchurch	Brkich
Weekes	Kerpan	Merriman	Morgan	Dearborn
Hart	Kirsch			

NAYS – 29

Calvert	Addley	Lautermilch	Hagel	Van Mulligen
Serby	Atkinson	Cline	Sonntag	Crofford
Prebble	Forbes	Wartman	Belanger	Higgins
Thomson	Nilson	Beatty	Hamilton	Junor
Harper	Iwanchuk	McCall	Quennell	Trew
Yates	Taylor	Morin	Borgerson	

The question being put on the motion, it was agreed to on the following Recorded Division:

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REFERRAL OF ESTIMATES TO THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON HOUSE SERVICES

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

Ordered, That the following Estimates and Supplementary Estimates, being:

Vote 34	Chief Electoral Officer
Vote 76	Children's Advocate
Vote 57	Conflict of Interest Commissioner
Vote 55	Information and Privacy Commissioner
Vote 21	Legislative Assembly
Vote 56	Ombudsman
Vote 28	Provincial Auditor

be withdrawn from the Committee of Finance and referred to the Standing Committee on House Services.

REFERRAL OF ESTIMATES TO THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

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

Ordered, That the following Estimates and Supplementary Estimates, being:

Vote 36	Community Resources and Employment
Vote 73	Corrections and Public Safety
Vote 27	Culture, Youth and Recreation
Vote 3	Justice

be withdrawn from the Committee of Finance and referred to the Standing Committee on Human Services.

REFERRAL OF ESTIMATES TO THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE ECONOMY

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

Ordered, That the following Estimates and Supplementary Estimates, being:

Vote 26	Environment
Vote 12, 18, 175, 176, 177	Finance
Vote 23	Industry and Resources
Vote 20	Labour
Vote 35	Saskatchewan Research Council
Vote 71	Fiscal Stabilization Fund
Vote 165	Crown Investments Corporation of Saskatchewan
Vote 151	Municipal Financing Corporation of Saskatchewan
Vote 154	Saskatchewan Opportunities Corporation
Vote 152	Saskatchewan Power Corporation
Vote 153	Saskatchewan Telecommunications Holding Corporation
Vote 140	Saskatchewan Water Corporation
Vote 150	SaskEnergy Incorporated

be withdrawn from the Committee of Finance and referred to the Standing Committee on the Economy.

**REFERRAL OF ESTIMATES TO THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS AND
INFRASTRUCTURE**

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

Ordered, That the following Estimates and Supplementary Estimates, being:

Vote 25	First Nations and Métis Relations
Vote 16, 17, 145	Highways and Transportation
Vote 75, 163	Northern Affairs
Vote 43, 144	Rural Development

be withdrawn from the Committee of Finance and referred to the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Infrastructure.

REFERRAL OF ESTIMATES TO THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON CROWN AND CENTRAL AGENCIES

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

Ordered, That the following Estimates and Supplementary Estimates, being:

Vote 74	Information Technology Office
Vote 13	Property Management
Vote 33	Public Service Commission
Vote 53	Saskatchewan Property Management Corporation

be withdrawn from the Committee of Finance and referred to the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 4:48 p.m. until Tuesday at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. P. Myron Kowalsky
Speaker

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Ms. Bakken asked the Government the following Question No. 917, 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:

The department tendered a contract to put aggregate in place this fall/winter in order to commence surfacing of Highway 35 in 2005-06. The length of the surfacing to be completed in 2005 and beyond remains dependent on budget levels, and the performance of the provincial Thin Membrane Surface system.

Ms. Eagles asked the Government the following Question No. 918, which was answered by the Hon.

Ms. Beatty:

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.

Answer:

- (1) \$635,157 for print advertising in a variety of publications. These include Saskatchewan's daily and weekly newspapers, including the province's only French language weekly; magazines and newsletters, including the *Rural Councillor* and *Urban Voice*; and Aboriginal publications.
- (2) The total cost of radio advertising up to March 31, 2005 is \$193,271.15. This 18 month initiative includes the "Spirit of 2005 Campaign," which profiles Saskatchewan people and their successes and is airing on most radio stations in the province.

Ms. Harpauer asked the Government the following Question No. 919, which was answered by the Hon.

Mr. Nilson:

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?

Answer:

Adequate funding is included in the 2005-06 budget to ensure that the cash flow requirements for this project are met.

Ms. Harpauer asked the Government the following Question No. 920, which was answered by the Hon.

Mr. Nilson:

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

Answer:

Construction is scheduled to begin in 2006.

NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

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?

The following Questions were asked on day no. 82 and are to be answered by day no. 87:

Mr. D'Autremont, to ask the Government the following Question No. 927:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Government Insurance: (1) Which investments held by SGI or any of its subsidiaries were subject to an independent third party review in 2003? (2) What were the results of the review?

Mr. D'Autremont, to ask the Government the following Question No. 928:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Government Insurance: (1) Which investments held by SGI or any of its subsidiaries were subject to an independent third party review in 2004? (2) What were the results of the review?

Mr. D'Autremont, to ask the Government the following Question No. 929:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Government Insurance: (1) Which investments held by SGI or any of its subsidiaries were subject to an independent third party review in 2005? (2) What were the results of the review?

Mr. Wall, to ask the Government the following Question No. 930:

To the Minister of Community Resources and Employment: How many new residential spaces for individuals in Swift Current with lifelong disabilities were funded in the 2005-2006 provincial budget?

Mr. Weekes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 931:

To the Minister of Agriculture and Food: What percentage of money allocated for the 2003 CAIS program has been paid out to Saskatchewan producers?

Ms. Draude, to ask the Government the following Question No. 932:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: What is the cost charged by SaskPower to villages, towns and cities per street light in their jurisdiction?

Ms. Draude, to ask the Government the following Question No. 933:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: (1) What is SaskPower's policy regarding dates for turning on Christmas lights and decorations? (2) What is the policy regarding any village, town or city that does not adhere to this policy?

Ms. Harpauer, to ask the Government the following Question No. 934:

To the Minister Responsible for SaskEnergy Incorporated: (1) Which investments held by SaskEnergy or any of its subsidiaries were subject to an independent third party review in 2003? (2) What were the results of the review?

Ms. Harpauer, to ask the Government the following Question No. 935:

To the Minister Responsible for SaskEnergy Incorporated: (1) Which investments held by SaskEnergy or any of its subsidiaries were subject to an independent third party review in 2004? (2) What were the results of the review?

Ms. Harpauer, to ask the Government the following Question No. 936:

To the Minister Responsible for SaskEnergy Incorporated: (1) Which investments held by SaskEnergy or any of its subsidiaries were subject to an independent third party review in 2005? (2) What were the results of the review?

Mr. Kerpan, to ask the Government the following Question No. 937:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Telecommunications: (1) Was a third party review completed prior to DirectWest's purchase of Midwest Marketing? (2) Who was hired to conduct the review? (3) What fee was paid by SaskTel for the review? (4) Will the review be tabled, and if so, when?

Mr. Kerpan, to ask the Government the following Question No. 938:

To the Minister Responsible for Crown Management Board: (1) Which investments held by Crown Investments Corporation or any of its subsidiaries were subject to an independent third party review in 2003? (2) What were the results of the review?

Mr. Kerpan, to ask the Government the following Question No. 939:

To the Minister Responsible for Crown Management Board: (1) Which investments held by Crown Investments Corporation or any of its subsidiaries were subject to an independent third party review in 2004? (2) What were the results of the review?

Mr. Kerpan, to ask the Government the following Question No. 940:

To the Minister Responsible for Crown Management Board: (1) Which investments held by Crown Investments Corporation or any of its subsidiaries were subject to an independent third party review in 2005? (2) What were the results of the review?

Mr. Kerpan, to ask the Government the following Question No. 941:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Telecommunications: (1) Which investments held by SaskTel or any of its subsidiaries were subject to an independent third party review in 2003? (2) What were the results of the review?

Mr. Kerpan, to ask the Government the following Question No. 942:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Telecommunications: (1) Which investments held by SaskTel or any of its subsidiaries were subject to an independent third party review in 2004? (2) What were the results of the review?

Mr. Kerpan, to ask the Government the following Question No. 943:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Telecommunications: (1) Which investments held by SaskTel or any of its subsidiaries were subject to an independent third party review in 2005? (2) What were the results of the review?

Mr. Kerpan, to ask the Government the following Question No. 944:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: (1) Which investments held by SaskPower or any of its subsidiaries were subject to an independent third party review in 2003? (2) What were the results of the review?

Mr. Kerpan, to ask the Government the following Question No. 945:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: (1) Which investments held by SaskPower or any of its subsidiaries were subject to an independent third party review in 2004? (2) What were the results of the review?

Mr. Kerpan, to ask the Government the following Question No. 946:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: (1) Which investments held by SaskPower or any of its subsidiaries were subject to an independent third party review in 2005? (2) What were the results of the review?

The following Questions were asked on day no. 83 and are to be answered by day no. 88:

Mr. Weekes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 947:

To the Minister of Highways and Transportation: (1) Of the 57 km of road improvements to be done under forestry commitments, what is the cost per kilometre? (2) What is/are the location(s) of these kilometres of highway improvement? (3) How often are these Road Transportation Agreements under forestry commitments renegotiated? (4) What is the length of time that these agreements will exist?

Ms. Bakken, to ask the Government the following Question No. 948:

To the Minister of Health: (1) Were any facilities run by CBOs that provided addiction services closed in 2000? If so, please provide the name(s). (2) Have addictions programs previously provided by facilities closed in 2000 been cancelled? If so, please provide the name(s). (3) Are any addictions programs previously facilitated by CBOs that closed in 2000 now being provided by Regional Health Authorities? If so, please provide the name(s).

Ms. Bakken, to ask the Government the following Question No. 949:

To the Minister of Health: (1) Were any facilities run by CBOs that provided addiction services closed in 2001? If so, please provide the name(s). (2) Have addictions programs previously provided by facilities closed in 2001 been cancelled? If so, please provide the name(s). (3) Are any addictions programs previously facilitated by CBOs that closed in 2001 now being provided by Regional Health Authorities? If so, please provide the name(s).

Ms. Bakken, to ask the Government the following Question No. 950:

To the Minister of Health: (1) Were any facilities run by CBOs that provided addiction services closed in 2002? If so, please provide the name(s). (2) Have addictions programs previously provided by facilities closed in 2002 been cancelled? If so, please provide the name(s). (3) Are any addictions programs previously facilitated by CBOs that closed in 2002 now being provided by Regional Health Authorities? If so, please provide the name(s).

Ms. Bakken, to ask the Government the following Question No. 951:

To the Minister of Health: (1) Were any facilities run by CBOs that provided addiction services closed in 2003? If so, please provide the name(s). (2) Have addictions programs previously provided by facilities closed in 2003 been cancelled? If so, please provide the name(s). (3) Are any addictions programs previously facilitated by CBOs that closed in 2003 now being provided by Regional Health Authorities? If so, please provide the name(s).

Ms. Bakken, to ask the Government the following Question No. 952:

To the Minister of Health: (1) Were any facilities run by CBOs that provided addiction services closed in 2004? If so, please provide the name(s). (2) Have addictions programs previously provided by facilities closed in 2004 been cancelled? If so, please provide the name(s). (3) Are any addictions programs previously facilitated by CBOs that closed in 2004 now being provided by Regional Health Authorities? If so, please provide the name(s).

Ms. Draude, to ask the Government the following Question No. 953:

To the Minister of Health: Please provide a detailed breakdown of how funding for gambling addiction programs and services is spent.

The following Questions were asked on day no. 84 and are to be answered by day no. 89:

Ms. Harpauer, to ask the Government the following Question No. 954:

To the Minister of Agriculture and Food: (1) How many new egg production units were allocated to Saskatchewan in 2004? (2) How many of those new egg production units were sold to existing registered egg producers? When were they issued? (3) Of the new egg production units that were sold to registered egg producers, what amount of money was collected? (4) Of the remaining new egg production units that were not sold to existing registered egg producers, how many have been allocated to new producers? (5) When an egg production unit is sold, where does the money go? (6) What policies or guidelines are in place regarding the spending of the funds generated from the sale of egg production units? (7) If a public auction of egg production units is held, what happens to the units that do not receive bids? (8) When was the last time that an egg production unit was offered to a new producer who had his name on the Saskatchewan Egg Producers Marketing Board waiting list?

Ms. Harpauer, to ask the Government the following Question No. 955:

To the Minister of Agriculture and Food: (1) How many new egg production units were allocated to Saskatchewan in 2003? (2) How many of those new egg production units were sold to existing registered egg producers? When were they issued? (3) Of the new egg production units that were sold to registered egg producers, what amount of money was collected? (4) Of the remaining new egg production units that were not sold to existing registered egg producers, how many have been allocated to new producers? (5) When an egg production unit is sold, where does the money go? (6) What policies or guidelines are in place regarding the spending of the funds generated from the sale of egg production units? (7) If a public auction of egg production units is held, what happens to the units that do not receive bids? (8) When was the last time that an egg production unit was offered to a new producer who had his name on the Saskatchewan Egg Producers Marketing Board waiting list?

Mr. Dearborn, to ask the Government the following Question No. 956:

To the Minister of Justice: How much were police services or crown prosecutors charged by SaskTel for wiretaps in 1997?

Mr. Dearborn, to ask the Government the following Question No. 957:

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Mr. Dearborn, to ask the Government the following Question No. 958:

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Mr. Dearborn, to ask the Government the following Question No. 959:

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Mr. Dearborn, to ask the Government the following Question No. 960:

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Mr. Dearborn, to ask the Government the following Question No. 961:

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Mr. Dearborn, to ask the Government the following Question No. 962:

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Mr. Dearborn, to ask the Government the following Question No. 963:

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Mr. Dearborn, to ask the Government the following Question No. 964:

To the Minister of Justice: How much did SaskTel charge the Regina and Saskatoon police services for wiretaps in 1997?

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Mr. Dearborn, to ask the Government the following Question No. 969:

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Mr. Dearborn, to ask the Government the following Question No. 970:

To the Minister of Justice: How much did SaskTel charge the Regina and Saskatoon police services for wiretaps in 2003?

Mr. Dearborn, to ask the Government the following Question No. 971:

To the Minister of Justice: How much did SaskTel charge the Regina and Saskatoon police services for wiretaps in 2004?

Mr. Dearborn, to ask the Government the following Question No. 972:

To the Minister of Health: What steps is the Department of Health taking to provide hantavirus vaccines and raise public awareness of the deer mice infestation in the Heartland Health Authority?

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
