



No. 90

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

FIRST SESSION – TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Tuesday, April 12, 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, Draude, Hermanson, Wall, McMorris, Eagles, Bakken, Cheveldayoff, 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 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 ensure that the Biggar Hospital, Long-term Care Home and Ambulance services maintain their current level of services.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 106)

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 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)

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)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bill was received, read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time at the next sitting:

Bill No. 102 – The Mandatory Testing and Disclosure (Bodily Substances) Act

(Hon. Mr. Quennell)

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 973 to 975, they were answered. (See Appendix)

PRIVILEGE MOTION

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of Mr. Gantefoer, moved pursuant to Rule 7(3):

That this Assembly finds Executive Council staff members to be in contempt of the Legislative Assembly for denying the Official Opposition access to the April 11, 2005 technical briefing on the 2004 SaskWater Annual Report; and

That this Assembly urge Government and Crown Corporation officials to respect the rights and privileges of all Members of this Assembly by ensuring that Official Opposition Members and their staff are allowed to attend any embargoed news conferences and technical briefings open to members of the news media.

And the proposed amendment thereto moved by the Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen:

That all the words before “That this Assembly urge Government” be deleted and that the following words be added: “and that this matter be referred to the Standing Committee on Privileges”.

The debate continuing on the amendment, it was moved by Mr. Dearborn, seconded by the Mr. Kerpan, in amendment to the amendment:

That the following words be added after the words “to the Standing Committee on Privileges”:

“and the Committee table its report in this Assembly no later than Wednesday, April 20, 2005.”

The debate continuing and the question being put on the subamendment, it was agreed to.

The question being put on the amendment as amended, it was agreed to.

The question being put on the motion as amended, it was agreed to.

SECOND READINGS / DEUXIÈME LECTURE

Bill No. 99 – The Canadian Information Processing Society of Saskatchewan Act

The Hon. Mr. Thomson, 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. 99 – The Canadian Information Processing Society of Saskatchewan Act – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 101 – The Enforcement of Foreign Judgments Act Projet de loi n° 101 – Loi sur l’exécution des jugements étrangers

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Quennell: That Bill No. 101 – The Enforcement of Foreign Judgments Act – be now read a second time.

L’hon. M. Quennell propose: Que le projet de loi n° 101 – Loi sur l’exécution des jugements étrangers – soit maintenant lu une deuxième fois.

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

Il s’élève un débat et sur motion de M. Gantefoer, le débat est ajourné.

Bill No. 103 – The Real Estate Amendment Act, 2005

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Quennell: That Bill No. 103 – The Real Estate Amendment Act, 2005 – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 104 – The Planning and Development Amendment Act, 2005

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Taylor: That Bill No. 104 – The Planning and Development Amendment Act, 2005 – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 105 – The Local Government Election Amendment Act, 2005

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Taylor: That Bill No. 105 – The Local Government Election Amendment Act, 2005 – be now read a second time.

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

ADJOURNED DEBATES / DÉBATS AJOURNÉS

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

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Quennell: That Bill No. 90 – The Adult Guardianship and Co-decision-making Amendment Act, 2005 - be now read a second time.

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

On motion of the Hon. Ms. Atkinson:

Ordered, That Bill No. 90 – The Adult Guardianship and Co-decision-making Amendment Act, 2005 - be now referred to the Standing Committee on Human Services.

**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**

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Quennell: That Bill No. 92 – The International Protection of Adults (Hague Convention Implementation) Act – be now read a second time.

L'Assemblée reprend le débat ajourné sur la motion de l'hon. M. Quennell: 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.

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. Ms. Atkinson:

Sur motion de l'hon. Mme. Atkinson:

Ordered, That Bill No. 92 – The International Protection of Adults (Hague Convention Implementation) Act - be now referred to the Standing Committee on Human Services.

Il est résolu 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 renvoyé au Comité permanent des services à la personne.

Bill No. 94 – The Apiaries Act, 2005

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Wartman: That Bill No. 94 – The Apiaries Act, 2005 - be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 95 – The Ecological Reserves Amendment Act, 2005

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Forbes: That Bill No. 95 – The Ecological Reserves Amendment Act, 2005 - be now read a second time.

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

COMMITTEE OF FINANCE

The Assembly, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Finance to consider Estimates for the Department of Health.

Progress was reported and the Committee given leave to sit again.

On motion of Mr. Yates:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 5:00 p.m. until Wednesday 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. Sonntag:

Annual Report and Financial Statements for Saskatchewan Auto Fund for the year ended December 31, 2004
(Sessional Paper No. 737)

Annual Report and Financial Statements for Saskatchewan Government Insurance Superannuation Plan for the year ended December 31, 2004
(Sessional Paper No. 738)

Financial Statements for Coachman Insurance Company for the year ended December 31, 2004
(Sessional Paper No. 739)

Financial Statements for SGI Canada Insurance Services Ltd. for the year ended December 31, 2004
(Sessional Paper No. 740)

Financial Statements for Insurance Company of Prince Edward Island for the year ended December 31, 2004
(Sessional Paper No. 741)

Annual Report and Financial Statements for SGI Canada for the year ended December 31, 2004
(Sessional Paper No. 742)

By the Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen:

Annual Report and Financial Statements for Municipal Financing Corporation of Saskatchewan for the year ended December 31, 2004
(Sessional Paper No. 743)

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Mr. Chisholm asked the Government Question No. 973, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Higgins:

To the Minister of Learning: (1) Are the former offices of Saskatchewan Learning presently occupied? If so, by whom? (2) Was the asbestos problem addressed prior to the new tenant's occupancy?

Answer:

- (1) Saskatchewan Learning formerly occupied the Walter Scott building which is owned by Saskatchewan Property Management (SPM). Saskatchewan Justice and Saskatchewan Environment presently occupy the Walter Scott building. The other locations formerly occupied by Saskatchewan Learning were leased from other parties. The occupation of these buildings is the prerogative of each particular property owner.

These include:

- Avord Tower – a leased building. The lease has expired and is not part of SPM portfolio.
 - Palliser Square – a leased building. The lease expired and is not part of the SPM portfolio. However, this space is currently occupied by the Department of Community Resources and Employment.
 - Former Alford's Building – The lease has expired and is not part of the SPM portfolio.
 - Former SEDCO Building – The lease has expired and is not part of the SPM portfolio.
- (2) In these locations which are occupied by government employees (i.e. the Walter Scott and Palliser Square buildings), any asbestos concerns have been addressed. No corrective measures are required.

Mr. Chisholm asked the Government Question No. 974, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Thomson:

To the Minister of Learning: What was the total cost, to date, of moving Saskatchewan Learning to its new facilities?

Answer:

\$10, 907, 138

Mr. Hermanson asked the Government Question No. 975, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Wartman:

To the Minister of Agriculture and Food: What steps are you taking to control the outbreak of an unprecedented deer mouse infestation in west central Saskatchewan that threatens to destroy crops to an even larger extent than last year and which also worries residents about contact with the deadly hantavirus associated with deer mice?

Answer:

Saskatchewan Agriculture indicates that crop damage caused by deer mice, like any other pest or production problem that reduces yields, is an insured peril under the Crop Insurance Program. Any Saskatchewan resident, including farmers and rural residents, can obtain information on how to protect themselves against hantavirus from their Regional Health Authority. Saskatchewan Health and Saskatchewan Labour developed a hantavirus disease fact sheet that has been made available to health regions for distribution to the public when making inquiries. The fact sheet is also on the Saskatchewan Health Web site (www.health.gov.sk.ca). As well, Saskatchewan Health is planning to issue a news release about precautions against hantavirus during the week of April 11, 2005. Health regions are responsible for the day-to-day delivery of health services and programs including public health. Public Health Officers and Medical Health Officers in the health regions are available to respond to inquiries about hantavirus disease and can provide information about precautions that individuals should take when handling deer mice.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS FOR RETURNS (Not Debatable)

On Day 92:

Mr. Kerpan to move that an Order of the Assembly do issue for **Return No. 338** showing:

The SaskTel Business Plan entitled *Rapid Turnaround Strategy*

Mr. Kerpan to move that an Order of the Assembly do issue for **Return No. 339** showing:

The SaskTel Business Plan entitled *Navigata Strategy Update*

Mr. Kerpan to move that an Order of the Assembly do issue for **Return No. 340** showing:

The SaskTel Business Plan entitled *Business Plan 2005-2009*

Mr. Kerpan to move that an Order of the Assembly do issue for **Return No. 341** showing:

The SaskTel Business Plan entitled *Quo Vadis? Stage Two: Charting a Course for Growth and Long-Run Profitability*

Mr. Kerpan to move that an Order of the Assembly do issue for **Return No. 342** showing:

The SaskTel Business Plan entitled *Financial Model Follow-Up*

Mr. Kerpan to move that an Order of the Assembly do issue for **Return No. 343** showing:

The SaskTel Business Plan entitled *Initial Assessment After 25 Days*

Mr. Kerpan to move that an Order of the Assembly do issue for **Return No. 344** showing:

The SaskTel Business Plan entitled *Financial Model (for MergeCo)*

Mr. Kerpan to move that an Order of the Assembly do issue for **Return No. 345** showing:

The SaskTel Business Plan entitled *NewCo Communications: A Strategic Option for SaskTel and Navigata*

Mr. Kerpan to move that an Order of the Assembly do issue for **Return No. 346** showing:

The SaskTel Business Plan entitled *MergeCo*

Mr. Kerpan to move that an Order of the Assembly do issue for **Return No. 347** showing:

The SaskTel Business Plan entitled *Identified Third Party/SaskTel/Navigata Strategic Overview*

Mr. Kerpan to move that an Order of the Assembly do issue for **Return No. 348** showing:

The SaskTel Business Plan entitled *Navigata Standalone Plan*

Mr. Kerpan to move that an Order of the Assembly do issue for **Return No. 349** showing:

The SaskTel Business Plan entitled *A Modified Navigata*

Mr. Kerpan to move that an Order of the Assembly do issue for **Return No. 350** showing:

The SaskTel Business Plan entitled *SaskTel Growth Committee Option Review*

Ms. Draude to move that an Order of the Assembly do issue for **Return No. 351** showing:

All the applicants that applied to the *Celebrating Community Centennial Grant Program* in 2004, indicating the amount of funding requested by each applicant, the nature of each applicant's proposed project/program/event, and whether each grant applicant was successful or unsuccessful in their application.

Ms. Draude to move that an Order of the Assembly do issue for **Return No. 352** showing:

All the applicants that applied to the *Celebrating Community Centennial Grant Program* in 2005, indicating the amount of funding requested by each applicant, the nature of each applicant's proposed project/program/event, and whether each grant applicant was successful or unsuccessful in their application.

Ms. Draude to move that an Order of the Assembly do issue for **Return No. 353** showing:

All the applicants that applied to the *Celebrating Community Centennial Grant Program* in 2003, indicating the amount of funding requested by each applicant, the nature of each applicant's proposed project/program/event, and whether each grant applicant was successful or unsuccessful in their application.

Ms. Draude to move that an Order of the Assembly do issue for **Return No. 354** showing:

All the applicants that applied to the *Homecoming 2005 Program*, indicating the amount of funding requested by each applicant and whether each grant applicant was successful or unsuccessful in their application.

Ms. Draude to move that an Order of the Assembly do issue for **Return No. 355** showing:

All the applicants that applied to the *Centennial Heritage Commemoration Program*, indicating the amount of funding requested by each applicant, the nature of the project proposed by each applicant, and whether each grant applicant was successful or unsuccessful in their application.

NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The following Questions were asked on day no. 87 and are to be answered by day no. 92:

Mr. Morgan, to ask the Government the following Question No. 980:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Government Insurance: How much money has SGI paid out to date in rebates to people who have renewed their license plates in 2005 to take advantage of the safe-driver discount?

Mr. Morgan, to ask the Government the following Question No. 981:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Government Insurance: How much money would SGI have paid out to date if every person who was eligible for a safe-driver discount would have applied by renewing their license plates prior to the regular expiration date?

Ms. Draude, to ask the Government the following Question No. 982:

To the Minister of Highways and Transportation: (1) How many kilometres of highways have been constructed under a “partnership agreement”? (2) Are the financial terms of these “partnership agreements” based on a similar percentage of costs for construction maintenance?

Ms. Draude, to ask the Government the following Question No. 983:

To the Minister of Highways and Transportation: Has the Department determined if an additional amount allocated for fuel will be part of tenders let for highway construction this year?

The following Questions were asked on day no. 90 and are to be answered by day no. 95:

Mr. Morgan, to ask the Government the following Question No. 984:

To the Minister of Labour: How many decisions have been reserved by the Labour Relations Board and the decisions not yet rendered for 2004?

Mr. Morgan, to ask the Government the following Question No. 985:

To the Minister of Labour: How many decisions have been reserved by the Labour Relations Board and the decisions not yet rendered for 2003?

Mr. Morgan, to ask the Government the following Question No. 986:

To the Minister of Labour: How many decisions have been reserved by the Labour Relations Board and the decisions not yet rendered for 2002?

Mr. Morgan, to ask the Government the following Question No. 987:

To the Minister of Labour: How many decisions have been reserved by the Labour Relations Board and the decisions not yet rendered for 2001?

Mr. Morgan, to ask the Government the following Question No. 988:

To the Minister of Labour: How many decisions have been reserved by the Labour Relations Board and the decisions not yet rendered for 2000?

Mr. Morgan, to ask the Government the following Question No. 989:

To the Minister of Labour: How many decisions have been reserved by the Labour Relations Board and the decisions not yet rendered for 1999?

Mr. Morgan, to ask the Government the following Question No. 990:

To the Minister of Corrections and Public Safety: (1) How many grievances were filed by SGEU employees at the correctional centre in Saskatoon in 2004? (2) How many of these grievances remain outstanding?

Mr. Morgan, to ask the Government the following Question No. 991:

To the Minister of Corrections and Public Safety: (1) How many grievances were filed by SGEU employees at the correctional centre in Saskatoon in 2003? (2) How many of these grievances remain outstanding?

Mr. Morgan, to ask the Government the following Question No. 992:

To the Minister of Corrections and Public Safety: (1) How many grievances were filed by SGEU employees at the correctional centre in Saskatoon in 2002? (2) How many of these grievances remain outstanding?

Mr. Morgan, to ask the Government the following Question No. 993:

To the Minister of Public Service Commission: (1) How many grievances were filed by all SGEU employees in 2004? (2) How many of these grievances remain outstanding?

Mr. Morgan, to ask the Government the following Question No. 994:

To the Minister of Public Service Commission: (1) How many grievances were filed by all SGEU employees in 2003? (2) How many of these grievances remain outstanding?

Mr. Morgan, to ask the Government the following Question No. 995:

To the Minister of Public Service Commission: (1) How many grievances were filed by all SGEU employees in 2002? (2) How many of these grievances remain outstanding?

Mr. Brkich, to ask the Government the following Question No. 996:

To the Minister of Rural Development: (1) Will the Department of Rural Development be setting up any offices around the province in 2005? (2) If so, where will they be located, and what are the lease arrangements?

STANDING COMMITTEE ON PRIVATE BILLS

NOTICE OF MEETING

Tuesday, April 19, 2005 – Room 8

9:45 a.m.

Consideration of the following Bills:

Bill No. 304 – The Concentra Trust Act, 2005

Bill No. 305 – The Saskatoon Foundation Amendment Act, 2005

Bill No. 306 – The Soeurs de la Charite de St. Louis Repeal Act