



No. 98

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

FIRST SESSION – TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Monday, April 25, 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, Wall, Draude, Eagles, Bakken Lackey, 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 provide reliable cellular telephone service in the regions encompassed in the Constituency of Biggar.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 76)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to make the necessary repairs to Highway 35 north from the United States border, in order to prevent injury or loss of life and to prevent the loss of economic opportunity in the area.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 107)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to take necessary steps to ensure that this portion of #15 Highway be repaired and re-surfaced immediately so as to remove the safety hazard to all motorists who rely on this vital road for transportation and economic purposes.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 639)

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)

RE-APPOINTMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST COMMISSIONER

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Quennell, seconded by Mr. Morgan, by leave of the Assembly:

That this Assembly hereby re-appoint Gerald Lorne Gerrand, Q.C., of the City of Regina, in the Province of Saskatchewan, Conflict of Interest Commissioner pursuant to section 18 of *The Members' Conflict of Interest Act*.

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

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 1002 to 1004 and 1011 to 1014, they were answered. (See Appendix)

The Order of the Day being called for Question No. 1005 to 1010, pursuant to Rule 45(5), they were transferred to Motions for Returns (Debatable) No. 359 to 364.

INTERIM SUPPLY

The Assembly, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Finance to consider resolutions for Interim Supply.

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen:

That a sum not exceeding one billion, ninety-nine million, one hundred forty-nine thousand dollars be granted to Her Majesty, on account, for the twelve months ending March 31, 2006.

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

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen:

Resolved, That towards making good the supply granted to Her Majesty, on account, of certain charges and expenses of the public service for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2006, the sum of one billion, ninety-nine million, one hundred forty-nine thousand dollars be granted out of the General Revenue Fund.

The said resolutions were reported, read twice and agreed to, and the Committee given leave to sit again.

THE APPROPRIATION ACT, 2005 (NO. 1)

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen, by leave of the Assembly: That Bill No. 117 – The Appropriation Act, 2005 (No. 1) – be introduced and read the first time.

The question being put, it was agreed to and the said Bill was, accordingly, read the first time.

By leave of the Assembly and pursuant to Rule 57(2), the said Bill was then read a second and third time and passed under its title.

SECOND READINGS

Bill No. 109 – The Criminal Enterprise Suppression Act

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Quennell: That Bill No. 109 – The Criminal Enterprise Suppression Act – be now read a second time.

A debate arising, it was on motion of Ms. Harpauer adjourned.

Bill No. 110 – The Seizure of Criminal Property Act

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Quennell: That Bill No. 110 – The Seizure of Criminal Property Act – be now read a second time.

A debate arising, it was on motion of Ms. Harpauer adjourned.

COMMITTEE OF FINANCE

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

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

ROYAL ASSENT

4:51 p.m.

Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, having entered the Chamber, took her seat upon the Throne.

The Speaker addressed Her Honour:

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

This Legislative Assembly at its present Session has passed several Bills which, in the name of the Assembly, I present to Your Honour and to which Bills I respectfully request your Honour's Assent.

The Clerk of the Assembly then read the titles of the Bills that had been passed severally as follows:

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

Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor then replied: "In Her Majesty's name, I assent to these Bills."

The Speaker addressed Her Honour:

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

This Legislative Assembly has voted the supplies required to enable the Government to defray the expenses of the Public Service. In the name of the Assembly I present to Your Honour the following Bill, to which Bill I respectfully request Your Honour's Assent:

Bill No. 117 The Appropriation Act, 2005 (No. 1)

Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor then replied: "In Her Majesty's name, I thank the Legislative Assembly, accept their benevolence, and assent to this Bill."

Her Honour then retired from the Chamber.

4:53 p.m.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 4:55 p.m. until Tuesday 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. Cline:

Annual Report and Financial Statements for Saskatchewan Research Council Employees' Pension Plan for the year ended December 31, 2004.

(Sessional Paper No. 772)

By the Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen:

Annual Report and Financial Statements for Public Employees Dental Fund for the year ended December 31, 2004.

(Sessional Paper No. 773)

By the Hon. Mr. Sonntag:

Annual Report for SaskTel for the year ended December 31, 2004 and Consolidated Financial Statements for Saskatchewan Telecommunications Holding Corporation for the year ended December 31, 2004.

(Sessional Paper No. 774)

Financial Statements for SecurTek Monitoring Solutions Inc. for the year ended December 31, 2004.

(Sessional Paper No. 775)

Financial Statements for Saskatoon 2 Properties Limited Partnership for the year ended December 31, 2004.

(Sessional Paper No. 776)

Consolidated Financial Statements for Saskatchewan Telecommunications International, Inc. for the year ended December 31, 2004.

(Sessional Paper No. 777)

Financial Statements for Navigata Communications Inc. Pension Plan for the year ended December 31, 2004.

(Sessional Paper No. 778)

Consolidated Financial Statements for Navigata Communications Partnership for the year ended December 31, 2004.

(Sessional Paper No. 779)

Annual Report and Financial Statements for Saskatchewan Telecommunications Pension Board for the year ended December 31, 2004.

(Sessional Paper No. 780)

Financial Statements for DirectWest Publishing Partnership for the year ended December 31, 2004.

(Sessional Paper No. 781)

Financial Statements for Saskatchewan Telecommunications for the year ended December 31, 2004.

(Sessional Paper No. 782)

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Mr. Brkich asked the Government Question No. 1002, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Higgins:

To the Minister of Property Management: Can you provide details as to the criteria used in the tendering process for contracts concerning the service of SPMC vehicles?

Answer:

- Public tenders are issued for the supply and installation of windshields, tires and batteries. The suppliers must provide supply points throughout the province.
- In the Regina area vehicle and repair work is distributed by the Central Vehicle Agency (CVA). Vendors that are interested in doing wholesale repairs for CVA submit annual written quotes for a broad cross-section of common repairs. The repair work is distributed to vendors with the intent of spreading the opportunity among a number of businesses. To that end, the vendor with the lowest bid is granted the highest volume of work, and vice versa.
- Throughout the rest of the province the repair and maintenance work is spread among various centres. In these cases it is important that the vehicles can be serviced when needed without resulting in extensive travel to a specific repair shop. Businesses across the province that do a significant volume of repair work are approached regarding the possibility of a discount structure for their services. CVA maintenance staff will direct vehicle drivers to the shops with the lower rates where practicable.
- Competitive quotes are received on body and painting work not covered by SGI.
- All warranty work is performed by the franchised dealers representing the vehicle model involved.

Ms. Eagles asked the Government Question No. 1003, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Nilson:

To the Minister of Health: Is the government planning to close Valley View Centre in Moose Jaw over the next three to five years?

Answer:

Valley View Centre does not fall under the responsibility of the Department of Health.

Mr. McMorris asked the Government Question No. 1004, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Nilson:

To the Minister of Health: Do government employees have access to any designated smoking rooms in buildings that house government departments, Crowns, agencies, boards or commissions, including Workers' Compensation Board, Casino Regina and government-owned property leased to third parties?

Answer:

Government departments and agencies and their employees are required to adhere to *The Tobacco Control Act* as are all businesses and public places. Our understanding is that all government departments and agencies comply with *The Tobacco Control Act*. Saskatchewan Property Management has advised the department that it does not provide designated smoking rooms in any space it is responsible for. *The Tobacco Control Act* also applies in government-owned property leased to third parties.

Mr. Dearborn asked the Government Question No. 1011, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Cline:

To the Minister of Industry and Resources: (1) What was the amount spent on advertising the "Future is Wide Open" campaign in the province of Quebec for the year 2002? (2) Which advertising agency was employed for these purposes?

Answer:

- (1) \$0
- (2) N/A

Mr. Dearborn asked the Government Question No. 1012, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Cline:

To the Minister of Industry and Resources: (1) What was the amount spent on advertising the "Future is Wide Open" campaign in the province of Quebec for the year 2003? (2) Which advertising agency was employed for these purposes?

Answer:

- (1) \$8,857.22
- (2) The Phoenix Group, Regina.

Mr. Dearborn asked the Government Question No. 1013, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Cline:

To the Minister of Industry and Resources: (1) What was the amount spent on advertising the "Future is Wide Open" campaign in the province of Quebec for the year 2004? (2) Which advertising agency was employed for these purposes?

Answer:

- (1) \$9,000.00
- (2) The Phoenix Group, Regina.

Mr. Dearborn asked the Government Question No. 1014, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Cline:

To the Minister of Industry and Resources: (1) What was the amount spent on advertising the "Future is Wide Open" campaign in the province of Quebec for the year 2005 to date? (2) Which advertising agency was employed for these purposes?

Answer:

- (1) \$0
- (2) N/A

NOTICE OF MOTIONS FOR FIRST READING OF BILLS

On Wednesday:

The Hon. Mr. Nilson to move First Reading of Bill No. 116 - The Osteopathic Practice Repeal Act

Ms. Draude to move First Reading of Bill No. 207 – The Protection of Children Abusing Drugs Act

Mr. McCall to move First Reading of Bill No. 208 – The Tommy Douglas Day Act

NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The following Questions were asked on day no. 96 and are to be answered by day no. 101:

Mr. Dearborn, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1016:

To the Minister of Learning: What is the total cost to the University of Regina for each student per year, per faculty?

Mr. Dearborn, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1017:

To the Minister of Learning: What is the total tuition cost that students pay for full time enrolment in each faculty per annum at the University of Regina?

Mr. Dearborn, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1018:

To the Minister of Learning: What is the total cost that foreign students pay for full time enrolment in each faculty per annum at the University of Regina?

Mr. Dearborn, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1019:

To the Minister of Learning: How many foreign students were enrolled in each semester, in each faculty at the University of Regina in the year 2004?

Mr. Dearborn, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1020:

To the Minister of Learning: How many foreign students were enrolled in each semester, in each faculty at the University of Regina in the year 2003?

Mr. Dearborn, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1021:

To the Minister of Learning: How many foreign students were enrolled in each semester, in each faculty at the University of Regina in the year 2002?

The following Question was asked on day no. 97 and is to be answered by day no. 102:

Ms. Bakken, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1022:

To the Minister of Learning: (1) Is the moratorium on school closures from September 2004 to December 2006 still in effect? (2) If not, when was the moratorium removed?

The following Questions were asked on day no. 98 and are to be answered by day no. 103:

Mr. D'Autremont, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1023:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority: What is the breakdown of VLT revenue for the first three months of 2005, in the following categories: (1) communities with less than 500 people, (2) communities with 500 to 1000 people, (3) communities with 1000 to 5000 people, and (4) communities with greater than 5000 people?

Mr. D'Autremont, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1024:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority: What is the breakdown of VLT revenue for the first three months of 2004, in the following categories: (1) communities with less than 500 people, (2) communities with 500 to 1000 people, (3) communities with 1000 to 5000 people, and (4) communities with greater than 5000 people?

Mr. D'Autremont, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1025:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority: For January, February and March 2005, by month: (1) What was the consumption tax revenue for each month? (2) What was the consumption tax revenue breakdown for each of the following: restaurants, hotel bars, brew pubs, lounges, clubs, and liquor outlets? (3) What was the consumption tax revenue from table sales for each of the following: hotel bars, lounges, clubs, and brew pubs?

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