



No. 11

# **VOTES and PROCEEDINGS**

OF THE

**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

**SECOND SESSION – TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE**

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**Wednesday, November 23, 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: Harpauer, Brkich, Weekes 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 take immediate action and make necessary repairs to Highway 368 in order to address safety and economic concern.

(Sessional Paper No. 26)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to take the necessary action to implement an allocation of financial resources to build an elementary school in Arbor Creek.

(Sessional Paper No. 27)

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 the Highway 321 in order to address safety and economic concerns.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 2)

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, at the very least, their current level of services.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 5)

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 upgrade and widen Highway 5 from Humboldt to Saskatoon.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 7)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to ensure that the SaskPower office in Davidson remains open at its current level of customer service, available to all SaskPower customers from Davidson and the surrounding area.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 18)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to develop a long-term lease to Revoy's Marina to ensure the safety of this area continues.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 22)

#### **INTRODUCTION OF BILL**

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

Bill No. 28 – The Veterinarians Amendment Act, 2005

(Hon. Mr. Wartman)

#### **SPEAKER TABLES REPORT**

The Speaker laid before the Assembly the Annual Report of the Saskatchewan Legislative Library for the year ended March 31, 2005.

(Sessional Paper No. 29)

#### **WRITTEN QUESTIONS**

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 543 to 548 on Orders of the Day, they were passed by the Assembly as Orders for Return Nos. 548 to 553, pursuant to Rule 45(6), and Orders of the Assembly issued:

Mr. Brkich, for Return No. 548 showing:

To the Minister of Health: The criteria for accessing the individualized funding program in the Heartland Health Region from March 31, 2005 to the present.

Mr. Brkich, for Return No. 549 showing:

To the Minister of Health: The criteria for accessing the individualized funding program in the Heartland Health Region from March 31, 2004 to March 31, 2005.

Mr. Brkich, for Return No. 550 showing:

To the Minister of Health: The criteria for accessing the individualized funding program in the Heartland Health Region from March 31, 2003 to March 31, 2004.

Mr. Brkich, for Return No. 551 showing:

To the Minister of Health: The number of clients that accessed the individualized funding program in the Heartland Health Region from March 31, 2005 to the present.

Mr. Brkich, for Return No. 552 showing:

To the Minister of Health: The number of clients that accessed the individualized funding program in the Heartland Health Region from March 31, 2004 to March 31, 2005.

Mr. Brkich, for Return No. 553 showing:

To the Minister of Health: The number of clients that accessed the individualized funding program in the Heartland Health Region from March 31, 2003 to March 31, 2004.

## **SECOND READINGS**

### **Bill No. 27 – The Youth Drug Detoxification and Stabilization Act**

The Hon. Mr. Addley, 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. 27 – The Youth Drug Detoxification and Stabilization Act – be now read a second time.

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

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Taylor:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

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The Assembly adjourned at 2:55 p.m. until Thursday at 1:30 p.m.

***Hon. P. Myron Kowalsky***  
***Speaker***

## **NOTICE OF MOTION FOR A SEVENTY-FIVE MINUTE DEBATE**

On Friday:

Mr. Bjornerud to move the following motion:

That the provincial government contribute to the federal emergency farm aid program since Saskatchewan has a larger portion of producers than other provinces with nearly half the arable land in Canada, and will be a major beneficiary of this program.

## **NOTICE OF PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTIONS**

On Friday:

Mr. Yates to move the following motion:

That this Assembly support the government's ongoing initiatives to secure an Energy Accord with the federal government on behalf of the people of Saskatchewan.

Mr. Huyghebaert to move the following motion:

That this Assembly condemn the government for not listening to the needs of Saskatchewan citizens and setting its priorities accordingly.

## **NOTICE OF PRIORITY ITEMS**

On Friday:

### **No. 1 (Government)**

Mr. Yates to move the following motion:

That this Assembly support the government's ongoing initiatives to secure an Energy Accord with the federal government on behalf of the people of Saskatchewan.

### **No. 2 (Opposition)**

Mr. Huyghebaert to move the following motion:

That this Assembly condemn the government for not listening to the needs of Saskatchewan citizens and setting its priorities accordingly.

## **NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS**

**The following Questions were given notice on day no. 8 and are to be answered by day no. 13:**

Mr. Hermanson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 549:

To the Premier: To date, for the "Raise a Flag for Fairness" equalization advertising campaign, how many people have emailed federal Finance Minister Ralph Goodale via the campaign website?

Mr. Hermanson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 550:

To the Premier: To date, for the “Raise a Flag for Fairness” equalization advertising campaign, how many requests for Saskatchewan Energy Accord flags has the government received?

Mr. Hermanson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 551:

To the Premier: To date, for the “Raise a Flag for Fairness” equalization advertising campaign, how many people have responded to the online poll?

Mr. Hermanson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 552:

To the Premier: To date, for the “Raise a Flag for Fairness” equalization advertising campaign, how many people have signed the online petition?

Mr. Hermanson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 553:

To the Premier: To date, for the “Raise a Flag for Fairness” equalization advertising campaign, how many people have subscribed to the website to receive updates?

**The following Question was given notice on day no. 9 and is to be answered by day no. 14:**

Mr. Brkich, to ask the Government the following Question No. 554:

To the Minister Responsible for the Workers’ Compensation Board: Does the WCB set its own rates on probable deductions of claimants?

**The following Questions were given notice on day no. 10 and are to be answered by day no. 15:**

Ms. Bakken Lackey, to ask the Government the following Question No. 555:

To the Minister of Health: (1) Is the police investigation into the misappropriation of funds at MACSI complete? (2) What, if any charges have been laid, and against whom? (3) Have the funds that were misappropriated been recovered? (4) If so, on what date? (5) How much has been recovered? (6) Who repaid the funds?

Ms. Bakken Lackey, to ask the Government the following Question No. 556:

To the Minister of Community Resources and Employment: (1) At any time, did DCRE employee Grant Matheson have any supervisory or management status over DCRE employee Evelyn Hynes? (2) Did he approve any of her payments to social service clients?

Ms. Bakken Lackey, to ask the Government the following Question No. 557:

To the Minister of Community Resources and Employment: (1) Was DCRE employee Grant Matheson placed on leave with pay at any time during his employment with the Government of Saskatchewan? (2) If so, why?

Ms. Bakken Lackey, to ask the Government the following Question No. 558:

To the Minister of Community Resources and Employment: (1) If DCRE employee Grant Matheson was placed on leave with pay at any time during his employment with the Government of Saskatchewan, what

was the date that he was placed on leave? (2) Was he still on leave as of November 20, 2005? (3) If not, what date did he cease to be on paid leave and return to active work?

Ms. Bakken Lackey, to ask the Government the following Question No. 559:

To the Minister of Community Resources and Employment: If DCRE employee Grant Matheson returned to active employment with the Government of Saskatchewan following a paid leave, what are his salary, job title and name of the department that currently employs him?

Ms. Bakken Lackey, to ask the Government the following Question No. 560:

To the Minister of Highways and Transportation: A commitment was made by the government to repave at least 3 km of Highway 35 in the 2005-2006 budget. (1) Has this been completed? (2) If not, why? (3) When can it be expected that these 3 km will be paved?

Ms. Bakken Lackey, to ask the Government the following Question No. 561:

To the Minister of Highways and Transportation: The portion of Highway 35 15 km north of the US border was recently converted to gravel. When will this portion of Highway 35 be repaired?

Mr. Brkich, to ask the Government the following Question No. 562:

To the Minister of Health: (1) Has there been an increase in the number of long-term care beds in the Heartland Health Region in the year 2005? (2) If so, how many and in what facilities are they located? (3) Has there been a decrease in the number of long-term care beds in the Heartland Health Region in the year 2005? (4) If so, how many and in what facilities are they located?

**The following Question was given notice on day no. 11 and is to be answered by day no. 16:**

Mr. Dearborn, to ask the Government the following Question No. 563:

To the Minister of Agriculture and Food: (1) Has the Department of Agriculture and Food prepared any briefs to be presented at the upcoming WTO conference in Hong Kong? (2) Will any officials from the Department of Agriculture and Food be attending the upcoming talks in Hong Kong?

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### NOTICE REGARDING PETITIONS FOR PRIVATE BILLS

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with Rules 75 and 78 of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan, that the time for filing Petitions for Private Bills with the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly will expire on the twentieth sitting day, and that the time for presenting Petitions for Private Bills to the Legislative Assembly at its present Session will expire on the twenty-fifth sitting day of the said Session.

GWENN RONYK  
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

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