

No. 15

# **VOTES and PROCEEDINGS**

## OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

## PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

## SECOND SESSION – TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Tuesday, November 29, 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, Harpauer, Brkich, Weekes, Morgan 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 ensure the public is protected from operators of motor vehicles who are involved in an accident causing injury or fatality and that those operators be required to undergo mandatory drug and alcohol level testing.

(Sessional Paper No. 33)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to take all necessary actions to install the technical equipment necessary to ensure that residents along Highway 19 and the Outlook area in Saskatchewan are protected by reliable cellular phone coverage.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 4)

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 take the necessary action to ensure that a portion of the province's windfall oil revenue be used to reduce the provincial gas tax.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 13)

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)

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.

(Addendum to 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 immediate action and make necessary repairs to Highway 21 in order to address safety and economic concerns.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 31)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to take the necessary steps to reinstate the Saskatchewan Government Insurance Licensing agency in Handel.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 32)

#### **REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE ECONOMY**

Mr. Yates, Chair of the Standing Committee on the Economy, presented the Fourth Report of the said Committee which is as follows:

Your Committee considered the Supplementary Estimates of the following Government departments and agencies and adopted the following resolutions:

#### Supplementary Estimates, 2005-2006:

Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2006, the following sums:

For Agriculture and Food	\$15	59,100,000
For Industry and Resources	\$	2,200,000
For Rural Development	\$	1,531,000

Your Committee recommends that upon concurrence of its report by the Assembly, the sums as reported and approved shall be included in the Appropriation Bill for consideration by the Legislative Assembly.

(Sessional Paper No. 34)

On motion of Mr. Yates, seconded by Mr. Weekes:

Ordered, That the Fourth Report of the Standing Committee on the Economy be now concurred in.

#### **REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON CROWN AND CENTRAL AGENCIES**

Mr. Iwanchuk, Chair of the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies presented the Fifth Report of the said Committee, which is as follows:

Your Committee considered the Supplementary Estimates of the following Government departments and agencies and adopted the following resolutions:

#### Supplementary Estimates, 2005-2006:

Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2006, the following sums:

For SaskEnergy Incorporated\$1	23,940,000
For Property Management\$	
For Public Service Commission\$	150,000

Your Committee recommends that upon concurrence of its report by the Assembly, the sums as reported and approved shall be included in the Appropriation Bill for consideration by the Legislative Assembly.

(Sessional Paper No. 35)

On motion of Mr. Iwanchuk, seconded by Mr. D'Autremont:

Ordered, That the Fifth Report of the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies be now concurred in.

#### BILL NO. 203 – THE PROSTATE CANCER AWARENESS MONTH ACT

The following Bill was received, read the first time, and by leave of the Assembly and pursuant to Rule 57(1), ordered to be read a second time later this day:

Bill No. 203 – The Prostate Cancer Awareness Month Act

(Mr. Heppner)

Moved by Mr. Heppner: That Bill No. 203 - The Prostate Cancer Awareness Month Act - be now read a second time.

A debate arising and the question being put, it was agreed to and the said Bill was, accordingly, read a second time and by leave of the Assembly and pursuant to Rule 57(1), referred to a Committee of the Whole later this day.

The Assembly, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

The following Bill was reported without amendment:

Bill No. 203 – The Prostate Cancer Awareness Month Act

The Committee was given leave to sit again.

Moved by Mr. Heppner: That Bill No. 203 - The Prostate Cancer Awareness Month Act – be now read the third time and passed under its title.

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

#### **YEAS - 54**

Calvert	Hamilton	Lautermilch	Van Mulligen	Taylor
Serby	Atkinson	Cline	Sonntag	Crofford
Prebble	Forbes	Wartman	Belanger	Higgins
Thomson	Nilson	Beatty	Hagel	Junor
Harper	Iwanchuk	McCall	Quennell	Trew
Yates	Addley	Morin	Borgerson	Wall
Toth	Elhard	Heppner	D'Autremont	Krawetz
Draude	Hermanson	Bjornerud	Stewart	Wakefield
Chisholm	McMorris	Harpauer	Gantefoer	Eagles
Bakken Lackey	Cheveldayoff	Huyghebaert	Brkich	Weekes
Kerpan	Morgan	Hart	Kirsch	

#### NAYS - NIL

The said Bill was, accordingly, read the third time and passed.

#### SPEAKER TABLES REPORT

The Speaker laid before the Assembly the following:

Business and Financial Plan of the Provincial Auditor, pursuant to section 14.1 of *The Provincial Auditor Act*, for the year ended March 31, 2007

(Sessional Paper No. 36)

#### WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 555 to 562 on Orders of the Day, they were passed by the Assembly as Orders for Return Nos. 560 to 567, pursuant to Rule 45(6), and Orders of the Assembly issued:

Ms. Bakken Lackey, for Return No. 560 showing:

To the Minister of Health: (1) Whether the police investigation into the misappropriation of funds at MACSI is complete. (2) The charges, if any, that have been laid, and against whom. (3) Whether the funds that were misappropriated have been recovered. (4) If so, the date on which they were recovered. (5) The amount that has been recovered. (6) The individual or group that repaid the funds.

Ms. Bakken Lackey, for Return No. 561 showing:

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, for Return No. 562 showing:

To the Minister of Community Resources and Employment: (1) Whether DCRE employee Grant Matheson was placed on leave with pay at any time during his employment with the Government of Saskatchewan. (2) If so, the reason for this leave.

Ms. Bakken Lackey, for Return No. 563 showing:

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, the date that he was placed on leave. (2) Whether he was still on leave as of November 20, 2005. (3) If not, the date on which he ceased to be on paid leave and returned to active work.

Ms. Bakken Lackey, for Return No. 564 showing:

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

Ms. Bakken Lackey, for Return No. 565 showing:

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) Whether this has been completed. (2) If not, the reason it is incomplete. (3) When it can be expected that these 3 km will be paved.

Ms. Bakken Lackey, for Return No. 566 showing:

To the Minister of Highways and Transportation: The portion of Highway 35 north of the US border was recently converted to gravel. Please indicate when this portion of Highway 35 will be repaired.

Mr. Brkich, for Return No. 567 showing:

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

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Taylor, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Serby, by leave of the Assembly:

Ordered, That pursuant to Rule 4(1), this Assembly shall recess until 4:00 p.m. so that all Members may attend the ceremony for the unveiling of the official portrait of Premier Roy Romanow.

The Assembly recessed from 2:58 p.m. until 4:04 p.m.

#### SECOND READINGS

#### Bill No. 20 – The Collective Bargaining Agreement Expiry Date Exception Act

Moved by the Hon. Ms. Higgins: That Bill No. 20 – The Collective Bargaining Agreement Expiry Date Exception Act – be now read a second time.

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

#### **ADJOURNED DEBATES**

#### Bill No. 2 – The Film Employment Tax Credit Amendment Act, 2005

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Ms. Beatty: That Bill No. 2 - The Film Employment Tax Credit 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. Beatty:

Ordered, That Bill No. 2 – The Film Employment Tax Credit Amendment Act, 2005 - be now referred to the Standing Committee on the Economy.

#### Bill No. 28 – The Veterinarians Amendment Act, 2005

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Wartman: That Bill No. 28 – The Veterinarians Amendment Act, 2005 – be now read a second time.

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

#### Bill No. 25 – The Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 2005

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Ms. Higgins: That Bill No. 25 – The Workers' Compensation 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. Higgins:

Ordered, That Bill No. 25 – The Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 2005 - be now referred to the Standing Committee on the Economy.

#### Bill No. 24 – The Cost of Credit Disclosure Amendment Act, 2005

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Quennell: That Bill No. 24 – The Cost of Credit Disclosure Amendment Act, 2005 – be now read a second time.

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

#### Tuesday, November 29, 2005

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Taylor:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 4:56 p.m. until Wednesday at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. P. Myron Kowalsky Speaker

#### **RETURNS, REPORTS AND PAPERS TABLED**

The following paper was laid upon the Table:

By the Hon. Mr. Lautermilch:

Annual Report and Financial Statements for Saskatchewan Grain Car Corporation, for the year ended July 31, 2005

(Sessional Paper No. 37)

# NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

## The following Question was given notice on day no. 12 and is to be answered by day no. 17:

Mr. Dearborn, to ask the Government the following Question No. 564:

To the Minister of Finance: (1) What is the demarcation regarding PST exemption for grain storage facilities? (2) Why are grain storage buildings with wood packages not exempted from the PST?

## The following Question was given notice on day no. 14 and is to be answered by day no. 19:

Mr. Dearborn, to ask the Government the following Question No. 565:

To the Minister of Agriculture and Food: (1) What measures has the department taken in recent years to monitor and control *mycobacterium avium* subspecies *paratuberculosis* among dairy herds? (2) Has the department obtained any information on the prevalence of Johne's disease in Saskatchewan cattle? (3) If so, what is the rate of infection?

## The following Question was given notice on day no. 15 and is to be answered by day no. 20:

Mr. Hart, to ask the Government the following Question No. 566:

To the Minister of Property Management: What is the appraised value of the Echo Valley Conference Centre?

## 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