



No. 20

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

SECOND SESSION – TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Wednesday, March 15, 2006

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, Harpauer, Weekes, Cheveldayoff, Brkich and Morgan.

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 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 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 repair Highway 310 in order to address safety concerns and to facilitate economic growth and tourism in Foam Lake, Fishing Lake, Kuroki and surrounding areas.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 8)

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 ensure that the Wilkie Health Centre and Special Care Home maintain, at the very least, their current level of services.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 12)

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 take the necessary action to implement an allocation of financial resources to build an elementary school in Arbor Creek.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 27)

SUBSTITUTION OF MEMBERS ON STANDING COMMITTEES

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Hagel, seconded by Mr. Iwanchuk, by leave of the Assembly:

Ordered, That the name of Peter Prebble be substituted for the name of Glenn Hagel on the Standing Committee on Human Services.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Hagel, seconded by Mr. Iwanchuk, by leave of the Assembly:

Ordered, That the name of Sandra Morin be substituted for the name of Andy Iwanchuk; and the name of Kevin Yates be substituted for the name of Warren McCall on the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Hagel, seconded by Mr. Iwanchuk, by leave of the Assembly:

Ordered, That the name of Warren McCall be substituted for the name of Kevin Yates on the Standing Committee on the Economy.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Hagel, seconded by Mr. Iwanchuk, by leave of the Assembly:

Ordered, That the name of Andy Iwanchuk be substituted for the name of Sandra Morin on the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Infrastructure.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Hagel, seconded by Mr. Iwanchuk, by leave of the Assembly:

Ordered, That the name of Andy Iwanchuk be substituted for the name of Len Taylor on the Standing Committee on House Services.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Hagel, seconded by Mr. Iwanchuk, by leave of the Assembly:

Ordered, That the name of Judy Junor be substituted for the name of Kevin Yates on the Standing Committee on Private Bills.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Hagel, seconded by Mr. Iwanchuk, by leave of the Assembly:

Ordered, That the name of Joanne Crofford be substituted for the name of Glenn Hagel; and the name of Andy Iwanchuk be substituted for the name of Kevin Yates on the Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

SPEAKER TABLES REPORT

Messages from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor communicating the membership of the Board of Internal Economy dated February 8, 2006 and February 16, 2006.

(Sessional Paper No. 66)

SUBSTITUTION OF MEMBERS ON STANDING COMMITTEES

On motion of Mr. Gantefoer, seconded by Ms. Eagles, by leave of the Assembly:

Ordered, That the name of Allan Kerpan be substituted for the name of Jason Dearborn on the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies.

On motion of Mr. Gantefoer, seconded by Ms. Eagles, by leave of the Assembly:

Ordered, That the name of Lyle Stewart be substituted for the name of Brenda Bakken Lackey on the Economy.

On motion of Mr. Gantefoer, seconded by Ms. Eagles, by leave of the Assembly:

Ordered, That the name of Don Morgan be substituted for the name of Don Toth on the Standing Committee on Human Services.

MOTION PURSUANT TO RULE 49

Leave of the Assembly having been granted, pursuant to Rule 49, it was moved by Mr. McMorris, seconded by Mr. Gantefoer:

That this Assembly recognize the urgency of the nursing shortage in the province and urge the government to take immediate action on the Saskatchewan Union of Nurses' request to fund 600 new nursing positions.

A debate arising, it was moved by the Hon. Mr. Taylor, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Nilson, in amendment thereto:

That all the words after the word “recognize” be removed and the following words be substituted:

the challenges in the recruitment and retention of health care professionals in the health care system, and that the legislature work with the government on the recommendations of the “Working Together: Saskatchewan’s Health Workforce Action Plan”.

The debate continuing on the motion and the amendment, it was on motion of Mr. Trew, adjourned.

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 565 and 566 on Orders of the Day, they were passed by the Assembly as Orders for Return Nos. 570 and 571, pursuant to Rule 45(6), and Orders of the Assembly issued:

Mr. Dearborn, for Return No. 570 showing:

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

Mr. Hart, for Return No. 571 showing:

To the Minister of Property Management: The appraised value of the Echo Valley Conference Centre.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Hagel:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 4:51 p.m. until Thursday at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. P. Myron Kowalsky
Speaker

NOTICE OF MOTIONS FOR FIRST READING OF BILLS AVIS DE MOTION PORTANT PREMIÈRE LECTURE DE PROJETS DE LOI

On Friday / vendredi:

Hon. Mr. Nilson, to move First Reading of Bill No. 33 – The Wildlife Habitat Protection Amendment Act, 2006

Hon. Mr. Nilson, to move First Reading of Bill No. 34 – The Wildlife Amendment Act, 2006
L'hon. M. Nilson proposera la première lecture du projet de loi n° 34 - Loi de 2006 modifiant la Loi de 1998 sur la faune

Hon. Mr. Nilson, to move First Reading of Bill No. 39 – The Saskatchewan Watershed Authority Amendment Act, 2006

Hon. Mr. Taylor, to move First Reading of Bill No. 42 – The Respiratory Therapists Act

Hon. Mr. Taylor, to move First Reading of Bill No. 43 – The Medical Radiation Technologists Act, 2006

Hon. Ms. Higgins, to move First Reading of Bill No. 44 – The Teachers' Federation Act, 2006

Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen, to move First Reading of Bill No. 45 – The Local Government Election Amendment Act, 2006

Mr. Hermanson, to move First Reading of Bill No. 204 - The Recognition of Telemiracle Week Act

NOTICE OF MOTION FOR A SEVENTY-FIVE MINUTE DEBATE

On Friday:

Mr. Prebble to move the following motion:

That this Assembly recognizes that parallel private health care would not alleviate pressure on Saskatchewan's current health care system, but would fundamentally undermine it, causing it to become less accessible, less efficient, and more expensive.

NOTICE OF PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTIONS

On Friday:

Mr. Huyghebaert to move the following motion:

That this government no longer enjoys the confidence of the Assembly because of its lack of vision and initiative and its failure to address the issues that are most important to Saskatchewan people, as demonstrated by ignoring the crisis in agriculture, the inability to set spending priorities consistent with the province's needs, the failure to grow the economy and create economic prosperity, by not delivering much-needed services leaving many people behind, by forcing others to move out of the province for health care, and by forcing people to pursue their careers and dreams elsewhere because they cannot find jobs in Saskatchewan.

Mr. Borgerson to move the following motion:

That this Assembly supports the government initiative to increase Saskatchewan's minimum wage.

NOTICE OF PRIORITY ITEMS

On Friday:

No. 1 (Opposition)

Mr. Huyghebaert to move the following motion:

That this government no longer enjoys the confidence of the Assembly because of its lack of vision and initiative and its failure to address the issues that are most important to Saskatchewan people, as demonstrated by ignoring the crisis in agriculture, the inability to set spending priorities consistent with the province's needs, the failure to grow the economy and create economic prosperity, by not delivering much-needed services leaving many people behind, by forcing others to move out of the province for health care, and by forcing people to pursue their careers and dreams elsewhere because they cannot find jobs in Saskatchewan.

No. 2 (Government)

Mr. Borgerson to move the following motion:

That this Assembly supports the government initiative to increase Saskatchewan's minimum wage.

No. 3 (Opposition)

Bill No. 204 – The Recognition of Telemiracle Week Act

(Mr. Hermanson)

NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The following Questions were given notice on day no. 19 and are to be answered by day no. 24:

Mr. Toth, to ask the Government the following Question No. 567:

To the Minister of Corrections and Public Safety: As of March 14, 2005, how many overdue boiler inspections were there in the Swift Current area?

Mr. Toth, to ask the Government the following Question No. 568:

To the Minister of Corrections and Public Safety: As of March 14, 2005, how many overdue boiler inspections were there in Saskatchewan?

Mr. Toth, to ask the Government the following Question No. 569:

To the Minister of Corrections and Public Safety: (1) As of March 14, 2005, how many boiler inspector positions were there in Saskatchewan? (2) How many of these positions were vacant?

Mr. Toth, to ask the Government the following Question No. 570:

To the Minister of Corrections and Public Safety: (1) As of March 14, 2006, how many boiler inspector positions are there in Saskatchewan? (2) How many of these positions are vacant?

Mr. Toth, to ask the Government the following Question No. 571:

To the Minister of Corrections and Public Safety: As of March 14, 2006, how many overdue boiler inspections are there in Saskatchewan?

Mr. Toth, to ask the Government the following Question No. 572:

To the Minister of Corrections and Public Safety: As of March 14, 2006, how many overdue boiler inspections are there in the Swift Current area?

Mr. Hart, to ask the Government the following Question No. 573:

To the Minister of Property Management: How much revenue did the department receive on the sale of the Echo Valley Conference Centre to the town of Fort Qu'Appelle?

Mr. Merriman, to ask the Government the following Question No. 574:

To the Minister of Community Resources: (1) How many other agreements similar to that with the Oyate Safe House does the Department of Community Resources have with other community organizations that provide services to child victims of the sex trade? (2) What reporting and monitoring procedures are currently in place to monitor those other organizations?

Mr. Merriman, to ask the Government the following Question No. 575:

To the Minister of Community Resources: (1) Did the Department of Community Resources monitor how the money provided to the File Hills Qu'Appelle Tribal Council was being spent? (2) If so, indicate what steps were taken to ensure financial oversight of the Oyate Safe House.

Mr. Merriman, to ask the Government the following Question No. 576:

To the Minister of Community Resources: What accountability measures were put in place when the Department of Community Resources first provided money to the File Hills Qu'Appelle Tribal Council for the Oyate Safe House?

Mr. Merriman, to ask the Government the following Question No. 577:

To the Minister of Community Resources: (1) Is the Department of Community Resources aware of any instances where children who resided at the Oyate Safe House have returned to work in the sex trade? (2) If so, how many children does the department know of who have returned to work in the sex trade?

Mr. Merriman, to ask the Government the following Question No. 578:

To the Minister of Community Resources: How has the department monitored the success of the programs being delivered through the Oyate Safe House?

Mr. Merriman, to ask the Government the following Question No. 579:

To the Minister of Community Resources: (1) How many children have utilized the services of the Oyate Safe House since it opened two and a half years ago? (2) How many have ended their participation in the sex trade?

Mr. Merriman, to ask the Government the following Question No. 580:

To the Minister of Community Resources: (1) Per the recommendation of the Legislative Committee on the Prevention of the Exploitation of Children through the Sex Trade, did the department ensure that the Oyate Safe House could adequately protect children in its care prior to providing the organization with funding? (2) If so, what steps were taken?

Mr. Merriman, to ask the Government the following Question No. 581:

To the Minister of Community Resources: (1) Has the department received any letters, or written or verbal reports from individuals or organizations concerned about the welfare of children at the Oyate Safe House? (2) If so, when were these letters or reports received by the department?

The following Questions were given notice on day no. 20 and are to be answered by day no. 25:

Mr. Weekes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 582:

To the Minister of Highways and Transportation: (1) For the fiscal year 2003-2004, how many accidents were there involving snowplows? (2) On what highways did they occur?

Mr. Weekes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 583:

To the Minister of Highways and Transportation: (1) For the fiscal year 2004-2005, how many accidents were there involving snowplows? (2) On what highways did they occur?

Mr. Weekes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 584:

To the Minister of Highways and Transportation: (1) To date for the current fiscal year, how many accidents have there been involving snowplows? (2) On what highways did they occur?

Mr. Brkich, to ask the Government the following Question No. 585:

To the Minister of Highways and Transportation: (1) For the fiscal year 2004-2005, did the Government of Saskatchewan, Crown Investments Corporation, or any other crown corporation, government agency, board or commission invest money into the Saskatchewan Rail Car Coalition? (2) If so, how much?

Mr. Brkich, to ask the Government the following Question No. 586:

To the Minister of Highways and Transportation: (1) To date for the current fiscal year, has the Government of Saskatchewan, Crown Investments Corporation, or any other crown corporation, government agency, board or commission invested money into the Saskatchewan Rail Car Coalition? (2) If so, how much?

Mr. McMorris, to ask the Government the following Question No. 587:

To the Minister of Culture, Youth and Recreation: (1) Did the Whitetrack Ski Hill near Moose Jaw receive any moneys in the form of grants or loans from the department for the year 2002-2003? (2) If so, what was the amount and what is the status of these loans/grants?

Mr. McMorris, to ask the Government the following Question No. 588:

To the Minister of Culture, Youth and Recreation: (1) Did the Whitetrack Ski Hill near Moose Jaw receive any moneys in the form of grants or loans from the department for the year 2003-2004? (2) If so, what was the amount and what is the status of these loans/grants?

Mr. McMorris, to ask the Government the following Question No. 589:

To the Minister of Culture, Youth and Recreation: (1) Did the Whitetrack Ski Hill near Moose Jaw receive any moneys in the form of grants or loans from the department for the year 2004-2005? (2) If so, what was the amount and what is the status of these loans/grants?

Mr. McMorris, to ask the Government the following Question No. 590:

To the Minister of Culture, Youth and Recreation: (1) Did the Whitetrack Ski Hill near Moose Jaw receive any moneys in the form of grants or loans from the department for the year 2005-2006? (2) If so, what was the amount and what is the status of these loans/grants?

Mr. McMorris, to ask the Government the following Question No. 591:

To the Minister of Environment: (1) Did the Whitetrack Ski Hill near Moose Jaw receive any moneys in the form of grants or loans from the department for the year 2002-2003? (2) If so, what was the amount and what is the status of these loans/grants?

Mr. McMorris, to ask the Government the following Question No. 592:

To the Minister of Environment: (1) Did the Whitetrack Ski Hill near Moose Jaw receive any moneys in the form of grants or loans from the department for the year 2003-2004? (2) If so, what was the amount and what is the status of these loans/grants?

Mr. McMorris, to ask the Government the following Question No. 593:

To the Minister of Environment: (1) Did the Whitetrack Ski Hill near Moose Jaw receive any moneys in the form of grants or loans from the department for the year 2004-2005? (2) If so, what was the amount and what is the status of these loans/grants?

Mr. McMorris, to ask the Government the following Question No. 594:

To the Minister of Environment: (1) Did the Whitetrack Ski Hill near Moose Jaw receive any moneys in the form of grants or loans from the department for the year 2005-2006? (2) If so, what was the amount and what is the status of these loans/grants?

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
