



No. 21

# **VOTES and PROCEEDINGS**

OF THE

**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

**SECOND SESSION – TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE**

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**Thursday, March 16, 2006**

1:30 p.m.

*PRAYERS*

## **ABSENCE OF THE SPEAKER**

The Deputy Clerk advised the Assembly that the Speaker would not be present to open the sitting. Thereupon the Deputy Speaker took the chair.

## **PRESENTING PETITIONS**

Petitions of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan were presented and laid upon the Table by the following Members: Elhard, Harpauer, Weekes, Brkich, Morgan and Kerpan.

## **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 32 in order to address safety and economic concerns.

(Sessional Paper No. 64)

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 Highway 20 be upgraded to primary weight status to ensure the economic viability in the surrounding areas.

(Sessional Paper No. 65)

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

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 27)

#### **INTRODUCTION OF BILLS / DÉPÔT DE PROJETS DE LOI**

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

Les projets de loi suivants sont reçus, lus une première fois, et la deuxième lecture en est fixée à la prochaine séance:

Bill No. 30 – The Film and Video Classification Amendment Act, 2006

(Hon. Mr. Quennell)

Bill No. 31 – The Miscellaneous Statutes (Accounting Professions) Amendment Act, 2006

(Hon. Mr. Quennell)

Bill No. 32 – The Victims of Crime Amendment Act, 2006

Projet de loi n° 32 – Loi de 2006 modifiant la Loi de 1995 sur les victimes d'actes criminels

(Hon. Mr. / L'hon. M. Quennell)

Bill No. 35 – The Interpretation Amendment Act, 2006

Projet de loi n° 35 - Loi de 2006 modifiant la Loi d'interprétation de 1995

(Hon. Mr. / L'hon. M. Quennell)

Bill No. 36 – The Miscellaneous Statutes (Directors' and Officers' Indemnification and Insurance) Amendment Act, 2006 (No. 2)

Projet de loi n° 36 - Loi corrective (indemnisation et assurance au profit des administrateurs et dirigeants) de 2006 (n° 2)

(Hon. Mr. / L'hon. M. Quennell)

Bill No. 37 – The Miscellaneous Statutes (Directors' and Officers' Indemnification and Insurance) Amendment Act, 2006

(Hon. Mr. Quennell)

Bill No. 38 – The Settlement of International Investment Disputes Act  
Projet de loi n° 38 - Loi sur le règlement des différends internationaux relatifs aux investissements  
(Hon. Mr. / L'hon. M. Quennell)

Bill No. 40 – The Income Trust Liability Act  
(Hon. Mr. Quennell)

Bill No. 41 – The Partnership Amendment Act, 2006  
(Hon. Mr. Quennell)

#### **APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY CHAIR OF COMMITTEES**

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

Ordered, That Mr. Peter Prebble, Member for the Constituency of Saskatoon Greystone, be appointed to preside as Deputy Chair of Committees of this Assembly.

#### **MOTION TO RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF CHILD CARE**

Moved by the Hon. Ms. Higgins, seconded by Ms. Crofford:

That this Assembly recognize that in today's communities and workplace, parental supports and assistance are of utmost importance in contributing to the caring and nurturing of children, and that high quality early learning and childcare plays an integral role in supporting and nurturing the social, emotional and cognitive development of a child's life; and further,

That this Assembly express dissatisfaction with the federal government's announcement to withdraw that support to families and cancel early learning and child care agreements with provinces, and not fulfill commitments made by the previous federal government, which were to provide \$146 million over 5 years to our Saskatchewan families.

A debate arising, it was moved by Mr. Merriman, seconded by Ms. Draude, in amendment thereto:

That the second paragraph be deleted and the following be substituted:

That this Assembly, recognizing the importance of quality child care, support an increase in the income threshold for eligibility to receive subsidized child care; and

That this Assembly, recognizing that parents are the best judge of quality child care for their children, shall urge the government not to discriminate against parents who choose to stay at home with their children when negotiating agreements with the federal government or when implementing provincial child care initiatives; and

That this Assembly urge the federal government to continue to fund the current child care agreement with the Province of Saskatchewan in addition to its plan to implement a new child care allowance.

The debate continuing on the motion and the amendment, the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived on the following Recorded Division:

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Wall	Toth	Elhard	McMorris	D'Autremont
Krawetz	Draude	Hermanson	Bjornerud	Stewart
Wakefield	Chisholm	Hart	Harpauer	Gantefoer
Eagles	Weekes	Cheveldayoff	Huyghebaert	Allchurch
Kirsch	Brkich	Merriman	Morgan	

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Calvert	Lautermilch	Van Mulligen	Hagel	Serby
Atkinson	Cline	Sonntag	Wartman	Forbes
Prebble	Crofford	Belanger	Higgins	Thomson
Nilson	Beatty	Taylor	Junor	Harper
Iwanchuk	McCall	Quennell	Trew	Yates
Addley	Morin	Borgerson		

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

**TRANSMITTAL MOTIONS**

On motion of the Hon. Ms Higgins, seconded by the Hon. Ms. Atkinson, by leave of the Assembly:

Ordered, That the Speaker, on behalf of the Legislative Assembly, transmit copies of the motion and verbatim transcripts of the motion just passed to the Prime Minister of Canada, the federal Minister of Human Resources and Social Development and the leaders of the federal Opposition parties.

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

Ordered, That the oral tributes made this day, with respect to the passing of Senator Allan Bird, be transmitted to the bereaved family by Mr. Speaker.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Hagel:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

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The Assembly adjourned at 4:27 p.m. until Friday at 10:00 a.m.

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

## 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?

**The following Question was given notice on day no. 21 and is to be answered by day no. 26:**

Mr. Brkich, to ask the Government the following Question No. 595:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Telecommunications Corporation: How many towns and villages in Saskatchewan currently do not have access to SaskTel high-speed internet?

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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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