



No. 24

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

SECOND SESSION – TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Tuesday, March 21, 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, Harpauer, Weekes, Brkich and Morgan.

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

According to Order, the Clerk Assistant 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 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 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 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)

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.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 64)

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS FOR PRIVATE BILLS

According to Order, the Clerk Assistant having favourably reported on the same pursuant to Rule 14(7), the following petitions were read and received:

Of the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool Inc., in the Province of Saskatchewan praying for an Act to repeal *The Saskatchewan Wheat Pool Act, 1995*.

Of the Orange Benevolent Society of Saskatchewan, in the Province of Saskatchewan praying for an Act to broaden the society's powers to perform charitable acts and to increase its powers to distribute funds for charitable purposes.

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 567 to 581, they were answered. (See Appendix)

SECOND READINGS / DEUXIÈME LECTURE

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

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Quennell: That Bill No. 30 – The Film and Video Classification Amendment Act, 2006 – be now read a second time.

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

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

The Hon. Mr. Quennell, 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 No. 32 – The Victims of Crime Amendment Act, 2006 – be now read a second time.

L'hon. M. Quennell, membre du Conseil exécutif, fait savoir à l'Assemblée que Son Honneur la Lieutenant-gouverneure, ayant été informée de l'objet du projet de loi, le recommande à la considération de l'Assemblée et propose: Que le projet de loi n° 32 - Loi de 2006 modifiant la Loi de 1995 sur les victimes d'actes criminels – soit maintenant lu une deuxième fois.

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

Il s'élève un débat et sur motion de M. Gantefoer, le débat est ajourné.

Bill No. 33 – The Wildlife Habitat Protection Amendment Act, 2006

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Nilson: That Bill No. 33 – The Wildlife Habitat Protection Amendment Act, 2006 – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 34 – The Wildlife Amendment Act, 2006
Projet de loi n° 34 - Loi de 2006 modifiant la Loi de 1998 sur la faune

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Nilson: That Bill No. 34 – The Wildlife Amendment Act, 2006 – be now read a second time.

L'hon. M. Nilson propose: Que le projet de loi n° 34 - Loi de 2006 modifiant la Loi de 1998 sur la faune – soit maintenant lu une deuxième fois.

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

Il s'élève un débat et sur motion de M. Gantefoer, le débat est ajourné.

Bill No. 39 – The Saskatchewan Watershed Authority Amendment Act, 2006

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Nilson: That Bill No. 39 – The Saskatchewan Watershed Authority Amendment Act, 2006 – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 45 – The Local Government Election Amendment Act, 2006

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen: That Bill No. 45 – The Local Government Election Amendment Act, 2006 – be now read a second time.

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

ADJOURNED DEBATES

Bill No. 4 – The Assessment Management Agency Amendment Act, 2005

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Taylor: That Bill No. 4 – The Assessment Management Agency Amendment Act, 2005 – be now read a second time.

The debate continuing, and the question being put, the said Bill was accordingly read a second time.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen:

Ordered, That Bill No. 4 – The Assessment Management Agency Amendment Act, 2005 – be now referred to the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Infrastructure.

Bill No. 5 – The Cities Amendment Act, 2005

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Taylor: That Bill No. 5 – The Cities Amendment Act, 2005 – be now read a second time.

The debate continuing, and the question being put, the said Bill was accordingly read a second time.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen:

Ordered, That Bill No. 5 – The Cities Amendment Act, 2005 – be now referred to the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Infrastructure.

Bill No. 6 – The Municipalities Amendment Act, 2005

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Taylor: That Bill No. 6 – The Municipalities Amendment Act, 2005 – be now read a second time.

The debate continuing, and the question being put, the said Bill was accordingly read a second time.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen:

Ordered, That Bill No. 6 – The Municipalities Amendment Act, 2005 – be now referred to the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Infrastructure.

Bill No. 21 – The Boiler and Pressure Vessel Amendment Act, 2005

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Prebble: That Bill No. 21 – The Boiler and Pressure Vessel Amendment Act, 2005 – be now read a second time.

The debate continuing, and the question being put, the said Bill was accordingly read a second time.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Yates:

Ordered, That Bill No. 21 – The Boiler and Pressure Vessel Amendment Act, 2005 – be now referred to the Standing Committee on Human Services.

Bill No. 22 – The Forestry Professions Act

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Forbes: That Bill No. 22 – The Forestry Professions Act – be now read a second time.

The debate continuing, and the question being put, the said Bill was accordingly read a second time.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Hagel:

Ordered, That Bill No. 22 – The Forestry Professions Act – 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, and the question being put, the said Bill was accordingly read a second time.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Quennell:

Ordered, That Bill No. 24 – The Cost of Credit Disclosure Amendment Act, 2005 – be now referred to the Standing Committee on Human Services.

Bill No. 19 – The Trustee Amendment Act, 2005

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Quennell: That Bill No. 19 – The Trustee Amendment Act, 2005 – be now read a second time.

The debate continuing, and the question being put, the said Bill was accordingly read a second time.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Quennell:

Ordered, That Bill No. 19 – The Trustee Amendment Act, 2005 – be now referred to the Standing Committee on Human Services.

Bill No. 18 – The Securities Amendment Act, 2005

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Quennell: That Bill No. 18 – The Securities Amendment Act, 2005 – be now read a second time.

The debate continuing, and the question being put, the said Bill was accordingly read a second time.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Quennell:

Ordered, That Bill No. 18 – The Securities Amendment Act, 2005 – be now referred to the Standing Committee on Human Services.

Bill No. 15 – The Highways and Transportation Amendment Act, 2005

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Lautermilch: That Bill No. 15 – The Highways and Transportation Amendment Act, 2005 – be now read a second time.

The debate continuing, and the question being put, the said Bill was accordingly read a second time.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Lautermilch:

Ordered, That Bill No. 15 – The Highways and Transportation Amendment Act, 2005 – be now referred to the Standing Committee on Human Services.

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. Kerpan, adjourned.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Hagel:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 3:30 p.m. until Wednesday at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. P. Myron Kowalsky
Speaker

RETURNS, REPORTS AND PAPERS TABLED

The following Returns, which were Ordered by the Assembly on November 10, 2005, were laid upon the Table by Mr. Iwanchuk:

Return Nos. 1, 4 and 5 by Mr. Huyghebaert

(Sessional Paper Nos. 68, 69 and 70)

The following Returns, which were Ordered by the Assembly on November 16, 2005, were laid upon the Table by Mr. Iwanchuk:

Return Nos. 6 and 7 by Ms. Harpauer

(Sessional Paper Nos. 71 and 72)

Return Nos. 8 to 27 by Mr. McMorris

(Sessional Paper Nos. 73 to 92)

Return Nos. 28 to 62 by Mr. Huyghebaert

(Sessional Paper Nos. 93 to 127)

Return Nos. 63 to 174 by Ms. Bakken Lackey

(Sessional Paper Nos. 128 to 239)

The following Returns, which were Ordered by the Assembly on November 17, 2005, were laid upon the Table by Mr. Iwanchuk:

Return Nos. 175 to 437 by Ms. Bakken Lackey

(Sessional Paper Nos. 240 to 502)

Return Nos. 438 and 439 by Mr. Hart

(Sessional Paper Nos. 503 and 504)

The following Returns, which was Ordered by the Assembly on November 21, 2005, were laid upon the Table by Mr. Iwanchuk:

Return Nos. 440 to 462 by Mr. D'Autremont

(Sessional Paper Nos. 505 to 527)

Return Nos. 463 to 468 by Ms. Draude

(Sessional Paper Nos. 528 to 533)

The following Returns, which was Ordered by the Assembly on November 22, 2005, were laid upon the Table by Mr. Iwanchuk:

Return No. 469 by Mr. Morgan

(Sessional Paper No. 534)

Return Nos. 470 to 474 by Mr. Hermanson

(Sessional Paper Nos. 535 to 539)

Return Nos. 475 to 508 by Mr. Huyghebaert

(Sessional Paper Nos. 540 to 573)

Return No. 509 by Mr. Dearborn

(Sessional Paper No. 574)

Return Nos. 510 to 537 by Mr. Weekes

(Sessional Paper Nos. 575 to 602)

Return Nos. 538 to 541 by Mr. Huyghebaert

(Sessional Paper Nos. 603 to 606)

Return Nos. 542 to 547 by Ms. Draude

(Sessional Paper Nos. 607 to 612)

The following Returns, which were Ordered by the Assembly on November 23, 2005, were laid upon the Table by Mr. Iwanchuk:

Return Nos. 548 to 553 by Mr. Brkich

(Sessional Paper Nos. 613 to 618)

The following Returns, which were Ordered by the Assembly on November 25, 2005, were laid upon the Table by Mr. Iwanchuk:

Return Nos. 554 to 558 by Mr. Hermanson

(Sessional Paper Nos. 619 to 623)

The following Return, which was Ordered by the Assembly on November 28, 2005, was laid upon the Table by Mr. Iwanchuk:

Return No. 559 by Mr. Brkich

(Sessional Paper No. 624)

The following Returns, which were Ordered by the Assembly on November 29, 2005, were laid upon the Table by Mr. Iwanchuk:

Return Nos. 560 to 566 by Ms. Bakken Lackey

(Sessional Paper Nos. 625 to 631)

Return No. 567 by Mr. Brkich

(Sessional Paper No. 632)

The following Return, which was Ordered by the Assembly on November 30, 2005, was laid upon the Table by Mr. Iwanchuk:

Return No. 568 by Mr. Dearborn

(Sessional Paper No. 633)

The following Return, which was Ordered by the Assembly on December 1, 2005, was laid upon the Table by Mr. Iwanchuk:

Return No. 569 by Mr. Dearborn

(Sessional Paper No. 634)

The following Returns, which were Ordered by the Assembly on March 15, 2006, were laid upon the Table by Mr. Iwanchuk:

Return No. 570 by Mr. Dearborn

(Sessional Paper No. 635)

Return No. 571 by Mr. Hart

(Sessional Paper No. 636)

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Mr. Toth asked the Government the following Question No. 567, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Yates:

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?

Answer:

There were 116 overdue boiler inspections in the Swift Current area as of March 3, 2005.

Mr. Toth asked the Government the following Question No. 568, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Yates:

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

Answer:

There were 530 overdue boiler inspections in Saskatchewan as of March 3, 2005.

Mr. Toth asked the Government the following Question No. 569, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Yates:

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?

Answer:

- (1) There were 12 boiler and pressure vessel inspector positions in Saskatchewan as of March 3, 2005.
- (2) One position was vacant as of March 3, 2005.

Mr. Toth asked the Government the following Question No. 570, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Yates:

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?

Answer:

- (1) There are 12 boiler and pressure vessel inspector positions in Saskatchewan as of March 14, 2006.
- (2) Two of these positions are vacant at this time.

Mr. Toth asked the Government the following Question No. 571, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Yates:

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

Answer:

As of March 7, 2006, there are 955 overdue boiler inspections in the province.

Mr. Toth asked the Government the following Question No. 572, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Yates:

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?

Answer:

As of March 7, 2006, there are 148 overdue boiler inspections in the Swift Current area.

Notes:

- The Swift Current area is defined as the geographical area referred to by Licensing and Inspections as District 1 – Swift Current, which encompasses 24,300 square miles and is

geographically situated at Township 25, Range 4 W3M (Elbow, Saskatchewan) and extending to both the Alberta and US borders.

- Licensing and Inspection's boiler database is unable to obtain statistics for the date specified. (March 14, 2005). Statistics are generated at the beginning of each month and are presented for March 3, 2005 and March 7, 2006.

Mr. Hart asked the Government the following Question No. 573, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Latermilch:

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?

Answer:

No money has been paid, as the Government has not sold the facility. To date the Echo Valley Conference Centre is owned by the Government, and the Town of Fort Qu'Appelle has one year from February 13, 2006 in which to exercise their option to purchase.

Mr. Merriman asked the Government the following Question No. 574, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Belanger:

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?

Answer:

- (1) One.
- (2) Quarterly reports and annual audited financial statements.
Annual review.
Regular reporting and ongoing communications.

Mr. Merriman asked the Government the following Question No. 575, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Belanger:

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, what steps were taken to ensure financial oversight of the Oyate Safe House?

Answer:

- (1) Yes.
- (2) Quarterly reports and the annual financial statements.

Mr. Merriman asked the Government the following Question No. 576, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Belanger:

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?

Answer:

A Service Agreement was signed.

Mr. Merriman asked the Government the following Question No. 577, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Belanger:

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?

Answer:

- (1) The Department cannot report with certainty. This is not a secure custody facility.
- (2) Stopping the cycle of abuse for these children often requires several interventions.

Mr. Merriman asked the Government the following Question No. 578, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Belanger:

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

Answer:

Communications through program staff and caseworkers.

Mr. Merriman asked the Government the following Question No. 579, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Belanger:

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?

Answer:

- (1) 34.
- (2) The Department is unable to say with certainty. Sustainable change for these children often requires several interventions.

Mr. Merriman asked the Government the following Question No. 580, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Belanger:

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?

Answer:

- (1) Yes.
- (2) Ongoing training and support from the Department.

Mr. Merriman asked the Government the following Question No. 581, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Belanger:

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?

Answer:

- (1) Yes.
- (2) All matters were referred to the Board of Directors.

NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

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?

The following Question was given notice on day no. 24 and is to be answered by day no. 29:

Mr. Brkich, to ask the Government the following Question No. 596:

To the Minister of Highways and Transportation: When was Highway 15 from the junction of Highway 20 closed? What were the reasons for the closure and when will the Highway re-open?

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
