



No. 25

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

SECOND SESSION – TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Wednesday, March 22, 2006

1:30 p.m.

PRAYERS

INTRODUCTION OF PAGE

The Speaker informed the Assembly that Mandy Selzer would be a page for the present session.

SPEAKER TABLES REPORT

The Speaker laid before the Assembly, in accordance with subsection 33(a) of *The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, the Saskatchewan Information and Privacy Commissioner's Report on *The Youth Drug Detoxification and Stabilization Act*, dated March 22, 2006.

(Sessional Paper No. 637)

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, Cheveldayoff, 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 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 immediate action and make necessary repairs to Highway 32 in order to address safety and economic concerns.

(Addendum to 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.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 65)

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 582 to 594, they were answered. (See Appendix)

SECOND READINGS

Bill No. 42 – The Respiratory Therapists Act

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Taylor: That Bill No. 42 – The Respiratory Therapists Act – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 43 – The Medical Radiation Technologists Act, 2006

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Taylor: That Bill No. 43 – The Medical Radiation Technologists Act, 2006 – be now read a second time.

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

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Hagel:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 2:29 p.m. until Thursday at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. P. Myron Kowalsky
Speaker

CORRIGENDUM

In the *Votes and Proceedings* of Tuesday, March 21, 2006, on page 5, Bill No. 15 – The Highways and Transportation Amendment Act, 2005 – is recorded as being “referred to the Standing Committee on Human Services”. It should have been recorded as being “referred to the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Infrastructure”.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Mr. Weekes asked the Government the following Question No. 582, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Laughton:

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?

Answer:

(1) 7 accidents.

(2) Highways:

- Highway 18, west of the junction of highway 35;
- Highway 102, north of La Ronge;
- Highway 918, north of the Beauval junction;
- Highway 3, east of Peesone;
- Highway 1, east of Chaplin;
- Highway 2, south of Moose Jaw; and
- Highway 48, west of Davin

Mr. Weekes asked the Government the following Question No. 583, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Laughton:

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?

Answer:

(1) 9 accidents

(2) Highways:

- Highway 41, west of the junction of Highway 27;
- Highway 1, east of Chaplin;
- Highway 310, north of Balcarres;
- Highway 1, east of Regina;
- Highway 41, east of Yellow Creek;
- Highway 16, at junction of Highway 16 and the access to the Town of Ruddell
- Highway 1, east of Tompkins;
- Highway 6, south of Regina; and
- Highway 16, east of Langham.

Mr. Weekes asked the Government the following Question No. 584, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Latermilch:

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?

Answer:

(1) 8 accidents

(2) Highways:

- Highway 16, west of Sheo;
- Highway 47, on the Qu'Appelle Valley hill;
- Highway 21, north of Kerrobert;
- Highway 4, north of Rosetown;
- Highway 5, west of Humboldt;
- Highway 16, west of Saskatoon;
- Highway 1, west of the junction of Highways 1 and 21; and
- Highway 11, at the Davidson turnoff.

Mr. Brkich asked the Government the following Question No. 585, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Latermilch:

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?

Answer:

NOTE: It is presumed that the question is in respect to the Farmer Rail Car Coalition (FRCC).

(1) No.

(2) N/A

Mr. Brkich asked the Government the following Question No. 586, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Latermilch:

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?

Answer:

NOTE: It is presumed that the question is in respect to the Farmer Rail Car Coalition (FRCC).

(1) A loan was provided by the Saskatchewan Grain Car Corporation to the Farmer Rail Car Coalition.

(2) \$192,600.00

Mr. McMorris asked the Government the following Question No. 587, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hagel:

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?

Answer:

(1) No

(2) Not applicable

Mr. McMorris asked the Government the following Question No. 588, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hagel:

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?

Answer:

- (1) No
- (2) Not applicable

Mr. McMorris asked the Government the following Question No. 589, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hagel:

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?

Answer:

- (1) No
- (2) Not applicable

Mr. McMorris asked the Government the following Question No. 590, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hagel:

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?

Answer:

- (1) No
- (2) Not applicable

Mr. McMorris asked the Government the following Question No. 591, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Nilson:

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?

Answer:

- (1) Saskatchewan Environment did not provide a grant or loan to the White Track Ski Hill for the year 2002-2003.
- (2) Not applicable.

Mr. McMorris asked the Government the following Question No. 592, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Nilson:

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?

Answer:

- (1) Saskatchewan Environment did not provide a grant or loan to the White Track Ski Hill for the year 2003-2004.
- (2) Not applicable.

Mr. McMorris asked the Government the following Question No. 593, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Nilson:

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?

Answer:

- (1) Saskatchewan Environment did not provide a grant or loan to the Whitetrack Ski Hill for the year 2004-2005.
- (2) Not applicable.

Mr. McMorris asked the Government the following Question No. 594, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Nilson:

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?

Answer:

- (1) Saskatchewan Environment provided a grant in the 2005-2006 year to the Moose Jaw Alpine Ski Club, which was operating the White Track Ski Hill.
- (2) A \$20,000 grant was provided in December 2005, to assist the club in paying outstanding bills and to cover some of the annual start-up costs of White Track Ski Hill.

NOTICE OF MOTION FOR A SEVENTY-FIVE MINUTE DEBATE

On Friday:

Mr. Cheveldayoff to move the following motion:

That since the Saskatchewan Business Tax Review Committee of 2005 concluded that "Saskatchewan's business tax structure is outdated and poorly suited to deal with the competitive challenges of today and the future," that this Assembly urge the government to act on the corporate tax reform recommendations of the Business Tax Review Committee in this budget year adhering to the implementation schedule; and further,

That this Assembly urge the government to reduce the PST to six percent in this budget year and defer further sales tax reform as recommended by the Business Tax Review Committee.

NOTICE OF PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTIONS

On Friday:

Mr. Borgerson to move the following motion:

That the Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly endorse the government's creation of the new Public Complaints Commission which brings about fundamental changes to the public complaint investigation and decision process.

NOTICE OF PRIORITY ITEMS

On Friday:

No. 1 (Opposition)

Adjourned debate on the proposed **Motion No. 1** of Mr. Huyghebaert:

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. Toth)

Adjourned Once

NOTICE OF MOTIONS FOR RETURNS (Not Debatable)

On Friday:

Mr. Merriman to move that an Order of the Assembly do issue for **Return No. 572** showing:

A copy of the Government of Saskatchewan's funding and service agreement with the File Hills Tribal Council with regards to the Oyate Safe House.

Mr. Merriman to move that an Order of the Assembly do issue for **Return No. 573** showing:

A copy of the Government of Saskatchewan's funding and service agreement with the Oyate Wankanyēja Owicakiyapi Inc. with regard to the Oyate Safe House.

Mr. Weekes to move that an Order of the Assembly do issue for **Return No. 574** showing:

A copy of the Highway Equipment Storage Strategy for both the North and South regions.

NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

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: (1) When was Highway 15 from the junction of Highway 20 closed? (2) What were the reasons for the closure, and when will the highway re-open?

The following Questions were given notice on day no. 25 and are to be answered by day no. 30:

Mr. Hart, to ask the Government the following Question No. 597:

To the Minister of Property Management: What is the sale price of the Echo Valley Conference Centre in the option to purchase that Saskatchewan Property Management has awarded to the town of Fort Qu'Appelle?

Mr. Elhard, to ask the Government the following Question No. 598:

To the Minister of Culture, Youth and Recreation: (1) What are the total expenses incurred and revenues generated by the tour of Scotty, Saskatchewan's T-Rex, to the cities of Tokyo, Nagoya and Osaka in Japan? (2) Which department, agency or institution received the revenues generated by the tour?

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
