



No. 62

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

SECOND SESSION – TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Wednesday, May 17, 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, McMorris, Draude, Hermanson, Stewart, Harpauer, Weekes, Cheveldayoff, Allchurch, Kirsch, Merriman, Morgan and Kerpan.

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to initiate measures as required to bring parity to all provincial employees' pensions and benefits.

(Sessional Paper No. 753)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to act upon the recommendations made by the group "Saskatchewan Families for Effective Autism Treatment".

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 638)

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 fully fund the cancer drug Avastin.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 639)

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 the Davidson and Imperial Health Centres be maintained at their current level of service.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 741)

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

The following Bill was reported without amendment and consideration in Committee of the Whole having been waived, by leave of the Assembly, it was read the third time and passed:

Bill No. 48 - The Parks Amendment Act, 2006

(Hon. Mr. Nilson)

Unanimous consent having been granted, the Assembly proceeded to Motions for Returns (Debatable) and then reverted to Orders of the Day.

MOTIONS FOR RETURNS (DEBATABLE)**RETURN NO. 574**

Moved by Mr. Weekes, seconded by Mr. Cheveldayoff: That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return No. 574 showing:

To the Minister of Highways and Transportation: A copy of the Highway Equipment Storage Strategy for both the North and South regions.

The question being put, it was agreed to and an Order of the Assembly issued.

Return No. 574 was brought down and tabled by Mr. Iwanchuk as Sessional Paper No. 758.

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 1100 to 1101, they were answered. (See Appendix)

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Hagel:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 2:47 p.m. until Thursday at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. P. Myron Kowalsky
Speaker

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Mr. Brkich asked the Government the following Question No. 1100, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Taylor:

To the Minister of Health: How many people are currently on the waiting list for long-term care in the Heartland Health Region?

Answer:

- According to regional health authority officials, there are currently twelve vacant long-term care beds in the Heartland Health Region (two beds in Biggar, four beds in Kindersley, three beds in Eston, one bed in Kerrobert and two beds in Elrose).
- Three people are currently living in their home communities of Macklin, Wilkie and Lucky Lake, who have been offered long-term care services outside of their home community but have elected to wait for a vacancy in a specific special care home.
- Eighteen people are currently receiving long-term care services in a special care home outside of their home community, who have requested a transfer to a specific facility (nine persons to Unity, four persons to Rosetown, three persons to Davidson, one person to Kyle and one person to Lucky Lake).
- When people are placed outside a community/facility of their choice, every effort is made by the regional health authority to accommodate them to be transferred back to a community/facility of choice.

Mr. Brkich asked the Government the following Question No. 1101, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Taylor:

To the Minister of Health: (1) What long-term care facilities have waiting lists in the Heartland Health Region? (2) How many people are on each facility's waiting list in the region?

Answer:

- (1) According to regional health authority officials, there are currently twelve vacant long-term care beds in the Heartland Health Region (two beds in Biggar, four beds in Kindersley, three beds in Eston, one bed in Kerrobert and two beds in Elrose).
- (2) Three people are currently living in their home communities of Macklin, Wilkie and Lucky Lake, who have been offered long-term care services outside of their home community but have elected to wait for a vacancy in a specific special care home. Eighteen people are currently receiving long-term care services in a special care home outside of their home community, who have requested a transfer to a specific facility (nine persons to Unity, four persons to Rosetown, three persons to Davidson, one person to Kyle and one person to Lucky Lake).

NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The following Questions were given notice on day no. 59 and are to be answered by day no. 64:

Mr. Allchurch, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1152:

To the Minister of Northern Affairs: Did Northwest Communities Wood Products submit a status report to the department after receiving \$25,000 from the Northern Development Fund in July 1999?

Mr. Allchurch, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1153:

To the Minister of Northern Affairs: Did Northwest Communities Wood Products submit an interim report after receiving an initial disbursement of \$65,000 as per the funding agreement with Saskatchewan Northern Affairs signed in March 2001?

Mr. Allchurch, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1154:

To the Minister of Northern Affairs: How much of the \$291,677 maximum funding amount as detailed in Order-in-Council 508/2001 was actually disbursed to Northwest Communities Wood Products?

Mr. Brkich, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1155:

To the Minister of Highways and Transportation: (1) To date in the current fiscal year, how many claims have been submitted to the department for vehicle damage? (2) What is the total dollar value of these claims?

Mr. Brkich, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1156:

To the Minister of Highways and Transportation: (1) Will the section of Highway 20 between Lanigan and Nokomis be upgraded this year to the primary weight category? (2) Will any other stretches of Highway 20 be upgraded as well?

Mr. Morgan, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1157:

To the Minister Responsible for Public Service Commission: How many government employees who have been terminated because of cases of fraud since 2003 have been subsequently re-employed by the Government of Saskatchewan?

Mr. McMorris, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1158:

To the Minister of Health: How many nurses, including RNs, RPNs, and LPNs are currently employed in the following employment categories in each Regional Health Authority: permanent full-time, permanent part-time, and casual?

Mr. McMorris, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1159:

To the Minister of Health: How many nursing vacancies, including RNs, RPNs, and LPNs are there in the following employment categories in each Regional Health Authority: permanent full-time, permanent part-time, and casual?

Ms. Harpauer, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1160:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Telecommunications Corporation: (1) For the calendar year 2004, how many SaskTel employees and their immediate families have been compensated for appearing in commercials for SaskTel products and services? (2) What was the total compensation?

Ms. Harpauer, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1161:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Telecommunications Corporation: (1) For the calendar year 2005, how many SaskTel employees and their immediate families have been compensated for appearing in commercials for SaskTel products and services? (2) What was the total compensation?

Ms. Harpauer, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1162:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Telecommunications Corporation: (1) To date, how many SaskTel employees and their immediate families have been compensated for appearing in commercials for SaskTel products and services? (2) What was the total compensation?