



No. 7

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

THIRD SESSION – TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Monday, November 6, 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: Toth, Elhard, D'Autremont, Krawetz, Draude, Hermanson, Hart, Harpauer, Eagles, Weekes, Cheveldayoff, Allchurch, Brkich, Dearborn, Merriman, Morgan and Duncan.

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

According to Order, the Deputy Clerk having favourably reported on the same pursuant to Rule 15(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 upgrade the Bruno access road off Highway 5.

(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 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. 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 actions to ensure that Highway 18 from Claydon to Robsart is repaved at the earliest possible time.

(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 review the decision to deny the requested spaces for the Estevan Day Care Cooperative.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 9)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to fully fund the cancer drug Avastin.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 21)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to repair and maintain Highway 36.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 23)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to build a provincial Children's Hospital in Saskatoon.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 24)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to implement a strategy that will see a dialysis unit placed in Broadview Union Hospital.

(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 ensure that Highway 20 be upgraded to primary weight status.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 31)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to repair Highway 49.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 32)

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. 9 – The Saskatchewan Human Rights Code Amendment Act, 2006

(Hon. Mr. Quennell)

Bill No. 12 – The Planning and Development Act, 2006

(Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen)

Bill No. 15 – The Municipal Financing Corporation Amendment Act, 2006

(Hon. Mr. Thomson)

Bill No. 17 – The Miscellaneous Statutes (Municipal Collection of Other Taxes) Amendment Act, 2006

(Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen)

Bill No. 18 – The Court Security Act

(Hon. Mr. Quennell)

Bill No. 19 – The Securities Amendment Act, 2006 (No. 2)

(Hon. Mr. Quennell)

Bill No. 20 – The Gunshot and Stab Wounds Mandatory Reporting Act

(Hon. Mr. Quennell)

Bill No. 21 – The Evidence Amendment Act, 2006

Projet de loi n° 21 – Loi de 2006 modifiant la Loi sur la preuve

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

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Question No. 1, pursuant to Rule 19(1) the answer was Tabled and, by reason of its length, converted by the Clerk to Return No. 1.

(Sessional Paper No. 34)

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 2 to 10, they were answered. (See Appendix)

ADDRESS IN REPLY

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of Mr. Trew, seconded by Ms. Hamilton:

That an Humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor as follows:

TO HIS HONOUR THE HONOURABLE GORDON L. BARNHART
Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Saskatchewan

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Saskatchewan, in Session assembled, humbly thank Your Honour for the gracious Speech which Your Honour has been pleased to address to us at the opening of the present Session;

and the proposed amendment thereto moved by Mr. Duncan, seconded by Mr. D'Autremont:

That the following words be added after the word "Session":

and that this government no longer enjoys the confidence of this Assembly because of its lack of vision and initiative in finding solutions to the growing labour shortage, the out-migration of our youth and families, forcing Saskatchewan people to go out of province for health care, failing to deal with the agricultural crisis and its impact on rural Saskatchewan, failing to protect children who are at risk, and for being too focused on its internal partisan political problems.

The debate continuing on the motion and the amendment, and 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	Dearborn	Merriman	Morgan
Duncan				

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Calvert	Hamilton	Van Mulligen	Lautermilch	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 debate continuing on the motion, it was on motion of the Hon. Mr. Forbes, adjourned.

The Assembly recessed from 4:56 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

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

Ordered, That the order for the adjournment of the debate on the Address in Reply, moved at 4:56 p.m., be rescinded.

The debate being resumed, it was on motion of Mr. Stewart adjourned.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Hagel:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 8:19 p.m. until Tuesday at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. P. Myron Kowalsky
Speaker

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Mr. Weekes asked the Government the following Question No. 2, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Atkinson:

To the Minister Responsible for Immigration: For 2005/06 fiscal year, what are the reasons for rejecting any applications through the Saskatchewan Immigrant Nominee Program?

Answer:

In general, applications are rejected because:

- they do not meet program or category criteria;
- the applicant did not provide sufficient information and was sent at least one reminder;
- supporting documentation is found to be inadequate or unsubstantiated; and
- there is reason to believe that the applicant or their accompanying family members will not meet federal statutory health, criminality or background requirements.

Mr. Weekes asked the Government the following Question No. 3, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Atkinson:

To the Minister Responsible for Immigration: To date, with a breakdown for 2006, how many applications did the Saskatchewan Immigrant Nominee Program reject?

Answer:

From January 1, 2006 to September 30, 2006, the SINP rejected 32 applications.

Mr. Weekes asked the Government the following Question No. 4, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Atkinson:

To the Minister Responsible for Immigration: To date, with a breakdown for 2006, how many applications did the Saskatchewan Immigrant Nominee Program approve?

Answer:

From January 1, 2006 to September 30, 2006, the SINP approved 613 applications.

Mr. Weekes asked the Government the following Question No. 5, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Atkinson:

To the Minister Responsible for Immigration: To date, with a breakdown for 2006, how many applications did the Saskatchewan Immigrant Nominee Program receive for each category?

Answer:

From January 1 to September 30, 2006 the SINP received 1563 applications – broken down by category:

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| 11 | Business |
| 2 | Critical Occupation |
| 26 | Existing Work Permit |
| 806 | Family Members |
| 3 | Farm Family/Employee |
| 4 | Farm Owner/Operator |
| 52 | Health Worker |
| 12 | Semi Skilled |
| 554 | Skilled Worker |
| 22 | Student |
| 71 | Truck Driver-Long Haul |

Mr. Weekes asked the Government the following Question No. 6, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Atkinson:

To the Minister Responsible for Immigration: To date, with a breakdown for 2006, how many applications did the Saskatchewan Immigrant Nominee Program receive?

Answer:

From January 1, 2006 to September 30, 2006, the SINP received 1563 applications.

Mr. Weekes asked the Government the following Question No. 7, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Atkinson:

To the Minister Responsible for Immigration: To date, with a breakdown for 2006, how many people are employed to administer the Saskatchewan Immigrant Nominee Program?

Answer:

As of September 2006, 24 people are employed to administer the Saskatchewan Immigrant Nominee Program.

Mr. Dearborn asked the Government the following Question No. 8, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Higgins:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority: (1) What are SLGA's standard auditing procedures for VLTs? (2) Who performs the audit? (3) When were the procedures last updated?

Answer:

The Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority (SLGA) has a number of control processes that contribute to the integrity of the operation of the VLTs:

- SLGA is audited annually by the Provincial Auditor;
- Western Canada Lottery Corporation (WCLC), SLGA's agent for operation of the VLT Program, is audited annually by a national accounting firm, Deloitte & Touche;
- One of SLGA's conditions of purchase include the VLTs being approved by an independent testing laboratory to ensure their integrity, prior to being introduced into the marketplace;
- WCLC performs quality assurance testing on the VLTs to provide additional assurance of their integrity;
- SLGA's Compliance Branch performs regular, random, independent checks of all VLTs throughout Saskatchewan and investigates complaints from players with respect to electronic gaming machines to ensure the machines are operating correctly and players are being treated fairly.

Auditing procedures are updated on a regular basis as national standards change.

Mr. Dearborn asked the Government the following Question No. 9, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Higgins:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority: Has SLGA audited any winnings of its VLTs purchased or leased from WMS Gaming?

Answer:

No, currently SLGA does not have WMS Gaming machines within its VLT program.

Mr. Dearborn asked the Government the following Question No. 10, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Higgins:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority: (1) Does SLGA have any VLTs purchased or leased from WMS Gaming? (2) If so, has SLGA had any contact with WMS Gaming regarding the VLT programming error?

Answer:

The Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority does not have any VLTs purchased or leased from WMS Gaming.

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

On Wednesday / mercredi:

Hon. Ms. Higgins to move First Reading of Bill No. 24 – The Alcohol and Gaming Regulation Amendment Act, 2006

L'hon. Mme Higgins proposera la première lecture du projet de loi n° 24 – Loi de 2006 modifiant la Loi de 1997 sur la réglementation des boissons alcoolisées et des jeux de hasard

Hon. Mr. Hagel to move First Reading of Bill No. 25 – The Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act, 2006

L'hon. M. Hagel proposera la première lecture du projet de loi n° 25 – Loi de 2006 sur l'Assemblée législative et le Conseil exécutif

Hon. Mr. Hagel to move First Reading of Bill No. 26 – The Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Consequential Amendments Act, 2006

NOTICE OF GOVERNMENT MOTIONS

On Wednesday:

Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen to move the following Motion:

That this Assembly urge Prime Minister Harper to honour his commitment to remove non-renewable resource revenues from the equalization formula.

NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The following Questions were given notice on day no. 4 and are to be answered by day no. 9:

Mr. Weekes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 13:

To the Minister of Highways and Transportation: (1) In the current fiscal year, does the government have any plans to convert highways section shops to satellite facilities? (2) If so, which section shops will be converted?

Mr. Weekes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 14:

To the Minister of Highways and Transportation: (1) In the 2005/06 fiscal year, did the government convert any highways section shops to satellite facilities? (2) If so, which section shops were converted?

Mr. Weekes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 15:

To the Minister of Highways and Transportation: (1) In the 2004/05 fiscal year, did the government convert any highways section shops to satellite facilities? (2) If so, which section shops were converted?

Ms. Harpauer, to ask the Government the following Question No. 16:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: Who will own the carbon dioxide separation technology that will be developed for SaskPower's clean coal initiative?

Ms. Harpauer, to ask the Government the following Question No. 17:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: What is the time frame for the carbon dioxide separation technology agreement for SaskPower's clean coal initiative?

Ms. Harpauer, to ask the Government the following Question No. 18:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: Who owns the licensing rights for technology developed through SaskPower's clean coal initiative?

Ms. Harpauer, to ask the Government the following Question No. 19:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: Who owns the patents and intellectual property rights from technology developed through SaskPower's clean coal initiative?

Ms. Harpauer, to ask the Government the following Question No. 20:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: What is the financial responsibility of each partner in SaskPower's clean coal initiative?

Ms. Harpauer, to ask the Government the following Question No. 21:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: What is the financial commitment from each partner in SaskPower's clean coal initiative?

Mr. Weekes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 22:

To the Minister of Highways and Transportation: (1) For the fiscal year 2005/06, has the department closed or converted any highways section shops to satellite facilities? (2) If so, which ones?

The following Questions were given notice on day no. 6 and are to be answered by day no. 11:

Mr. Allchurch, to ask the Government the following Question No. 23:

To the Minister Responsible for Investment Saskatchewan: How much money has Investment Saskatchewan given to Beauval Forest Industries or North West Communities Wood Products?

Mr. Allchurch, to ask the Government the following Question No. 24:

To the Minister of Industry and Resources: To date, how much money has the department given to North West Communities Wood Products or Beauval Forest Industries?

Mr. Allchurch, to ask the Government the following Question No. 25:

To the Minister of Northern Affairs: To date, how much money has the department given to North West Communities Wood Products or Beauval Forest Industries?

Mr. Allchurch, to ask the Government the following Question No. 26:

To the Minister of Environment: To date, how much money has the department given to North West Communities Wood Products or Beauval Forest Industries?

Mr. Cheveldayoff, to ask the Government the following Question No. 27:

To the Minister of Finance: (1) What was the original completion date of the Finance Headquarters on College Avenue and Albert Street in Regina? (2) What is the new projected completion date of this same building?

Mr. Cheveldayoff, to ask the Government the following Question No. 28:

To the Minister of Finance: What are the cost overruns of the Finance Headquarters on College Avenue and Albert Street in Regina?

Mr. Duncan, to ask the Government the following Question No. 29:

To the Premier: In the 2005/06 fiscal year, how many nominations were received for the Saskatchewan Youth Award?

Mr. Duncan, to ask the Government the following Question No. 30:

To the Premier: In the 2005/06 fiscal year, how many Saskatchewan people received the Saskatchewan Youth Award?

Mr. Duncan, to ask the Government the following Question No. 31:

To the Premier: To date, for the fiscal year 2006/07, how many nominations were received for the Saskatchewan Youth Award?

Mr. Duncan, to ask the Government the following Question No. 32:

To the Premier: To date, for the fiscal year 2006/07, how many Saskatchewan youth received the Saskatchewan Youth Award?

The following Questions were given notice on day no. 7 and are to be answered by day no. 12:

Mr. Brkich, to ask the Government the following Question No. 33:

To the Minister of Regional Economic and Co-operative Development: What are the costs associated with creating, publishing and distributing the *Communities At Work* magazine that is distributed by the Department of Regional Economic and Co-operative Development?

Mr. Allchurch, to ask the Government the following Question No. 34:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Government Insurance: (1) To date, how many accidents with wildlife have been recorded on Saskatchewan highways? (2) What was the cost to SGI in claims?

Mr. Allchurch, to ask the Government the following Question No. 35:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Government Insurance: (1) In the year 2005, how many accidents with wildlife were recorded on Saskatchewan highways? (2) What was the cost to SGI in claims?

Mr. Allchurch, to ask the Government the following Question No. 36:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Government Insurance: (1) In the year 2004, how many accidents with wildlife were recorded on Saskatchewan highways? (2) What was the cost to SGI in claims?

Mr. Allchurch, to ask the Government the following Question No. 37:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Government Insurance: (1) In the year 2003, how many accidents with wildlife were recorded on Saskatchewan highways? (2) What was the cost to SGI in claims?

Mr. Allchurch, to ask the Government the following Question No. 38:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Government Insurance: (1) In the year 2002, how many accidents with wildlife were recorded on Saskatchewan highways? (2) What was the cost to SGI in claims?

Mr. Allchurch, to ask the Government the following Question No. 39:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Government Insurance: (1) In the year 2001, how many accidents with wildlife were recorded on Saskatchewan highways? (2) What was the cost to SGI in claims?

Mr. Allchurch, to ask the Government the following Question No. 40:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Government Insurance: (1) In the year 2000, how many accidents with wildlife were recorded on Saskatchewan highways? (2) What was the cost to SGI in claims?

NOTICE REGARDING PETITIONS FOR PRIVATE BILLS

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with Rules 88 and 91 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
