



No. 12

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

THIRD SESSION – TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Tuesday, November 14, 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, McMorris, D'Autremont, Wall, Draude, Hermanson, Bjornerud, Hart, Eagles, Weekes, Cheveldayoff, Allchurch, Brkich, Dearborn, 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 take the necessary steps to ensure that the Dept. of Highways section shop in Watrous remain open so as to ensure the safety of all motorists and Sask. Highways employees.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 6)

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)

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 33 to 40, they were answered. (See Appendix)

SECOND READINGS / DEUXIÈME LECTURE**Bill No. 16 – The Tobacco Tax Amendment Act, 2006**

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Thomson: That Bill No. 16 – The Tobacco Tax Amendment Act, 2006 – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 32 – The Superannuation (Supplementary Provisions) Amendment Act, 2006

The Hon. Mr. Thomson, a member of the Executive Council, having acquainted the Assembly that His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the Bill, recommends it to the consideration of the Assembly, moved: That Bill No. 32 – The Superannuation (Supplementary Provisions) Amendment Act, 2006 – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 31 – The Regional Health Services Amendment Act, 2006 (No. 2)

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Taylor: That Bill No. 31 – The Regional Health Services Amendment Act, 2006 (No. 2) – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 27 – The Film Employment Tax Credit Amendment Act, 2006

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Hagel: That Bill No. 27 – The Film Employment Tax Credit Amendment Act, 2006 – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 28 – The Cities Amendment Act, 2006 (No. 2)

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen: That Bill No. 28 – The Cities Amendment Act, 2006 (No. 2) – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 29 – The Labour Standards Consequential Amendments Act, 2006
Projet de loi n° 29 – Loi de 2006 portant modifications corrélatives à la loi intitulée The Labour Standards Amendments Act, 2006

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Forbes: That Bill No. 29 – The Labour Standards Consequential Amendments Act, 2006 – be now read a second time.

L'hon. M. Forbes propose: Que le projet de loi n° 29 – Loi de 2006 portant modifications corrélatives à la loi intitulée The Labour Standards Amendments Act, 2006 – soit maintenant lu une deuxième fois.

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

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

On motion of Mr. Yates:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 3:36 p.m. until Wednesday at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. P. Myron Kowalsky
Speaker

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Mr. Brkich asked the Government the following Question No. 33, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Serby:

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?

Answer:

Communities At Work is distributed to approximately 225,000 households in Saskatchewan at a cost of approximately 24 cents per copy.

Mr. Allchurch asked the Government the following Question No. 34, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hagel:

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?

Answer:

(1) 13,438 as at November 7, 2006.

(2) \$27,870,940.94 as at November 7, 2006.

Mr. Allchurch asked the Government the following Question No. 35, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hagel:

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?

Answer:

(1) 15,324.

(2) \$33,157,596.69

Mr. Allchurch asked the Government the following Question No. 36, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hagel:

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?

Answer:

(1) 14,909.

(2) \$29,719,448.51

Mr. Allchurch asked the Government the following Question No. 37, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hagel:

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?

Answer:

(1) 13,966.

(2) \$29,961,649.41

Mr. Allchurch asked the Government the following Question No. 38, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hagel:

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?

Answer:

- (1) 11,514.
- (2) \$24,518,730.98

Mr. Allchurch asked the Government the following Question No. 39, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hagel:

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?

Answer:

- (1) 11,775.
- (2) \$22,682,115.80

Mr. Allchurch asked the Government the following Question No. 40, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hagel:

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?

Answer:

- (1) 10,645.
- (2) \$19,870,731.01

NOTICE OF MOTION FOR A SEVENTY-FIVE MINUTE DEBATE

On Thursday:

Mr. Merriman to move the following motion:

That this Assembly condemn the government and the Minister of Community Resources for not acting promptly to protect vulnerable children at Oyate Safe House based on evidence that operational practices put these children at greater risk of harm.

NOTICE OF PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTIONS

On Thursday:

Ms. Morin to move the following motion:

That this Assembly recognize Saskatchewan for being a leader in fostering a balance between work and family with initiatives such as the new Family Day statutory holiday.

NOTICE OF PRIORITY ITEMS

On Thursday:

No. 1 (Government)

Ms. Morin to move the following motion:

That this Assembly recognize Saskatchewan for being a leader in fostering a balance between work and family with initiatives such as the new Family Day statutory holiday.

No. 2 (Opposition)

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

That this Assembly no longer has confidence in the Premier and his government.

(Mr. McMorris)
Adjourned Once

NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The following Questions were given notice on day no. 10 and are to be answered by day no. 15:

Mr. Brkich, to ask the Government the following Question No. 51:

To the Minister of Property Management: When is the projected completion date for construction at the front of the Legislature?

Mr. Allchurch, to ask the Government the following Question No. 52:

To the Minister Responsible for SaskEnergy Incorporated: When is the projected start date of the LaRonge natural gas project?

Mr. Weekes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 53:

To the Minister Responsible for Immigration: (1) Has the department signed an exclusive agreement with the Philippines regarding immigration? (2) If so, what is the length of the agreement?

Mr. Weekes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 54:

To the Minister of Highways and Transportation: How many employees are permanently stationed at the satellite section shop facilities in Gull Lake, Meath Park and Shellbrook?

The following Questions were given notice on day no. 11 and are to be answered by day no. 16:

Mr. Merriman, to ask the Government the following Question No. 55:

To the Minister of Community Resources: How many foster homes in the province exceed the legal limit for the number of children occupying the house?

Mr. Merriman, to ask the Government the following Question No. 56:

To the Minister of Community Resources: What was the total number of foster homes in the province before the launch of the recruitment campaign on March 23, 2006?

Mr. Merriman, to ask the Government the following Question No. 57:

To the Minister of Community Resources: What is the total number of foster homes in the province today (November 13, 2006)?

Mr. Morgan, to ask the Government the following Question No. 58:

To the Minister of Environment: (1) Were percolation tests done on groundwater in the RM of Corman Park in the year 2005-06? (2) If so, what were the test results?

The following Questions were given notice on day no. 12 and are to be answered by day no. 17:

Mr. Allchurch, to ask the Government the following Question No. 59:

To the Minister Responsible for Investment Saskatchewan Inc.: What is the interest rate for the \$2 million loan to North West Communities Wood Products?

Mr. Allchurch, to ask the Government the following Question No. 60:

To the Minister Responsible for Investment Saskatchewan Inc.: What is the re-payment schedule for the \$2 million loan to North West Communities Wood Products?

Mr. Allchurch, to ask the Government the following Question No. 61:

To the Minister Responsible for Investment Saskatchewan Inc.: What type of loan was provided to North West Communities Wood Products?

Mr. Cheveldayoff, to ask the Government the following Question No. 62:

To the Minister of Learning: On what date will the 2006 Capital Priority List be released?

Mr. Cheveldayoff, to ask the Government the following Question No. 63:

To the Minister of Property Management: (1) To date, how many floors have been completed in the construction project of the Finance headquarters on College Avenue in Regina? (2) What will be the end number of floors constructed in this project?

Mr. Cheveldayoff, to ask the Government the following Question No. 64:

To the Minister of Property Management: What was the total cost estimate from Dominion Construction, approved by the government of Saskatchewan, for the construction project at the Finance headquarters on College Avenue in Regina?

Mr. Cheveldayoff, to ask the Government the following Question No. 65:

To the Minister of Property Management: What will be the actual final cost upon completion of the construction project at the Finance headquarters on College Avenue in Regina?

Mr. Cheveldayoff, to ask the Government the following Question No. 66:

To the Minister of Property Management: To date, how much has been spent on the construction project of the Finance headquarters on College Avenue in Regina?

Mr. Hart, to ask the Government the following Question No. 67:

To the Minister of Environment: (1) Is the provincial government aware of the study released on November 13, 2006 by the World Wildlife Federation Canada raising concerns about the impact of Alberta oil sands development on Saskatchewan's water supply? (2) If so, what action has the government taken to address the concerns raised about the sustainability of the water supply that flows to Saskatchewan through the Mackenzie River System?

Mr. Hart, to ask the Government the following Question No. 68:

To the Minister of Environment: (1) Has the provincial government raised the issue of ensuring a sustainable supply of water for Saskatchewan with the government of Alberta? (2) If so, what actions have been taken by the provincial government to ensure that Saskatchewan has access to a sustainable downstream of water supply from water sources flowing into Saskatchewan from Alberta?

Mr. Hart, to ask the Government the following Question No. 69:

To the Minister of Environment: Have the government of Saskatchewan taken action to negotiate a binding water agreement to regulate trans-boundary usage of water from the Mackenzie River basin?

Mr. Hart, to ask the Government the following Question No. 70:

To the Minister of Environment: Given the importance of a sustainable oil sands development for Saskatchewan and a sustainable water supply to develop our oil sands, what action is the provincial government taking to ensure the Saskatchewan's oil sands are served by a sustainable water supply?

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
