



No. 23

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

THIRD SESSION – TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Monday, December 4, 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, Bjornerud, Stewart, Harpauer, Gantefer, Eagles, Weekes, Cheveldayoff, Huyghebaert, Allchurch, Kirsch, Brkich, Dearborn, Merriman, Morgan, Duncan, Wartman, Trew and Sonntag.

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 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 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 upgrade and widen Highway 5 from Humboldt to Saskatoon.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 22)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to upgrade and maintain Highway 22.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 25)

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)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to resurface and properly maintain Highway 3 from Fairholme to Turtleford and the Livelong access road.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 35)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to implement an allocation of financial resources to build an elementary school in Arbor Creek.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 37)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to support the position that it is the right of western Canadian producers to decide the future of the Canadian Wheat Board.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 48)

SPEAKER TABLES REPORT

The Speaker laid before the Assembly the Annual Report of the Saskatchewan Legislative Library for the year ended March 31, 2006.

(Sessional Paper No. 52)

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 204 to 221, they were answered. (See Appendix)

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Hagel:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 2:39 p.m. until Tuesday at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. P. Myron Kowalsky
Speaker

RETURNS, REPORTS AND PAPERS TABLED

The following paper was laid upon the Table:

By the Hon. Mr. Quennell:

Amendments to the Bylaws of the following Professional Association:

The Chiropractors' Association of Saskatchewan

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 29)

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Mr. Toth asked the Government the following Question No. 204, which was answered by the Hon.

Mr. Taylor:

To the Minister of Health: What was the total number of dialysis units in Regina for the year 2002/03?

Answer:

There were 36 dialysis stations in Regina as of December 31, 2002.

Mr. Toth asked the Government the following Question No. 205, which was answered by the Hon.

Mr. Taylor:

To the Minister of Health: What was the total number of dialysis units in Regina for the year 2003/04?

Answer:

There were 39 dialysis stations in Regina as of December 31, 2003.

Mr. Toth asked the Government the following Question No. 206, which was answered by the Hon.

Mr. Taylor:

To the Minister of Health: What was the total number of dialysis units in Regina for the year 2004/05?

Answer:

There were 39 dialysis stations in Regina as of December 31, 2004.

Mr. Toth asked the Government the following Question No. 207, which was answered by the Hon.

Mr. Taylor:

To the Minister of Health: What was the total number of dialysis units in Regina for the year 2005/06?

Answer:

There were 39 dialysis stations in Regina as of December 31, 2005.

Mr. Toth asked the Government the following Question No. 208, which was answered by the Hon.

Mr. Taylor:

To the Minister of Health: What was the total number of dialysis units in Regina for the year 2006/07?

Answer:

There were 40 dialysis stations in Regina as of September 30, 2006.

Mr. Toth asked the Government the following Question No. 209, which was answered by the Hon.

Mr. Taylor:

To the Minister of Health: What was the patient load for each satellite dialysis in the province for the year 2002/03?

Answer:

Patients are assessed by nephrologists as to their suitability to receive dialysis services at a satellite. Patients requiring hemodialysis from or near a community with a satellite program receive treatment in Regina or Saskatoon until the patient is deemed suitable for treatment at a satellite and space is available.

- Prince Albert, as of December 31, 2002 – 29 patients
- Tisdale, as of December 31, 2002 – 13 patients
- Lloydminster, as of December 31, 2002 – 11 patients (Saskatchewan patients only)
- Yorkton, as of December 31, 2002 – 24 patients
- Swift Current, as of December 31, 2002 – 8 patients

Mr. Toth asked the Government the following Question No. 210, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Taylor:

To the Minister of Health: What was the patient load for each satellite dialysis in the province for the year 2003/04?

Answer:

Patients are assessed by nephrologists as to their suitability to receive dialysis services at a satellite. Patients requiring hemodialysis from or near a community with a satellite program receive treatment in Regina or Saskatoon until the patient is deemed suitable for treatment at a satellite and space is available.

- Prince Albert, as of December 31, 2003 – 25 patients
- Tisdale, as of December 31, 2003 – 11 patients
- Lloydminster, as of December 31, 2003 – 10 patients (Saskatchewan patients only)
- Yorkton, as of December 31, 2003 – 25 patients
- Swift Current, as of December 31, 2003 – 8 patients
- North Battleford, as of December 31, 2003 – 4 patients (Opened December 2003)

Mr. Toth asked the Government the following Question No. 211, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Taylor:

To the Minister of Health: What was the patient load for each satellite dialysis in the province for the year 2004/05?

Answer:

Patients are assessed by nephrologists as to their suitability to receive dialysis services at a satellite. Patients requiring hemodialysis from or near a community with a satellite program receive treatment in Regina or Saskatoon until the patient is deemed suitable for treatment at a satellite and space is available.

- Prince Albert, as of December 31, 2004 – 25 patients
- Tisdale, as of December 31, 2004 – 11 patients
- Lloydminster, as of December 31, 2004 – 9 patients (Saskatchewan patients only)
- Yorkton, as of December 31, 2004 – 24 patients
- Swift Current, as of December 31, 2004 – 9 patients
- North Battleford, as of December 31, 2004 – 10 patients
- Moose Jaw, as of December 31, 2004 – 11 patients (opened December 2004)

Mr. Toth asked the Government the following Question No. 212, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Taylor:

To the Minister of Health: What was the patient load for each satellite dialysis in the province for the year 2005/06?

Answer:

Patients are assessed by nephrologists as to their suitability to receive dialysis services at a satellite. Patients requiring hemodialysis from or near a community with a satellite program receive treatment in Regina or Saskatoon until the patient is deemed suitable for treatment at a satellite and space is available.

- Prince Albert, as of December 31, 2005 – 37 patients
- Tisdale, as of December 31, 2005 – 12 patients
- Lloydminster, as of December 31, 2005 – 9 patients (Saskatchewan patients only)
- Yorkton, as of December 31, 2005 – 26 patients
- Swift Current, as of December 31, 2005 – 13 patients
- North Battleford, as of December 31, 2005 – 11 patients
- Moose Jaw, as of December 31, 2005 – 11 patients

Mr. Toth asked the Government the following Question No. 213, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Taylor:

To the Minister of Health: What was the patient load for each satellite dialysis in the province for the year 2006/07?

Answer:

Patients are assessed by nephrologists as to their suitability to receive dialysis services at a satellite. Patients requiring hemodialysis from or near a community with a satellite program receive treatment in Regina or Saskatoon until the patient is deemed suitable for treatment at a satellite and space is available.

- Prince Albert, as of September 30, 2006 – 35 patients
- Tisdale, as of September 30, 2006 – 15 patients
- Lloydminster, as of September 30, 2006 – 9 patients (Saskatchewan patients only)
- Yorkton, as of September 30, 2006 – 29 patients
- Swift Current, as of September 30, 2006 – 15 patients
- North Battleford, as of September 30, 2006 – 12 patients
- Moose Jaw, as of September 30, 2006 – 13 patients

Mr. Toth asked the Government the following Question No. 214, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Taylor:

To the Minister of Health: What was the patient demand for each satellite dialysis site in the province for the year 2002/03?

Answer:

Patients are assessed by nephrologists as to their suitability to receive dialysis services at a satellite. Patients requiring hemodialysis from or near a community with a satellite program receive treatment in Regina or Saskatoon until the patient is deemed suitable for treatment at a satellite and space is available. In April 2002, the Yorkton site expanded from 4 stations to 6 stations.

Mr. Toth asked the Government the following Question No. 215, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Taylor:

To the Minister of Health: What was the patient demand for each satellite dialysis site in the province for the year 2003/04?

Answer:

Patients are assessed by nephrologists as to their suitability to receive dialysis services at a satellite. Patients requiring hemodialysis from or near a community with a satellite program receive treatment in Regina or Saskatoon until the patient is deemed suitable for treatment at a satellite and space is available. In December 2003 the North Battleford site was opened.

Mr. Toth asked the Government the following Question No. 216, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Taylor:

To the Minister of Health: What was the patient demand for each satellite dialysis site in the province for the year 2004/05?

Answer:

Patients are assessed by nephrologists as to their suitability to receive dialysis services at a satellite. Patients requiring hemodialysis from or near a community with a satellite program receive treatment in Regina or Saskatoon until the patient is deemed suitable for treatment at a satellite and space is available. In December 2004, the Moose Jaw site was opened.

Mr. Toth asked the Government the following Question No. 217, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Taylor:

To the Minister of Health: What was the patient demand for each satellite dialysis site in the province for the year 2005/06?

Answer:

Patients are assessed by nephrologists as to their suitability to receive dialysis services at a satellite. Patients requiring hemodialysis from or near a community with a satellite program receive treatment in Regina or Saskatoon until the patient is deemed suitable for treatment at a satellite and space is available. In December 2005, the Swift Current site expanded from 4 stations to 6 stations.

Mr. Toth asked the Government the following Question No. 218, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Taylor:

To the Minister of Health: What was the patient demand for each satellite dialysis site in the province for the year 2006/07?

Answer:

Patients are assessed by nephrologists as to their suitability to receive dialysis services at a satellite. Patients requiring hemodialysis from or near a community with a satellite program receive treatment in Regina or Saskatoon until the patient is deemed suitable for treatment at a satellite and space is available. In April 2006, the Tisdale site expanded from 3 stations to 4 stations.

In 2006, collection of information began on the number of patients suitable for satellite treatments. On November 1, 2006 the following number of patients were receiving dialysis in Regina or Saskatoon pending an opening at the satellite closer to home:

- Prince Albert – 6 patients
- Tisdale – 0 patients
- Lloydminster – 0 patients
- Yorkton – 12 patients
- Swift Current – 5 patients
- North Battleford – 6 patients
- Moose Jaw – 8 patients

Mr. Dearborn asked the Government the following Question No. 219, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Taylor:

To the Minister of Health: Is the Minister aware of the current funding shortfall at the long-term care home in Eatonia?

Answer:

Saskatchewan Health licenses a 24-bed personal care home in Eatonia. Saskatchewan Health recently has become aware this facility has been experiencing financial difficulties. Saskatchewan Health's role respecting personal care homes is one of licensing and monitoring to ensure that the residents who live in these homes receive safe and adequate care.

Personal care homes (including for profit and non-profit), while monitored and regulated by Saskatchewan Health, are privately owned and operated by individuals or corporations with no public funding. The expenses of operating a personal care home usually influence the resident fees. It is our understanding that some communities fundraise to help keep resident fees lower.

Mr. Dearborn asked the Government the following Question No. 220, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Taylor:

To the Minister of Health: What will happen to the residents of the long-term care home in Eatonia when it ceases operations because of the funding shortfall?

Answer:

Should a personal care home close operation, residents and families usually work with health region staff to find suitable care and accommodation options, often in another personal care home. Personal care homes (including for profit and non-profit), while monitored and regulated by Saskatchewan Health, are privately owned and operated by individuals or corporations with no public funding. There are currently 8 personal care homes with a total of 70 personal care home beds in the Heartland Health Region.

Saskatchewan Health provides global funding to regional health authorities for special care homes and community based long-term care services, such as homecare for individuals who require such care. If a resident has sufficient need as assessed by health region staff, they may be offered placement in a publicly subsidized special-care home.

Mr. Dearborn asked the Government the following Question No. 221, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Taylor:

To the Minister of Health: What will be the cost of housing the 18 current residents of the long-term care home in Eatonia in hospital care?

Answer:

Typically these individuals would not require acute care. In the Heartland Health Region, the daily cost of an acute care bed is approximately \$520.00. The daily acute care bed cost varies greatly from hospital to hospital depending on the type of care delivered.

NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The following Questions were given notice on day no. 20 and are to be answered by day no. 25:

Mr. Hart, to ask the Government the following Question No. 329:

To the Minister of Environment: What regulations are in place, if any, dealing with the transfer of fresh water, by means other than natural waterways, from Alberta to Saskatchewan?

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Mr. Hermanson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 331:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: Can the Minister assure the residents of the Rosetown area that the SaskPower office in Rosetown will continue to cooperate with SaskTel and SaskEnergy to provide one-stop customer service for customers of these three crowns in the fiscal year 2008?

Mr. Hermanson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 332:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: Can the Minister assure the residents of the Rosetown area that the SaskPower office in Rosetown will continue to cooperate with SaskTel and SaskEnergy to provide one-stop customer service for customers of these three crowns in the fiscal year 2007?

Mr. Hermanson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 333:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: Can the Minister assure the residents of the Rosetown area that the SaskPower office in Rosetown will continue customer service out of its current office for the fiscal year 2008?

Mr. Hermanson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 334:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: Can the Minister assure the residents of the Rosetown area that the SaskPower office in Rosetown will continue customer service out of its current office for the fiscal year 2007?

Ms. Harpauer, to ask the Government the following Question No. 335:

To the Minister Responsible for Crown Investment Corporation: (1) In 2005, how many crown investments were subject to a third party external review? (2) Which investments were they?

Ms. Harpauer, to ask the Government the following Question No. 336:

To the Minister Responsible for Crown Investment Corporation: (1) To date, how many crown investments were subject to a third party external review? (2) Which investments were they?

Ms. Harpauer, to ask the Government the following Question No. 337:

To the Minister Responsible for Crown Investment Corporation: (1) In 2004, how many crown investments were subject to a third party external review? (2) Which investments were they?

Mr. Morgan, to ask the Government the following Question No. 338:

To the Minister of Environment: (1) Has the department instituted a plan for Mount Blackstrap to resume operations? (2) If so, could the Minister provide a copy of the plan?

Mr. Morgan, to ask the Government the following Question No. 339:

To the Minister of Environment: When does the department expect Mount Blackstrap to resume operations?

Mr. Morgan, to ask the Government the following Question No. 340:

To the Minister of Health: What is the amount of funding the province provides for a mental health resident in a personal care home?

Mr. Morgan, to ask the Government the following Question No. 341:

To the Minister of Health: What is the amount of funding the province provides for a mental health resident in an approved mental health home?

Mr. Morgan, to ask the Government the following Question No. 342:

To the Minister of Health: Has the department ever received a recommendation from the Ombudsman to bring the payments made for mental health residents in a personal care home to an equal level with the payments made for mental health residents in an approved mental health home?

STANDING COMMITTEE ON PRIVATE BILLS**NOTICE OF MEETING**

Tuesday, December 5, 2006 – Room 8

10:30 a.m.

Consideration of the following Petitions:

Petition 301 – Of the Hotels Association of Saskatchewan, in the Province of Saskatchewan, praying for an Act to amend *The Hotels Association of Saskatchewan Act*.

Petition 302 – Of the Full Gospel Bible Institute, in the Province of Saskatchewan, praying for an Act to amend *The Full Gospel Bible Institute Act*.

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
