



No. 48

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

THIRD SESSION – TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Wednesday, April 18, 2007

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, D'Autremont, Draude, Stewart, Harpauer, Eagles, Weekes, Cheveldayoff, Allchurch, Kirsch, Morgan and Duncan.

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

According to Order, the Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel 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 increase highway signage at the junction of highways 6 and 39.

(Sessional Paper No. 146)

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 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 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 lobby the federal government for tougher sentences for sexual offences against children.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 38)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to keep the SaskPower office in Rosetown open.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 76)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to cease the transfer of patients from one ambulance to another while en route.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 98)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to ensure that Maryfield School remains open.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 104)

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 Stonebridge.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 135)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were received, read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time at the next sitting:

Bill No. 64 – The Graduate Tax Exemption Act

(Hon. Ms. Atkinson)

Bill No. 65 – The Income Tax Amendment Act, 2007

(Hon. Mr. Thomson)

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 1117 to 1122, they were answered. (See Appendix)

SECOND READINGS

Bill No. 63 – The Royal Saskatchewan Museum Act

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Hagel: That Bill No. 63 – The Royal Saskatchewan Museum Act – be now read a second time.

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

ADJOURNED DEBATES

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

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen: That Bill No. 17 – The Miscellaneous Statutes (Municipal Collection of Other Taxes) Amendment Act, 2006 – be now read a second time.

The debate continuing and the question being put, it was agreed to and the said Bill was, accordingly, read a second time.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen:

Ordered, That Bill No. 17 – The Miscellaneous Statutes (Municipal Collection of Other Taxes) Amendment Act, 2006 – be now referred to the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Infrastructure.

MOTION REGARDING SITTING HOURS

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

Ordered, That notwithstanding Rule 6(1) of the *Rules and Procedures of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan*, the Assembly shall not meet on Tuesday, April 24th, 2007, in respect of the State Funeral service of the Honourable John (Jack) Wiebe, former Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Hagel:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 2:52 p.m. until Thursday at 10:00 a.m.

Hon. P. Myron Kowalsky
Speaker

RETURNS, REPORTS AND PAPERS TABLED

The following papers were laid upon the Table:

By the Hon. Mr. Nilson:

Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements for Saskatchewan Power Corporation for the year ended December 31, 2006.

(Sessional Paper No. 149)

Annual Report and Financial Statements for Power Corporation Superannuation Plan for the year ended December 31, 2006.

(Sessional Paper No. 150)

Financial Statements for Power Greenhouses Inc. (SaskPower Shand Greenhouse) for the year ended December 31, 2006.

(Sessional Paper No. 151)

Consolidated Financial Statements for SaskPower International Inc. for the year ended December 31, 2006.

(Sessional Paper No. 152)

Financial Statements for NorthPoint Energy Solutions Inc. for the year ended December 31, 2006.

(Sessional Paper No. 153)

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Ms. Eagles asked the Government the following Question No. 1117, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Quennell:

To the Minister of Justice: What role does the department perform when a community is considering moving from community-operated policing to the RCMP?

Answer:

The department performs no role other than providing advice and guidance regarding compliance with *The Police Act*, if requested to do so by the community.

Mr. Brkich asked the Government the following Question No. 1118, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Lautermilch:

To the Minister of Highways and Transportation: (1) Has the province signed on to the federal inter-provincial regulations on hours of driving/service? (2) If so, what industries will be affected? (3) Further, are there any industries or departments that have been granted exemptions? (4) What departments or industries have been granted exemptions?

Answer:

- (1) Federal Commercial Vehicle Drivers Hours of Service Regulations (HOS) came into force on January 1, 2007.
- (2) All carriers operating interprovincially are subject to the federal regulations.
- (3) No, there are no exemptions to carriers, however carriers may go through an application process to apply for a permit that allows them certain accommodations.
- (4) To date the department has issued 93 permits to oil well service vehicles for certain accommodations in accordance to the federal regulations.

Ms. Harpauer asked the Government the following Question No. 1119, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Forbes:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Water Corporation: (1) When is the anticipated approval for the Bergheim Estates project in Saskatoon? (2) What is the reason for the delay of the approval and the installation of necessary infrastructure?

Answer:

- (1) Unknown.
- (2) SaskWater is looking to facilitate an agreement that will meet the needs of all interested parties in the most economically viable, timely and sustainable manner.

Ms. Harpauer asked the Government the following Question No. 1120, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Nilson:

To the Minister of Environment: How much will Tom Waller be paid for the period of April 1, 2007 to April 15, 2007 inclusive as CEO of the Forestry Secretariat?

Answer:

Tom Waller's duties as CEO of the Forestry Secretariat ended March 31, 2007. As such, Tom Waller will not be paid as CEO for the period April 1, 2007 to April 15, 2007.

Ms. Harpauer asked the Government the following Question No. 1121, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Nilson:

To the Minister of Environment: What was the total amount paid to Tom Waller from March 1, 2006 to March 31, 2007 inclusive as CEO of the Forestry Secretariat?

Answer:

The amount paid to OWZW Consulting Inc. for services rendered from March 1, 2006 to March 31, 2007 will total \$417,441.51. This includes the March 2007 invoice amount for \$39,525.46 that was received and will be paid in April 2007.

Ms. Harpauer asked the Government the following Question No. 1122, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Lautermilch:

To the Minister Responsible for the Forestry Secretariat: What is the scope of duties that Kent Campbell will perform as CEO of the Forestry Secretariat?

Answer:

Kent Campbell will serve as the CEO of the Forestry Secretariat. Mr. Campbell will be responsible for delivering on the Secretariat's mandate to facilitate the growth and development of the provincial forest industry. Mr. Campbell will ensure that the Secretariat works in partnership with business, communities, governments and other provincial agencies to develop and deliver policies and programs to enhance forest industry competitiveness, increase investment and facilitate value-added production in the forest sector.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS FOR FIRST READING OF BILLS

On Monday:

Hon. Mr. Forbes to move First Reading of Bill No. 66 – The Occupational Health and Safety (Harassment Prevention) Amendment Act, 2007

NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The following Questions were given notice on day no. 45 and are to be answered by day no. 50:

Mr. Toth, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1274:

To the Minister of Corrections and Public Safety: (1) How many tickets has the department purchased for the upcoming Al Gore presentation? (2) How many does it intend to purchase? (3) To whom will the tickets be distributed?

Mr. Toth, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1275:

To the Minister of Finance: (1) How many tickets has the department purchased for the upcoming Al Gore presentation? (2) How many does it intend to purchase? (3) To whom will the tickets be distributed?

Mr. Toth, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1276:

To the Minister of Agriculture and Food: (1) How many tickets has the department purchased for the upcoming Al Gore presentation? (2) How many does it intend to purchase? (3) To whom will the tickets be distributed?

Mr. Toth, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1277:

To the Minister of Labour: (1) How many tickets has the department purchased for the upcoming Al Gore presentation? (2) How many does it intend to purchase? (3) To whom will the tickets be distributed?

Mr. Toth, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1278:

To the Minister of Regional Economic and Co-operative Development: (1) How many tickets has the department purchased for the upcoming Al Gore presentation? (2) How many does it intend to purchase? (3) To whom will the tickets be distributed?

Mr. Toth, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1279:

To the Minister of Environment: (1) How many tickets has the department purchased for the upcoming Al Gore presentation? (2) How many does it intend to purchase? (3) To whom will the tickets be distributed?

Mr. Toth, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1280:

To the Minister of Industry and Resources: (1) How many tickets has the department purchased for the upcoming Al Gore presentation? (2) How many does it intend to purchase? (3) To whom will the tickets be distributed?

Mr. Toth, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1281:

To the Minister of Government Relations: (1) How many tickets has the department purchased for the upcoming Al Gore presentation? (2) How many does it intend to purchase? (3) To whom will the tickets be distributed?

Mr. Toth, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1282:

To the Minister of Northern Affairs: (1) How many tickets has the department purchased for the upcoming Al Gore presentation? (2) How many does it intend to purchase? (3) To whom will the tickets be distributed?

Mr. Toth, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1283:

To the Minister of Executive Council: (1) How many tickets has the department purchased for the upcoming Al Gore presentation? (2) How many does it intend to purchase? (3) To whom will the tickets be distributed?

Mr. Toth, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1284:

To the Minister of Highways and Transportation: (1) How many tickets has the department purchased for the upcoming Al Gore presentation? (2) How many does it intend to purchase? (3) To whom will the tickets be distributed?

Mr. Toth, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1285:

To the Minister Responsible for Liquor and Gaming Authority: (1) How many tickets has the department purchased for the upcoming Al Gore presentation? (2) How many does it intend to purchase? (3) To whom will the tickets be distributed?

Mr. Toth, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1286:

To the Minister Responsible for Information Technology Office: (1) How many tickets has the department purchased for the upcoming Al Gore presentation? (2) How many does it intend to purchase? (3) To whom will the tickets be distributed?

Mr. Toth, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1287:

To the Minister of Property Management: (1) How many tickets has the department purchased for the upcoming Al Gore presentation? (2) How many does it intend to purchase? (3) To whom will the tickets be distributed?

Mr. Toth, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1288:

To the Minister Responsible for Public Service Commission: (1) How many tickets has the department purchased for the upcoming Al Gore presentation? (2) How many does it intend to purchase? (3) To whom will the tickets be distributed?

Mr. Toth, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1289:

To the Minister of Community Resources: (1) How many tickets has the department purchased for the upcoming Al Gore presentation? (2) How many does it intend to purchase? (3) To whom will the tickets be distributed?

Mr. Toth, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1290:

To the Minister of Culture, Youth and Recreation: (1) How many tickets has the department purchased for the upcoming Al Gore presentation? (2) How many does it intend to purchase? (3) To whom will the tickets be distributed?

Mr. Toth, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1291:

To the Minister of First Nations and Métis Relations: (1) How many tickets has the department purchased for the upcoming Al Gore presentation? (2) How many does it intend to purchase? (3) To whom will the tickets be distributed?

Mr. Toth, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1292:

To the Minister of Advanced Education and Employment: (1) How many tickets has the department purchased for the upcoming Al Gore presentation? (2) How many does it intend to purchase? (3) To whom will the tickets be distributed?

Mr. Toth, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1293:

To the Minister of Learning: (1) How many tickets has the department purchased for the upcoming Al Gore presentation? (2) How many does it intend to purchase? (3) To whom will the tickets be distributed?

Mr. Toth, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1294:

To the Minister of Healthy Living Services: (1) How many tickets has the department purchased for the upcoming Al Gore presentation? (2) How many does it intend to purchase? (3) To whom will the tickets be distributed?

Mr. Toth, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1295:

To the Minister of Health: (1) How many tickets has the department purchased for the upcoming Al Gore presentation? (2) How many does it intend to purchase? (3) To whom will the tickets be distributed?

The following Questions were given notice on day no. 48 and are to be answered by day no. 53:

Mr. Brkich, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1296:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: Is SaskPower liable for damages to farm equipment if that equipment strikes an overhead power line when passing underneath?

Mr. McMorris, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1297:

To the Minister of Health: What is the breakdown, by profession, of the new health care workers that have been recruited as a result of the recruitment grants provided by the provincial government last October, including the numbers of Registered Nurses, Licensed Practical Nurses, medical laboratory technologists, respiratory therapists, pharmacists, physical therapists and other professions?

STANDING COMMITTEE ON PRIVATE BILLS

NOTICE OF MEETING

Monday, April 23, 2007 – Room 8

4:00 p.m.

Consideration of the following:

Bill No. 301 – The Eston College (Full Gospel Bible Institute Amendment) Act

Bill No. 302 – The Hotels Association of Saskatchewan Amendment Act

Eighth Report to the Assembly