



No. 51

# **VOTES and PROCEEDINGS**

OF THE

**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

**THIRD SESSION – TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE**

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**Wednesday, April 25, 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, Harpauer, Weekes, Cheveldayoff, Huyghebaert, Kirsch and Morgan.

## **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 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 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 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 repair and maintain Highway 18.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 45)

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 make necessary repairs to highway 368.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 78)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to ensure that lab services are continued at the Lafleche and district health centre.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 79)

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 the Davidson and Imperial health centres be maintained at their current level of service.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 112)

### **REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON HOUSE SERVICES**

Mr. Gantefoer, Deputy Chair of the Standing Committee on House Services presented the Tenth Report of the said Committee, which is as follows:

Your Committee considered the Estimates of the Legislative Branch of Government and adopted the following resolutions:

#### **Main Estimates, 2007-2008:**

Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2008, the following sums:

For Children's Advocate.....	\$1,290,000
For Conflict of Interest Commissioner .....	\$138,000
For Information and Privacy Commissioner.....	\$675,000
For Legislative Assembly .....	\$7,620,000
For Ombudsman .....	\$1,775,000
For Provincial Auditor.....	\$6,360,000

Your committee reviewed the following Estimates for which no funds were requested or required to be voted:

**Main Estimates, 2007-2008:**

For Chief Electoral Officer (statutory)

Your Committee recommends that upon concurrence of its report by the Assembly, the sums as reported and approved shall be included in the Appropriation Bill for consideration by the Legislative Assembly.  
(Sessional Paper No. 162)

On motion of Mr. Gantefoer, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Hagel:

Ordered, That the Tenth Report of the Standing Committee on House Services be now concurred in.

**REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON PRIVATE BILLS**

Ms. Junor, Chair of the Standing Committee on Private Bills, presents the Eighth Report of the said committee which is as follows:

Your Committee has considered the following Bills and has agreed to report the same without amendment:

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

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

And further, that the fees less the cost of printing be remitted to the petitioners for Bill Nos. 301 and 302.  
(Sessional Paper No. 163)

On motion of Ms. Junor, seconded by Mr. Elhard:

Ordered, That the Eighth Report of the Standing Committee on Private Bills be now concurred in and that the said Bills be accordingly referred to the Committee of the Whole.

**SECOND READINGS**

**Bill No. 66 – The Occupational Health and Safety (Harassment Prevention) Amendment Act, 2007**

The Hon. Mr. Forbes, 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. 66 – The Occupational Health and Safety (Harassment Prevention) Amendment Act, 2007 – be now read a second time.

A debate arising 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. Forbes:

Ordered, That Bill No. 66 – The Occupational Health and Safety (Harassment Prevention) Amendment Act, 2007 – be now referred to the Standing Committee on the Economy.

On motion of Mr. Yates:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

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The Assembly adjourned at 2:42 p.m. until Thursday at 10:00 a.m.

*Hon. P. Myron Kowalsky*  
*Speaker*

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#### **RETURNS, REPORTS AND PAPERS TABLED**

The following papers were laid upon the Table:

By the Hon. Mr. Forbes:

Annual Report and Financial Statements for Saskatchewan Workers' Compensation Board for the year ended December 31, 2006.

(Sessional Paper No. 164)

By the Hon. Mr. Cline:

Annual Report and Consolidated and Non-Consolidated Financial Statements for Investment Saskatchewan Inc. for the year ended December 31, 2006.

(Sessional Paper No. 165)

Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements for Saskatchewan Government Growth Fund Management Corporation for the year ended December 31, 2006.

(Sessional Paper No. 166)

Annual Report and Financial Statements for Saskatchewan Government Growth Fund II Ltd. for the year ended December 31, 2006.

(Sessional Paper No. 167)

Annual Report and Financial Statements for Saskatchewan Government Growth Fund III Ltd. for the year ended December 31, 2006.

(Sessional Paper No. 168)

Annual Report and Financial Statements for Saskatchewan Government Growth Fund IV Ltd. for the year ended December 31, 2006.

(Sessional Paper No. 169)

Annual Report and Financial Statements for Saskatchewan Government Growth Fund (1997) V Ltd. for the year ended December 31, 2006.

(Sessional Paper No. 170)

Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements for Saskatchewan Government Growth Fund VI Ltd. for the year ended December 31, 2006.

(Sessional Paper No. 171)

Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements for Saskatchewan Government Growth Fund VII Ltd. for the year ended December 31, 2006.

(Sessional Paper No. 172)

Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements for Saskatchewan Government Growth Fund VIII Ltd. for the year ended December 31, 2006.

(Sessional Paper No. 173)

Annual Report and Financial Statements for Saskatchewan Research Council Employees' Pension Plan for the year ended December 31, 2006.

(Sessional Paper No. 174)

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

(Sessional Paper No. 175)

By the Hon. Mr. Thomson:

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Public Employees Deferred Salary Leave Fund for the year ended December 31, 2006.

(Sessional Paper No. 176)

Annual Report and Financial Statements for Public Employees Dental Fund for the year ended December 31, 2006.

(Sessional Paper No. 177)

Annual Report and Financial Statements for SaskEnergy Retiring Allowance Plan for the year ended December 31, 2006.

(Sessional Paper No. 178)

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

(Sessional Paper No. 179)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Power Corporation Severance Pay Credits Plan for the year ended December 31, 2006.

(Sessional Paper No. 180)

Annual Report and Financial Statements for Saskatchewan Power Corporation Designated Employee Benefit Plan for the year ended December 31, 2006.

(Sessional Paper No. 181)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Pension Plan for the year ended December 31, 2006.

(Sessional Paper No. 182)

## NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

**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?

**The following Questions were given notice on day no. 49 and are to be answered by day no. 54:**

Mr. D'Autremont, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1298:

To the Minister Responsible for Liquor and Gaming Authority: (1) What are the parameters of the review of *The Alcohol and Gaming Regulation Act*? (2) Specifically, what issues are being reviewed?

Mr. D'Autremont, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1299:

To the Minister Responsible for Liquor and Gaming Authority: (1) When is the projected completion date for the review of *The Alcohol and Gaming Regulation Act*? (2) When does SLGA expect to make this review public?

**The following Questions were given notice on day no. 50 and are to be answered by day no. 55:**

Ms. Eagles, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1300:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: What is the proposed date for the start of construction for the clean coal plant at the Shand Power Station at Estevan?

Ms. Harpauer, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1301:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: How many individuals purchased green power from SaskPower in 2006?

Ms. Harpauer, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1302:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: How many organizations – with a breakdown of NGOs, government departments or agencies, and private organizations – purchased green power from SaskPower in 2006?

**The following Questions were given notice on day no. 51 and are to be answered by day no. 56:**

Mr. Brkich, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1303:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Watershed Authority: Is the authority diverting water from lakes in the Watrous and Humboldt areas into Last Mountain Lake?

Mr. McMorris, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1304:

To the Minister of Health: How many acute care beds were staffed as of March 2006?

Mr. McMorris, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1305:

To the Minister of Health: How many acute care beds were staffed as of March 2007?

Mr. McMorris, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1306:

To the Minister of Health: What is the current occupancy rate of publicly funded long-term care beds in the province?