



No. 59

# VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

THIRD SESSION – TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

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Wednesday, May 9, 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: Weekes and Brkich.

## 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 Neville, Admiral, Climax, Tompkins, Piapot and Richmond schools remain open.

(Sessional Paper No. 216)

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 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 reverse the decision to close the Biggar rural service centre and Environment office.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 99)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to ensure the Imperial, Govan, Nokomis and Drake schools remain open.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 102)

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)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to improve timely access to medical treatment.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 188)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to ensure that basic education classes continue to be offered at the Estevan campus of the Southeast Regional College.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 210)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to ensure that Francis and Sedley schools remain open.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 213)

#### **REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE ECONOMY**

The following Bills were reported without amendment and consideration in Committee of the Whole having been waived, by leave of the Assembly, they were read the third time and passed:

Bill No. 50 – The Municipal Employees' Pension Amendment Act, 2007

Bill No. 51 – The Public Employees Pension Plan Amendment Act, 2007

Bill No. 60 – The Revenue and Financial Services Amendment Act, 2007

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

Bill No. 38 – The Wildlife Habitat Protection Amendment Act, 2006 (No. 2)

#### **REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS AND INFRASTRUCTURE RAPPORT DU COMITÉ PERMANENT DES SOCIÉTÉS D'ÉTAT ET DES ORGANISMES CENTRAUX**

The following Bills were reported with amendment and consideration in Committee of the Whole having been waived, by leave of the Assembly, they were considered as amended and read the third time and passed:

Les projets de loi suivants sont rapportés avec amendements et avec la permission de l'Assemblée de passer outre au renvoi au Comité plénier, sont considérés comme étant amendés et sont lus une troisième fois et adoptés:

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

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

Bill No. 9 – The Saskatchewan Human Rights Code Amendment Act, 2006

Bill No. 21 – The Evidence Amendment Act, 2006

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

The following Bills were reported without amendment and consideration in Committee of the Whole having been waived, by leave of the Assembly, they were read the third time and passed:

Les projets de loi suivants sont rapportés sans amendement et avec la permission de l'Assemblée de passer outre au renvoi au Comité plénier, sont lus une troisième fois et adoptés:

Bill No. 56 – The Municipalities Amendment Act, 2007

Bill No. 57 – The Assessment Management Agency Amendment Act, 2007

Bill No. 58 – The Municipal Revenue Sharing Amendment Act, 2007

Bill No. 10 – The Limitations Amendment Act, 2006

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

Bill No. 23 – The Securities Transfer Act

Bill No. 44 – The Class Actions Amendment Act, 2007

Projet de loi n° 44 – Loi de 2007 modifiant la Loi sur les recours collectifs

Bill No. 47 – The Fatal Accidents Amendment Act, 2007

Bill No. 49 – The Mortgage Brokerages and Mortgage Administrators Act

#### **SPEAKER TABLES REPORT**

The Speaker laid before the Assembly, pursuant to section 52 of *The Health Information Protection Act* (HIPA), and in accordance with subsection 33(a) of *The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, the Saskatchewan Information and Privacy Commissioner's commentary on Bill No. 61 – The Vital Statistics Act, 2007, dated May 9, 2007.

(Sessional Paper No. 218)

#### **ADJOURNED DEBATES / DÉBATS AJOURNÉS**

##### **Bill No. 53 – The Miscellaneous Environment Statutes (Inspections and Investigations) Amendment Act, 2007**

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Nilson: That Bill No. 53 – The Miscellaneous Environment Statutes (Inspections and Investigations) Amendment Act, 2007 – 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. Nilson:

Ordered, That Bill No. 53 – The Miscellaneous Environment Statutes (Inspections and Investigations) Amendment Act, 2007 – be now referred to the Standing Committee on the Economy.

**Bill No. 37 – The Court of Appeal Amendment Act, 2006**  
**Projet de loi n° 37 – Loi de 2006 modifiant la Loi de 2000 sur la Cour d’appel**

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Quennell: That Bill No. 37 – The Court of Appeal Amendment Act, 2006 – be now read a second time.

L’Assemblée reprend le débat ajourné sur la motion de l’hon. M. Quennell: Que le projet de loi n° 37 – Loi de 2006 modifiant la Loi de 2000 sur la Cour d’appel – soit maintenant lu une deuxième fois.

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

Le débat se poursuit et la motion, mise aux voix, est adoptée et, en conséquence, ledit projet de loi est lu une deuxième fois.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Hagel:

Sur motion de l’hon. M. Hagel:

Ordered, That Bill No. 37 – The Court of Appeal Amendment Act, 2006 - be now referred to the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Infrastructure.

Il est résolu que le projet de loi n° 37 – Loi de 2006 modifiant la Loi de 2000 sur la Cour d’appel – soit maintenant déféré au Comité permanent des affaires intergouvernementales et de l’infrastructure.

**Bill No. 43 – The Payday Loans Act**

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Quennell: That Bill No. 43 – The Payday Loans Act – 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. Hagel:

Ordered, That Bill No. 43 – The Payday Loans Act – be now referred to the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Infrastructure.

**Bill No. 46 – The Crown Minerals Amendment Act, 2007**

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Cline: That Bill No. 46 – The Crown Minerals Amendment Act, 2007 – 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. Hagel:

Ordered, That Bill No. 46 – The Crown Minerals Amendment Act, 2007 – be now referred to the Standing Committee on the Economy.

**Bill No. 48 – The Freehold Oil and Gas Production Tax Amendment Act, 2007**

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Cline: That Bill No. 48 – The Freehold Oil and Gas Production Tax Amendment Act, 2007 – 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. Hagel:

Ordered, That Bill No. 48 – The Freehold Oil and Gas Production Tax Amendment Act, 2007 – be now referred to the Standing Committee on the Economy.

**Bill No. 45 – The Agricultural Societies Repeal Act**

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Wartman: That Bill No. 45 – The Agricultural Societies Repeal Act – 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. Wartman:

Ordered, That Bill No. 45 – The Agricultural Societies Repeal Act – be now referred to the Standing Committee on the Economy.

**Bill No. 52 – The Wildlife Amendment Act, 2007**  
**Projet de loi n° 52 – Loi de 2007 modifiant la Loi de 1998 sur la faune**

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Nilson: That Bill No. 52 – The Wildlife Amendment Act, 2007 – 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. Nilson:

Ordered, That Bill No. 52 – The Wildlife Amendment Act, 2007 – be now referred to the Standing Committee on the Economy.

L'Assemblée reprend le débat ajourné sur la motion de l'hon. M. Nilson: Que le projet de loi n° 52 – Loi de 2007 modifiant la Loi de 1998 sur la faune – soit maintenant lu une deuxième fois.

Le débat se poursuit et la motion, mise aux voix, est adoptée et, en conséquence, ledit projet de loi est lu une deuxième fois.

Sur motion de l'hon. M. Nilson:

Il est résolu que le projet de loi n° 52 – Loi de 2007 modifiant la Loi de 1998 sur la faune – soit maintenant déferé au Comité permanent de l'économie.

**Bill No. 63 – The Royal Saskatchewan Museum Act**

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Hagel: That Bill No. 63 – The Royal Saskatchewan Museum Act – 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. Hagel:

Ordered, That Bill No. 63 – The Royal Saskatchewan Museum Act – be now referred to the Standing Committee on Human Services.

**Bill No. 68 – The Status of the Artist Act, 2007**

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Hagel: That Bill No. 68 – The Status of the Artist Act, 2007 – be now read a second time.

The debate continuing, it was on motion of Mr. Toth, adjourned.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Hagel:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

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The Assembly adjourned at 3:46 p.m. until Thursday at 10:00 a.m.

***Hon. P. Myron Kowalsky***  
***Speaker***

## NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

**The following Questions were given notice on day no. 57 and are to be answered by day no. 62:**

Mr. Brkich, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1480:

To the Minister of Agriculture and Food: What was the number of applicants for the Crop Insurance Program for the year 2005?

Mr. Brkich, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1481:

To the Minister of Agriculture and Food: What was the number of applicants for the Crop Insurance Program for the year 2006?

Mr. Brkich, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1482:

To the Minister of Agriculture and Food: What is the number of applicants for the Crop Insurance Program for the year 2007 to date?

Ms. Heppner, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1483:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: How many \$45.00 rebates for EnergyStar qualified programmable thermostats were given out during the duration of the rebate program (September 1, 2005 to March 31, 2007)?

Ms. Heppner, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1484:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: How many wall-mounted household thermostats that contain mercury were turned into SaskPower's Mercury Thermostat Recovery Program during the time SaskPower was offering \$45.00 rebates for EnergyStar qualified programmable thermostats (September 1, 2005 to March 31, 2007)?

**The following Question was given notice on day no. 58 and is to be answered by day no. 63:**

Mr. Brkich, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1485:

To the Minister of Highways and Transportation: (1) Is the main access road to the town of Hanley the responsibility of the Department of Highways and Transportation? (2) If so, when is this road scheduled to be repaired?

**The following Questions were given notice on day no. 59 and are to be answered by day no. 64:**

Mr. Elhard, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1486:

To the Premier: Why is Jim Fodey receiving a severance payment if he resigned?

Mr. Elhard, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1487:

To the Premier: Does the Premier believe that his caucus is required to follow the Board of Internal Economy directive passed in December 2006, stating that severance is payable “when a caucus terminates the employment of a caucus employee without cause”?

Mr. Duncan, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1488:

To the Premier: What was the cost to the Government of Saskatchewan for the facility rental, advertising and promotion for the Al Gore event?

Mr. Duncan, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1489:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Telecommunications Corporation: What were the total expenses and the total net expenses to SaskTel for bringing Al Gore to Regina?

Mr. Duncan, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1490:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Telecommunications Corporation: What was the cost to SaskTel for the facility rental, advertising and promotion for the Al Gore event?

Mr. Duncan, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1491:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Telecommunications Corporation: What was the total profit/loss for the Al Gore event in Regina?

Mr. Duncan, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1492:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Telecommunications Corporation: What was the total amount paid to bring Al Gore to Regina?

Mr. Duncan, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1493:

To the Premier: What was the cost to the Government of Saskatchewan for bringing Al Gore to Saskatchewan?

Mr. Duncan, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1494:

To the Premier: What was the total profit/loss of the Al Gore event?

Mr. Duncan, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1495:

To the Premier: What was the total amount paid to Al Gore, in both American and Canadian dollars?

Mr. Duncan, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1496:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: How many full-time customer service representatives were employed at the Weyburn SaskPower office as of January 1, 2007?



Mr. Duncan, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1497:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: How many full-time customer service representatives were employed at the Weyburn SaskPower office as of January 1, 2006?

Mr. Duncan, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1498:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: How many full-time customer service representatives were employed at the Weyburn SaskPower office as of January 1, 2005?

Mr. Elhard, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1499:

To the Minister of Finance: Why did SaskPen Properties Ltd. deny the Provincial Auditor access to its financial records for auditing purposes in 2006?

Mr. Elhard, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1500:

To the Minister of Agriculture and Food: (1) How many appeals were made on crop insurance rulings in the year 2002? (2) How many of these rulings were denied or settled?

Mr. Elhard, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1501:

To the Minister of Agriculture and Food: (1) How many appeals were made on crop insurance rulings in the year 2006? (2) How many of these rulings were denied or settled?

Mr. Elhard, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1502:

To the Minister of Community Resources: (1) How much was each board member of 4 Directions Child and Family Services Incorporated paid for services, per diems, honoraria and other expenses? (2) What is the breakdown of the expenses paid to each board member?

Mr. Elhard, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1503:

To the Minister of Community Resources: Who are the board members of 4 Directions Child and Family Services Incorporated?

Mr. Toth, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1504:

To the Minister of Health: (1) When will the town of Watrous get its share of provincial funding for its new hospital? (2) If there is a waiting list for projects such as this, where is the Watrous Integrated Health facility on that list?

Mr. Toth, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1505:

To the Minister of Finance: (1) Has the Minister investigated the budget leak as he promised on March 20, 2007? (2) What were the findings?

Mr. Toth, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1506:

To the Minister of Agriculture and Food: (1) How many appeals were made on crop insurance rulings in 2007 to date? (2) How many of these rulings were denied or settled?

Mr. Toth, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1507:

To the Minister of Agriculture and Food: (1) How many appeals were made on crop insurance rulings in the year 2004? (2) How many of these rulings were denied or settled?

Mr. Toth, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1508:

To the Minister of Agriculture and Food: (1) How many appeals were made on crop insurance rulings in the year 2003? (2) How many of these rulings were denied or settled?

Mr. Toth, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1509:

To the Minister of Agriculture and Food: (1) How many appeals were made on crop insurance rulings in the year 2005? (2) How many of these rulings were denied or settled?