



No. 61

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

THIRD SESSION – TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Monday, May 14, 2007

1:30 p.m.

PRAYERS

SPEAKER TABLES REPORT

The Speaker laid before the Assembly Report of the Provincial Auditor - 2007 (Volume 1), in accordance with the provisions of section 14.1 of *The Provincial Auditor Act*.

(Sessional Paper No. 220)

PRESENTING PETITIONS

Petitions of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan were presented and laid upon the Table by the following Members: Toth, Draude, Eagles, Weekes, Cheveldayoff, Elhard, Huyghebaert, Allchurch, Brkich, 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 provide reliable cellular telephone service in regions encompassing the constituency of Biggar.

(Sessional Paper No. 219)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to prevent imposed school closures.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 101)

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 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)

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

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

Les projet de loi suivant est rapporté avec amendement et avec la permission de l'Assemblée de passer outre au renvoi au Comité plénier, est considéré comme étant amendé et est lu une troisième fois et adopté:

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 following Bill was reported without amendment and consideration in Committee of the Whole having been waived, by leave of the Assembly, it was read the third time and passed:

Bill No. 43 – The Payday Loans Act

Mr. Harper, Chair of the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Infrastructure presented the Eighth Report of the said committee, which is as follows:

Your committee considered the Estimates of the following Government departments and agencies 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:

Executive Branch of Government

For First Nations and Métis Relations	\$51,694,000
For Government Relations	\$248,464,000
For Highways and Transportation	\$248,294,000
For Justice	\$238,671,000
For Northern Affairs	\$6,031,000

Lending and Investing Activities

For Highways and Transportation	\$1,000,000
For Northern Affairs	\$2,500,000

Major Capital Expenditure

Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2008, the following sums, which to the extent that they remain unexpended for that fiscal year are also granted for the fiscal year ending on March 31, 2009:

For Highways and Transportation Capital	\$185,305,000
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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. 222)

On motion of Mr. Harper, seconded by Ms. Draude:

Ordered, That the Eighth Report of the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Infrastructure be now concurred in.

SPEAKER TABLES REPORT

The Speaker laid before the Assembly, in accordance with subsection 33 of *The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, the Saskatchewan Information and Privacy Commissioner's commentary on Bill No. 60 – The Revenue and Financial Services Amendment Act, 2007, dated May 14, 2007.
(Sessional Paper No. 226)

ADJOURNED DEBATES**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 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. 68 – The Status of the Artist Act, 2007 – be now referred to the Standing Committee on Human Services.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Hagel:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 2:48 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. Sonntag:

Annual Report and Financial Statements for Clarence Campeau Development Fund for the year ended December 31, 2006, including Payee list.

(Sessional Paper No. 221)

NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

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?