



No. 6

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

FIRST SESSION – TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

Tuesday, December 18, 2007

1:30 p.m.

PRAYERS

PRESENTING PETITIONS

A petition of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan was presented and laid upon the Table by the Hon. Mr. Gantefer.

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

According to Order, the Clerk having favourably examined the same pursuant to Rule 16(7), the following Petition was read and received:

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to commit to reopening negotiations with Domtar.

(Sessional Paper No. 27)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS / DÉPÔT DE PROJETS DE LOI

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

Le projet de loi suivant est reçu, lu une première fois, et la deuxième lecture en est fixée à la prochaine séance:

Bill No. 4 – The Legislative Assembly and Executive Council (Fixed Election Dates) Amendment Act, 2007

Projet de loi n° 4 – Loi de 2007 modifiant la Loi de 2007 sur l'Assemblée législative et le Conseil exécutif (élections à date fixe)

(Hon. Mr. / L'hon. M. Morgan)

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE ECONOMY

Mr. Huyghebaert, Chair of the Standing Committee on the Economy, presented the First Report of the said committee, which is as follows:

Your committee considered the Supplementary Estimates of the following government ministries and agencies and adopted the following resolutions:

Supplementary Estimates, 2007-2008:

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

For Energy and Resources	\$22,322,000
For Enterprise and Innovation	\$4,764,000
For Highways and Infrastructure	\$19,878,000
For Highways and Infrastructure Capital	\$2,500,000

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. 33)

On motion of Mr. Huyghebaert:

Ordered, That the First Report of the Standing Committee on the Economy be now concurred in.

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

Mr. Hart, Chair of the Standing Committee on Human Services, presented the First Report of the said committee, which is as follows:

Your committee considered the Supplementary Estimates of the following government ministries and agencies and adopted the following resolutions:

Supplementary Estimates, 2007-2008:

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

For Advanced Education, Employment and Labour	\$16,270,000
For Corrections, Public Safety and Policing	\$48,278,000
For Education	\$33,705,000
For Health	\$28,136,000

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. 34)

On motion of Mr. Hart:

Ordered, That the First Report of the Standing Committee on Human Services be now concurred in.

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON CROWN AND CENTRAL AGENCIES

Mr. Duncan, Chair of the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies, presented the First Report of the said committee, which is as follows:

Your committee considered the Supplementary Estimates of the following government ministries and agencies, and adopted the following resolutions:

Supplementary Estimates, 2007-2008:

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

For Finance	\$4,090,000
For Information Technology Office	\$43,000
For Public Service Commission	\$9,381,000

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. 35)

On motion of Mr. Duncan:

Ordered, That the First Report of the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies be now concurred in.

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS AND JUSTICE

Mr. Kirsch, Chair of the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice, presented the First Report of the said committee, which is as follows:

Your committee considered the Supplementary Estimates of the following government ministries and agencies and adopted the following resolutions:

Supplementary Estimates, 2007-2008:

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

For First Nations and Métis Relations	\$13,223,000
For Justice and Attorney General	\$2,512,000
For Municipal Affairs	\$206,000
For Northern Affairs	\$4,500,000
For the Office of the Provincial Secretary	\$200,000
For Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport	\$13,989,000

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. 36)

On motion of Mr. Kirsch:

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

ADDRESS IN REPLY

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of Ms. Eagles, seconded by Mr. Ottenbreit:

That an Humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor as follows:

TO HIS HONOUR THE HONOURABLE GORDON L. BARNHART
Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Saskatchewan

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Saskatchewan, in Session assembled, humbly thank Your Honour for the gracious Speech which Your Honour has been pleased to address to us at the opening of the present Session,

and the proposed amendment thereto moved by Mr. Calvert, seconded by Mr. Van Mulligen:

That the motion be amended by adding the following:

“That this government no longer enjoys the confidence of the Assembly because it has a hidden agenda that picks winners and losers, because it puts the interests of the federal government ahead of Saskatchewan citizens, and because it is already making excuses to abandon election commitments.”

The debate continuing on the motion and the amendment, it was on motion of the Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff adjourned.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Gantefer:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 4:54 p.m. until Wednesday at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Don Toth
Speaker

NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The following Questions were given notice on day no. 3 and are to be answered by day no. 8:

Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 191:

To the Minister of Health: What is the number of registered nurses employed by health regions as of September 30, 2007?

Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 192:

To the Minister of Health: What is the number of registered nurses employed by health regions per region?

Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 193:

To the Minister of Health: What is the rate of attrition of registered nurses per year?

Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 194:

To the Minister of Health: (1) How many SGEU, SEIU, CUPE, HSA members are employed in health regions per region? (2) What is the total number of employees for the province in each union as of March 1, 2007?

Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 195:

To the Minister of Health: What is the number of registered nurses employed in health regions from outside Canada?

Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 196:

To the Minister of Health: What is the number of registered nurses employed in health regions from other provinces in Canada?

Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 197:

To the Minister of Health: What percent of the health budget was spent on administration in the fiscal years between 2001 and 2007 inclusive?

Mr. Broten, to ask the Government the following Question No. 198:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: What is the projected administrative cost associated with ending the Graduate Tax Exemption?

Mr. Broten, to ask the Government the following Question No. 199:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: How many students who graduated in 2006 have applied for the Saskatchewan Graduate Tax Exemption?

Mr. Broten, to ask the Government the following Question No. 200:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: (1) How many students who graduated in 2006 and applied for the Saskatchewan Graduate Tax Exemption received a certificate? (2) A diploma? (3) A degree? (4) Certification to journey person?

Mr. Broten, to ask the Government the following Question No. 201:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: How many students who graduated in 2006 and applied for the Graduate Tax Exemption were eligible?

Mr. Broten, to ask the Government the following Question No. 202:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: (1) How many students who graduated in 2006 and applied for the Saskatchewan Graduate Tax Exemption completed their training in-province (2) How many completed their training out of province?

Mr. Broten, to ask the Government the following Question No. 203:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: (1) How many students who graduated in 2006, completed their training out of province and applied for the Saskatchewan Graduate Tax Exemption had received a certificate? (2) A diploma? (3) A degree? (4) Certification to journey person?

Mr. Broten, to ask the Government the following Question No. 204:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: How many out-of-province students who graduated in 2006 and applied for the Graduate Tax Exemption were eligible?

Mr. Broten, to ask the Government the following Question No. 205:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: What was the total tax relief provided for students who graduated in 2006?

Mr. Broten, to ask the Government the following Question No. 206:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: What was the total tax relief provided to students who graduated in 2006 and received their training outside of the province?

Mr. Broten, to ask the Government the following Question No. 207:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: (1) How many students who graduated in 2007 and applied for the Saskatchewan Graduate Tax Exemption received a certificate? (2) A diploma? (3) A degree? (4) Certification to journey person?

Mr. Broten, to ask the Government the following Question No. 208:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: How many students who graduated in 2007 and applied for the Graduate Tax Exemption were eligible?

Mr. Broten, to ask the Government the following Question No. 209:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: (1) How many students who graduated in 2007 and applied for the Saskatchewan Graduate Tax Exemption completed their training in-province (2) How many completed their training out of province?

Mr. Broten, to ask the Government the following Question No. 210:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: (1) How many students who graduated in 2007, completed their training out of province and applied for the Graduate Tax Exemption had received a certificate? (2) A diploma? (3) A degree? (4) Certification to journey person?

Mr. Broten, to ask the Government the following Question No. 211:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: How many out-of-province students who graduated in 2007 and applied for the Graduate Tax Exemption were eligible?

Mr. Broten, to ask the Government the following Question No. 212:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: What is the projected total tax relief provided to students who graduated in 2007?

Mr. Broten, to ask the Government the following Question No. 213:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: What is the projected total tax relief provided to students who graduated in 2007 and received their training outside of the province?

Mr. Broten, to ask the Government the following Question No. 214:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: (1) Will students who graduate in 2008 be eligible for the Saskatchewan Graduate Tax Exemption? (2) If yes, will students who received the Graduate Tax Exemption also be eligible for the tuition rebate program?

Mr. Broten, to ask the Government the following Question No. 215:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: How will those who have qualified for the Graduate Tax Exemption be informed of program changes?

Mr. Broten, to ask the Government the following Question No. 216:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: What administrative costs are associated with ending the Graduate Tax Exemption?

Mr. Broten, to ask the Government the following Question No. 217:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: What will the cost be for informing people of the changes in the Saskatchewan Graduate Tax Exemption program?

Mr. Broten, to ask the Government the following Question No. 218:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: How many students who graduated in 2007 have applied for the Saskatchewan Graduate Tax Exemption?