



No. 27

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

FIRST SESSION – TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

Wednesday, April 16, 2008

10:00 a.m.

PRAYERS

PRESENTING PETITIONS

Petitions of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan were presented and laid upon the Table by the following Members: Higgins, Forbes and Morin.

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

According to Order, the Clerk having favourably examined the same pursuant to Rule 16(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 withdraw Bill Nos. 5 and 6 and hold broad public consultations about labour relations in the province.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 89)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to immediately restore funding to the Station 20 project.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 111)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to reassess its decision to close the South Hill liquor store in Moose Jaw.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 130)

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. 34 – The Graduate Retention Program Act

(Hon. Mr. Norris)

Bill No. 35 – The Income Tax Amendment Act, 2008

(Hon. Mr. Gantefoer)

Bill No. 38 – The Corporate Capital Tax Act

(Hon. Mr. Gantefoer)

SPEAKER TABLES REPORT

The Speaker laid before the Assembly, in accordance with the provisions of Section 14 of *The Provincial Auditor Act*, the Report of the Provincial Auditor on the Financial Statements of Crown Agencies for Years Ending in the 2007 Calendar Year, dated April 2008.

(Sessional Paper No. 151)

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 578 to 587, they were answered. (See Appendix)

SECOND READINGS / DEUXIÈME LECTURE

Bill No. 33 – The Active Families Benefit Act

Moved by the Hon. Ms. Tell: That Bill No. 33 – The Active Families Benefit Act – 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.

By designation of the Hon. Mr. Gantefoer, in accordance with Rule 81, Bill No. 33 – The Active Families Benefit Act – was committed to the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice.

Bill No. 17 – The Highways and Transportation Amendment Act, 2008

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Elhard: That Bill No. 17 – The Highways and Transportation Amendment Act, 2008 – 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.

By designation of the Hon. Mr. Gantefoer, in accordance with Rule 81, Bill No. 17 – The Highways and Transportation Amendment Act, 2008 – was committed to the Standing Committee on the Economy.

Bill No. 26 – The Midwifery Amendment Act, 2008

Moved by the Hon. Mr. McMorris: That Bill No. 26 – The Midwifery Amendment Act, 2008 – 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.

By designation of the Hon. Mr. Gantefoer, in accordance with Rule 81, Bill No. 26 – The Midwifery Amendment Act, 2008 – was committed to the Standing Committee on Human Services.

Bill No. 19 – The Social Workers Amendment Act, 2008

The Hon. Ms. Harpauer, 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. 19 – The Social Workers Amendment Act, 2008 – 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.

By designation of the Hon. Mr. Gantefoer, in accordance with Rule 81, Bill No. 19 – The Social Workers Amendment Act, 2008 – was committed to the Standing Committee on the Economy.

Bill No. 28 – The Vital Statistics Administration Transfer Act

The Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff, 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. 28 – The Vital Statistics Administration Transfer Act – 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.

By designation of the Hon. Ms. Harpauer, in accordance with Rule 81, Bill No. 28 – The Vital Statistics Administration Transfer Act – was committed to the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies.

Bill No. 27 – The Alcohol and Gaming Regulation Amendment Act, 2008
Projet de loi n° 27 – Loi de 2008 modifiant la Loi de 1997 sur la réglementation des boissons
alcoolisées et des jeux de hasard

The Hon. Mr. D'Autremont, 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. 27 – The Alcohol and Gaming Regulation Amendment Act, 2008 – be now read a second time.

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

L'hon. M. D'Autremont, membre du Conseil exécutif, fait savoir à l'Assemblée que Son Honneur le Lieutenant-gouverneur, ayant été informé de l'objet du projet de loi, le recommande à la considération de l'Assemblée et propose: Que le projet de loi n° 27 – Loi de 2008 modifiant la Loi de 1997 sur la réglementation des boissons alcoolisées et des jeux de hasard – soit maintenant lu une deuxième fois.

Il s'élève un débat et sur motion de M. Yates, le débat est ajourné.

Bill No. 20 – The Administration of Estates Amendment Act, 2008
Projet de loi n° 20 – Loi de 2008 modifiant la Loi sur l'administration des successions

The Hon. Mr. Morgan, 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 That Bill No. 20 – The Administration of Estates Amendment Act, 2008 – 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.

By designation of the Hon. Mr. Morgan, in accordance with Rule 81, Bill No. 20 – The Administration of Estates Amendment Act, 2008 – was committed to the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice.

L'hon. M. Morgan, membre du Conseil exécutif, fait savoir à l'Assemblée que Son Honneur le Lieutenant-gouverneur, ayant été informé de l'objet du projet de loi, le recommande à la considération de l'Assemblée et propose: Que le projet de loi n° 20 – Loi de 2008 modifiant la Loi sur l'administration des successions – soit maintenant lu une deuxième fois.

Il s'élève un débat et la motion, mise aux voix, est adoptée et, en conséquence, ledit projet de loi est lu une deuxième fois.

Selon la désignation de l'hon. M. Morgan, conformément au règlement 81, le projet de loi n° 20 – Loi de 2008 modifiant la Loi sur l'administration des successions – est renvoyé au Comité permanent des affaires intergouvernementales et de la justice.

Bill No. 21 – The Teachers Superannuation and Disability Benefits Amendment Act, 2008

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Krawetz: That Bill No. 21 – The Teachers Superannuation and Disability Benefits Amendment Act, 2008 – 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.

By designation of the Hon. Ms. Harpauer, in accordance with Rule 81, Bill No. 21 – The Teachers Superannuation and Disability Benefits Amendment Act, 2008 – was committed to the Standing Committee on the Economy.

Bill No. 22 – The Irrigation Amendment Act, 2008

The Hon. Mr. Bjornerud, 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. 22 – The Irrigation Amendment Act, 2008 – 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.

By designation of the Hon. Ms. Harpauer, in accordance with Rule 81, Bill No. 22 – The Irrigation Amendment Act, 2008 – was committed to the Standing Committee on the Economy.

Bill No. 25 – The Wildlife Habitat Protection Amendment Act, 2008

Moved by the Hon. Ms. Heppner: That Bill No. 25 – The Wildlife Habitat Protection Amendment Act, 2008 – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 29 – The Education Amendment Act, 2008
Projet de loi n° 29 – Loi de 2008 modifiant la Loi de 1995 sur l'éducation

The Hon. Mr. Krawetz, 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 That Bill No. 29 – The Education Amendment Act, 2008 – be now read a second time.

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

L'hon. M. Krawetz, membre du Conseil exécutif, fait savoir à l'Assemblée que Son Honneur le Lieutenant-gouverneur, ayant été informé de l'objet du projet de loi, le recommande à la considération de l'Assemblée et propose: Que le projet de loi n° 29 – Loi de 2008 modifiant la Loi de 1995 sur l'éducation – soit maintenant lu une deuxième fois.

Il s'élève un débat et sur motion de M. Yates, le débat est ajourné.

Bill No. 30 – The Statutes and Regulations Revision Act

The Hon. Mr. Morgan, 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. 30 – The Statutes and Regulations Revision Act – 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.

By designation of the Hon. Mr. Gantefer, in accordance with Rule 81, Bill No. 30 – The Statutes and Regulations Revision Act – was committed to the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice.

ADJOURNED DEBATES**Bill No. 8 – The Natural Resources Amendment Act, 2008**

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Ms. Heppner: That Bill No. 8 – The Natural Resources Amendment Act, 2008 – 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.

By designation of the Hon. Mr. Gantefer, in accordance with Rule 81, Bill No. 8 – The Natural Resources Amendment Act, 2008 – was committed to the Standing Committee on the Economy.

Bill No. 10 – The Miscellaneous Pensions Statutes (Commencement of Pension) Amendment Act, 2008

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Gantefer: That Bill No. 10 – The Miscellaneous Pensions Statutes (Commencement of Pension) Amendment Act, 2008 – 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.

By designation of the Hon. Ms. Harpauer, in accordance with Rule 81, Bill No. 10 – The Miscellaneous Pensions Statutes (Commencement of Pension) Amendment Act, 2008 – was committed to the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Gantefer:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 12:11 p.m. until Thursday at 10:00 a.m.

Hon. Don Toth
Speaker

RETURNS, REPORTS AND PAPERS TABLED

The following paper was laid upon the Table:

By the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

Amendments to the Bylaws of the following Professional Association:

Saskatchewan College of Midwives

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 37)

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Mr. Quennell asked the Government the following Question No. 578, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Stewart:

To the Minister of Enterprise and Innovation: How long are the appointments of each individual Enterprise Saskatchewan member?

Answer:

Myrna Bentley – 2 years
Craig Lothian – 2 years
Gary Merasty – 2 years
Gavin Semple – 2 years
Hugh Wagner – 2 years
Bill Cooper – 1 year
Michael Fougere – 1 year
Mark Frison – 1 year
Crystal McLeod – 1 year
David Marit – 1 year

Ms. Junor asked the Government the following Question No. 579, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:

To the Minister of Health: How much money was transferred on April 1, 2008 from each Saskatchewan Regional Health Authority to its respective SUN-RHA fund?

Answer:

The Ministry transferred \$60 million to SAHO for nursing recruitment funding on April 1, 2008. The terms of reference for this agreement are still to be determined.

Ms. Junor asked the Government the following Question No. 580, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:

To the Minister of Health: How much money was transferred on April 1, 2008 from the Ministry of Health to each of the SUN-RHA funds outlined in the Government of Saskatchewan SUN MOU?

Answer:

The Ministry of Health transferred \$60 million to SAHO on March 31, 2008 in support of the Government/SUN Partnership Agreement.

Ms. Junor asked the Government the following Question No. 581, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:

To the Minister of Health: (1) What is the process for filling the vacancy on the Saskatchewan Regional Health Authority Board? (2) What names are being considered?

Answer:

- (1) Candidates complete a declaration of interest for appointment to Regional Health Authority. The declarations are submitted to the Ministry of Health. Individuals with the commensurate skills and experience are appointed to the board.
- (2) Those individuals with the commensurate skills and experience.

Ms. Junor asked the Government the following Question No. 582, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:

To the Minister of Health: (1) How many paramedics were hired into RN/RPN vacancies per region since November 1, 2007? (2) On what units and at what facilities were they hired?

Answer:

- (1) There were no paramedics hired into RN/RPN vacancies in any of the health regions since November 1, 2007.
- (2) N/A

Ms. Junor asked the Government the following Question No. 583, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:

To the Minister of Health: (1) How many LPNs were hired into RN/RPN vacancies per region since November 1, 2007? (2) On what units and at what facilities were they hired?

Answer:

- (1) As part of the work related to implementing the Saskatchewan Union of Nurses (SUN)/Government Agreement, SUN and the regional health authorities will determine if positions have been filled or replaced by LPNs in the timeframes set out in the SUN/Government Agreement.
- (2) See above.

Ms. Junor asked the Government the following Question No. 584, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:

To the Minister of Health: (1) What is the baseline RN/RPN number per unit at the Regina General Hospital? (2) Pasqua Hospital? (3) Royal University Hospital? (4) Saskatoon City Hospital? (5) St. Paul's Hospital?

Answer:

- (1) Representatives from the Saskatchewan Union of Nurses (SUN), regional health authorities (RHAs), Saskatchewan Association of Health Organizations (SAHO) and the Ministry of Health met with the facilitator, Dr. Marlene Smadu, on April 7, 2008 in Regina to begin working out the details of the Government of Saskatchewan/SUN Partnership Agreement on Nursing Recruitment and Retention. At this first meeting, they identified as a priority the need to establish an accurate baseline regarding the number of RNs and RPNs employed by RHAs and the number of vacancies as of November 1, 2007. Discussions are still taking place between the RHAs, SUN, the Ministry, and SAHO representatives to establish accurate employment data, as specified in the SUN/Government Partnership.
- (2) See above.
- (3) See above.
- (4) See above.
- (5) See above.

Ms. Junor asked the Government the following Question No. 585, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:

To the Minister of Health: What was the baseline RN/RPN number for each health region as of November 1, 2007?

Answer:

No baseline data existed on November 1, 2007. Representatives from the Saskatchewan Union of Nurses (SUN), regional health authorities (RHAs), Saskatchewan Association of Health Organizations (SAHO) and the Ministry of Health met with the facilitator, Dr. Marlene Smadu, on April 7, 2008 in Regina to begin working out the details of the Government of Saskatchewan/SUN Partnership Agreement on Nursing Recruitment and Retention. At this first meeting, they identified as a priority the need to establish an accurate baseline regarding the number of RNs and RPNs employed by RHAs and the number of vacancies as of November 1, 2007. Discussions are still taking place between the RHAs, SUN, the Ministry, and SAHO representatives to establish accurate employment data, as specified in the SUN/Government Partnership.

Ms. Junor asked the Government the following Question No. 586, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:

To the Minister of Health: (1) How many RPN vacancies were there as of September 30, 2007? (2) October 31, 2007? (3) November 30, 2007? (4) December 31, 2007? (5) January 31, 2008? (6) February 29, 2008?

Answer:

- (1) Representatives from the Saskatchewan Union of Nurses (SUN), regional health authorities (RHAs), Saskatchewan Association of Health Organizations (SAHO) and the Ministry of Health met with the facilitator, Dr. Marlene Smadu, on April 7, 2008 in Regina to begin working out the details of the Government of Saskatchewan/SUN Partnership Agreement on Nursing Recruitment and Retention. At this first meeting, they identified as a priority the need to establish an accurate baseline regarding the number of RNs and RPNs employed by RHAs and the number of vacancies as of November 1, 2007. Discussions are still taking place between the RHAs, SUN, the Ministry, and SAHO representatives to establish accurate employment data, as specified in the SUN/Government Partnership.

The information below comes from the healthcareersinsask.ca website. The regional health authorities and the Saskatchewan Cancer Agency post the vacancies to the website. The definition of number of vacancies may change as the Partnership group completes their work.

Question	Month	Number of RPN Vacancies*
1	September 2007	2
2	October 2007	0
3	November 2007	1
4	December 2007	Data Unavailable
5	January 2008	5
6	February 2008	4

**Number of vacancies drawn from the Registered Psychiatric Nurse category and includes permanent full time, temporary full time, permanent part time, temporary part time and casual positions.*

- (2) See above.
 (3) See above.
 (4) See above.
 (5) See above.
 (6) See above.

Ms. Junor asked the Government the following Question No. 587, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:

To the Minister of Health: (1) How many RN vacancies were there as of September 30, 2007? (2) October 31, 2007? (3) November 30, 2007? (4) December 31, 2007? (5) January 31, 2008? (6) February 29, 2008?

Answer:

- (1) Representatives from the Saskatchewan Union of Nurses (SUN), regional health authorities (RHAs), Saskatchewan Association of Health Organizations (SAHO) and the Ministry of Health met with the facilitator, Dr. Marlene Smadu, on April 7, 2008 in Regina to begin working out the details of the Government of Saskatchewan/SUN Partnership Agreement on Nursing Recruitment and Retention. At this first meeting, they identified as a priority the need to establish an accurate baseline regarding the number of RNs and RPNs employed by RHAs and the number of vacancies as of November 1, 2007. Discussions are still taking place between the RHAs, SUN,

the Ministry, and SAHO representatives to establish accurate employment data, as specified in the SUN/Government Partnership.

The information below comes from the healthcareersinsask.ca website. The regional health authorities and the Saskatchewan Cancer Agency post the vacancies to the website. The definition of number of vacancies may change as the Partnership group completes their work.

Question	Month	Number of RN Vacancies*
1	September 2007	421
2	October 2007	378
3	November 2007	351
4	December 2007	Data Unavailable
5	January 2008	362
6	February 2008	368

**Number of vacancies drawn from the Registered Nurse category and includes permanent full time, temporary full time, permanent part time, temporary part time and casual positions.*

- (2) See above.
- (3) See above.
- (4) See above.
- (5) See above.
- (6) See above.