



No. 33

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

FIRST SESSION – TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

Monday, April 28, 2008

1:30 p.m.

ABSENCE OF THE SPEAKER

The Clerk advised the Assembly that the Speaker would not be present to open the sitting. Thereupon, the Acting Speaker took the chair.

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 Iwanchuk.

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)

MOMENT OF SILENCE

With unanimous consent, the Assembly observed a moment of silence in remembrance of workers killed or injured in the course of their employment.

INTERIM SUPPLY

The Assembly, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Finance to consider resolutions for Interim Supply.

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Gantefer:

That a sum not exceeding one billion, four hundred fifty-two million, eight hundred twenty-eight thousand dollars be granted to Her Majesty, on account, for the twelve months ending March 31, 2009.

A debate arising and the question being put, it was agreed to.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Gantefer:

Resolved, That towards making good the supply granted to Her Majesty on account of certain charges and expenses of the public service for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2009, the sum of one billion, four hundred fifty-two million, eight hundred twenty-eight thousand dollars be granted out of the General Revenue Fund.

The said resolutions were reported, read twice and agreed to, and the Committee given leave to sit again.

THE APPROPRIATION ACT, 2008 (No. 2)

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Gantefer, by leave of the Assembly: That Bill No. 39 – The Appropriation Act, 2008 (No. 2) – be introduced and read the first time.

The question being put, it was agreed to and the said Bill was, accordingly, read the first time.

By leave of the Assembly and pursuant to Rule 72(2), the said Bill was then read a second and third time and passed under its title.

ROYAL ASSENT / SANCTION ROYALE

3:06 p.m.

His Honour the Administrator, having entered the Chamber, took His seat upon the Throne.

Son Honneur l'administrateur fait son entrée dans le Chambre et prend place au Trône.

The Deputy Speaker addressed His Honour:

Le Président adjoint s'adresse à Son Honneur:

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

QU'IL PLAISE À VOTRE HONNEUR:

This Legislative Assembly at its present Session has passed several Bills which, in the name of the Assembly, I present to Your Honour and to which Bills I respectfully request Your Honour's Assent.

Cette Assemblée législative, au cours de la présente session, a adopté des projets de loi que je présente à Votre Honneur, au nom de l'Assemblée, et que je demande respectueusement à Votre Honneur de sanctionner.

The Clerk of the Assembly then read the titles of the Bills that had been passed severally as follows:

Le Greffier de l'Assemblée a donné lecture des titres du projets de loi adoptés comme suit:

Bill No. 15 – The Northern Municipalities Amendment Act, 2008

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)

Bill No. 30 – The Statutes and Regulations Revision Act

Bill No. 11 – The Enforcement of Canadian Judgments Amendment Act, 2008

Projet de loi n° 11 – Loi de 2008 modifiant la Loi de 2002 sur l'exécution des jugements canadiens

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

Bill No. 12 – The Consumer Protection Amendment Act, 2008

His Honour the Administrator then replied: "In Her Majesty's name, I assent to these Bills."

Son Honneur l'administrateur alors a répondu: "Au nom de Sa Majesté, je sanctionne ces projets de loi."

The Deputy Speaker addressed His Honour:

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

This Legislative Assembly has voted the supplies required to enable the Government to defray the expenses of the Public Service. In the name of the Assembly I present to Your Honour the following Bill, to which Bill I respectfully request Your Honour's Assent:

Bill No. 39 – The Appropriation Act, 2008 (No. 2)

His Honour the Administrator then replied: "In Her Majesty's name, I thank the Legislative Assembly, accept their benevolence, and assent to this Bill."

His Honour then retired from the Chamber.

3:09 p.m.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Gantefoer:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 3:10 p.m. until Tuesday at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Don Toth
Speaker

RETURNS, REPORTS AND PAPERS TABLED

The following papers were laid upon the Table:

By the Hon. Mr. Stewart:

Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements for Saskatchewan Government Growth Fund Management Corporation for the year ended December 31, 2007.

(Sessional Paper No. 168)

Financial Statements for Saskatchewan Government Growth Fund II Ltd. for the year ended December 31, 2007.

(Sessional Paper No. 169)

Annual Report and Financial Statements for Saskatchewan Government Growth Fund III Ltd. for the year ended December 31, 2007.

(Sessional Paper No. 170)

Annual Report and Financial Statements for Saskatchewan Government Growth Fund IV Ltd. for the year ended December 31, 2007.

(Sessional Paper No. 171)

Annual Report and Financial Statements for Saskatchewan Government Growth Fund (1997) V Ltd. for the year ended December 31, 2007.

(Sessional Paper No. 172)

Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements for Saskatchewan Government Growth Fund VI Ltd. for the year ended December 31, 2007.

(Sessional Paper No. 173)

Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements for Saskatchewan Government Growth Fund VII Ltd. for the year ended December 31, 2007.

(Sessional Paper No. 174)

Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements for Saskatchewan Government Growth Fund VIII Ltd. for the year ended December 31, 2007.

(Sessional Paper No. 175)

Annual Report and Financial Statements for Saskatchewan Opportunities Corporation for the year ended December 31, 2007.

(Sessional Paper No. 176)

Annual Report and Consolidated and Non-Consolidated Financial Statements for Investment Saskatchewan Inc. for the year ended December 31, 2007.

(Sessional Paper No. 177)

By the Hon. Mr. Norris:

Annual Report and Financial Statements for Pension Plan for the Employees of the Saskatchewan Workers' Compensation Board for the year ended December 31, 2007.

(Sessional Paper No. 178)

By the Hon. Mr. Gantefer:

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Pension Plan for the year ended December 31, 2007, including Supplementary Payment Information.

(Sessional Paper No. 179)

Annual Report and Financial Statements for Municipal Employees' Pension Commission for the year ended December 31, 2007.

(Sessional Paper No. 180)

Annual Report and Financial Statements for Extended Health Care Plan for the year ended December 31, 2007.

(Sessional Paper No. 181)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Extended Health Care Plan for Certain Other Employees for the year ended December 31, 2007.

(Sessional Paper No. 182)

Annual Report and Financial Statements for Extended Health Care Plan for Retired Employees for the year ended December 31, 2007.

(Sessional Paper No. 183)

Annual Report and Financial Statements for Extended Health Care Plan for Certain Other Retired Employees for the year ended December 31, 2007.

(Sessional Paper No. 184)

Annual Report and Financial Statements for Saskatchewan Government Insurance Service Recognition Plan for the year ended December 31, 2007.

(Sessional Paper No. 185)

Annual Report and Financial Statements for Saskatchewan Water Corporation Retirement Allowance Plan for the year ended December 31, 2007.

(Sessional Paper No. 186)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Power Corporation Severance Pay Credits Plan for the year ended December 31, 2007.

(Sessional Paper No. 187)

Annual Report and Financial Statements for Public Employees Dental Fund for the year ended December 31, 2007.

(Sessional Paper No. 188)

Annual Report and Financial Statements for Public Employees Group Life Insurance Fund for the year ended December 31, 2007.

(Sessional Paper No. 189)

Annual Report and Financial Statements for Public Employees Disability Income Fund for the year ended December 31, 2007.

(Sessional Paper No. 190)

Annual Report and Financial Statements for Saskatchewan Power Corporation Designated Employee Benefit Plan for the year ended December 31, 2007.

(Sessional Paper No. 191)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Power Corporation Supplementary Superannuation Plan for the year ended December 31, 2007.

(Sessional Paper No. 192)

NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The following Questions were given notice on day no. 30 and are to be answered by day no. 35:

Mr. Nilson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 595:

To the Minister of Justice: Has the government provided any financial payment to Mr. Richard Klassen and his family since November 2007?

Ms. Atkinson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 596:

To the Minister of Agriculture: What legal opinion was sought prior to terminating the province's financial support for the Friends of the Canadian Wheat Board legal case against the federal government over its handling of changes to the Board's single desk marketing authority?

Ms. Atkinson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 597:

To the Minister of Agriculture: What consultations, discussions or meetings took place with members of the Canadian Wheat Board, Friends of the Canadian Wheat Board, or other farm groups in the month of November 2007?

Ms. Atkinson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 598:

To the Minister of Agriculture: What projects, products and other services are undertaken by the Saskatchewan Organic Directorate?

Ms. Atkinson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 599:

To the Minister of Agriculture: How much money has the province provided to the Saskatchewan Organic Directorate since its inception?

Ms. Atkinson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 600:

To the Minister of Agriculture: What is the total amount of funding received under the Agricultural New Generation Co-operatives Program?

Ms. Atkinson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 601:

To the Minister of Agriculture: What projects have received funding under the Agricultural New Generation Co-operatives Program, with a breakdown for each year?

Ms. Atkinson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 602:

To the Minister of Agriculture: What is the total amount of funding received under the Agri-Food Innovation Fund?

Ms. Atkinson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 603:

To the Minister of Agriculture: What projects have received funding under the Agri-Food Innovation Fund since its inception, with a breakdown for each year?

Ms. Atkinson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 604:

To the Minister of Agriculture: How many applications were successful under the Agriculture Development Fund since its inception, with a breakdown for each year and for each of the three programs under the fund?

Ms. Atkinson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 605:

To the Minister of Agriculture: How many applications were submitted under the Agriculture Development Fund since its inception, with a breakdown for each year and for each of the three programs under the fund?

Ms. Atkinson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 606:

To the Minister of Agriculture: How many applications have been granted under the SaskBIO program since its inception?

Ms. Atkinson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 607:

To the Minister of Agriculture: How many applications have been sought under the SaskBIO program since its inception?

Ms. Atkinson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 608:

To the Minister of Agriculture: What was the average Crop Insurance indemnity in 2007?

Ms. Atkinson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 609:

To the Minister of Agriculture: What was the average Crop Insurance indemnity in 2006?

Ms. Atkinson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 610:

To the Minister of Agriculture: What was the average Crop Insurance claim in 2007?

Ms. Atkinson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 611:

To the Minister of Agriculture: What was the average Crop Insurance claim in 2006?

Ms. Atkinson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 612:

To the Minister of Agriculture: How many Crop Insurance claims were made in 2007?

Ms. Atkinson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 613:

To the Minister of Agriculture: How many Crop Insurance claims were made in 2006?

Ms. Atkinson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 614:

To the Minister of Agriculture: How many producers were insured under the Crop Insurance program in 2007?

Ms. Atkinson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 615:

To the Minister of Agriculture: How many producers were insured under the Crop Insurance program in 2006?

The following Questions were given notice on day no. 33 and are to be answered by day no. 38:

Mr. Taylor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 616:

To the Premier: (1) What is the total number of employees in Executive Council? (2) How many are male and how many are female?

Mr. Taylor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 617:

To the Premier: (1) What is the total number of employees in ministerial offices (combining all offices together for calculation purposes)? (2) How many employees are male and how many are female (combining all offices together for calculation purposes)?

Mr. Taylor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 618:

To the Premier: Including Executive Council and all Ministers' offices together into one calculation, how many employees are male and how many are female in the executive government of the legislature?

Mr. Taylor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 619:

To the Premier: Including Executive Council and all Ministers' offices together into one calculation, what is the mean and median of the overall employees' salaries in the executive government of the legislature?

Mr. Taylor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 620:

To the Premier: Including Executive Council and all Ministers' offices together into one calculation, what is the mean and median of the male employees' salaries in the executive government of the legislature?

Mr. Taylor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 621:

To the Premier: Including Executive Council and all Ministers' offices together into one calculation, what is the mean and median of the female employees' salaries in the executive government of the legislature?

Mr. Taylor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 622:

To the Premier: What is the mean and median of the female employees' salaries in Ministers' offices (combining all offices together for calculation purposes)?

Mr. Taylor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 623:

To the Premier: What is the mean and median of the male employees' salaries in Ministers' offices (combining all offices together for calculation purposes)?

Mr. Taylor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 624:

To the Premier: What is the mean and median of the employees' salaries in Ministers' offices (combining all offices together for calculation purposes)?

Mr. Taylor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 625:

To the Premier: What is the mean and median of the female employees' salaries in Executive Council?

Mr. Taylor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 626:

To the Premier: What is the mean and median of the male employees' salaries in Executive Council?

Mr. Taylor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 627:

To the Premier: What is the mean and median of the employees' salaries in Executive Council?