



No. 35

# VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

FIRST SESSION – TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

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Wednesday, April 30, 2008

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: Higgins, Iwanchuk, Forbes, Atkinson, Junor and Taylor.

## 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 provide funding for the expansion and renovation of the Moose Jaw Union Hospital.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 87)

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)

**REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON PRIVATE BILLS**

Mr. Allchurch, Chair of the Standing Committee on Private Bills, presents the Second Report of the said committee which is as follows:

Your committee has considered the following Bill and has agreed to report the same without amendment:

Bill No. 901 – The Briercrest College and Seminary Amendment Act, 2008

And further, that the fees less the cost of printing be remitted to the petitioners for Bill No. 901.  
(Sessional Paper No. 212)

On motion of Mr. Allchurch:

Ordered, That the Second Report of the Standing Committee on Private Bills be now concurred in.

Thereupon, 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. 901 – The Briercrest College and Seminary Amendment Act, 2008

**REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON CROWN AND CENTRAL AGENCIES  
RAPPORT DU COMITÉ PERMANENT DES SOCIÉTÉS D'ÉTAT ET DES ORGANISMES CENTRAUX**

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:
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Bill No. 28 – The Vital Statistics Administration Transfer Act

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

Bill No. 1 – The Growth and Financial Security Act

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

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

Bill No. 38 – The Corporate Capital Tax Act

### 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. 3 – The Potash Development Repeal Act

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

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

Bill No. 22 – The Irrigation Amendment Act, 2008

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

### TABLING OF FURTHER ESTIMATES

The Hon. Mr. Gantefer delivered a message from the Lieutenant Governor which was read by the Speaker as follows:

April 30, 2008

The Lieutenant Governor transmits Further Estimates of certain sums required for the service of the Province for the twelve months ending March 31, 2009 and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

GORDON L. BARNHART  
Lieutenant Governor

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 110)

### WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 595 to 602 and 606 to 615, they were answered. (See Appendix)

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 603 to 605, the answers were tabled and, by reason of their length, converted by the Clerk to Return Nos. 37 to 39 pursuant to Rule 20(6).  
(Sessional Paper Nos. 198 to 200)

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Gantefer:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

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The Assembly adjourned at 2:41 p.m. until Thursday at 10:00 a.m.

*Hon. Don Toth*  
*Speaker*

**RETURNS, REPORTS AND PAPERS TABLED**

The following papers were laid upon the Table:

By the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

Amendments to the Bylaws of the following Professional Association:

College of Physicians and Surgeons of the Province of Saskatchewan

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 37)

By the Hon. Mr. Hutchinson:

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Assessment Management Agency for the year ended December 31, 2007.

(Sessional Paper No. 201)

Public Accounts of the Saskatchewan Assessment Management Agency for the year ended December 31, 2007.

(Sessional Paper No. 202)

Financial Statements for Municipal Potash Tax Sharing Administration Board for the year ended December 31, 2007.

(Sessional Paper No. 203)

Annual Report of the Saskatchewan Municipal Board for the year ended December 31, 2007.

(Sessional Paper No. 204)

Annual Report and Financial Statements for Northern Revenue Sharing Trust Account for the year ended December 31, 2007.

(Sessional Paper No. 205)

By the Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff:

Annual Report and Financial Statements for Capital Pension Plan for the year ended December 31, 2007.

(Sessional Paper No. 206)

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

(Sessional Paper No. 207)

Financial Statements for First Nations and Métis Fund Inc. for the year ended December 31, 2007.

(Sessional Paper No. 208)

Financial Statements for Gradworks Inc. for the year ended December 31, 2007.

(Sessional Paper No. 209)

Annual Report and Consolidated and Non-Consolidated Financial Statements for Crown Investments Corporation of Saskatchewan for the year ended December 31, 2007.

(Sessional Paper No. 210)

By the Hon. Ms. Draude:

Annual Report and Financial Statements for Clarence Campeau Development Fund for the year ended December 31, 2007, including Payee list.

(Sessional Paper No. 211)

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

**Mr. Nilson asked the Government the following Question No. 595 which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:**

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

Answer:

The Government of Saskatchewan has paid \$281,437.50 to the members of the Klassen/Kvello family since November of 2007. These payments were made in February and March of 2008.

**Ms. Atkinson asked the Government the following Question No. 596, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Bjornerud:**

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?

Answer:

This question was answered on Day 7, in Question No. 89.

**Ms. Atkinson asked the Government the following Question No. 597, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Bjornerud:**

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?

Answer:

This question was answered on Day 7, in Question No. 88.

**Ms. Atkinson asked the Government the following Question No. 598, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Bjornerud:**

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

Answer:

The Saskatchewan Organic Directorate Inc. is not associated with the government and therefore, for a complete description of the activities of the Saskatchewan Organic Directorate Inc., please visit [www.saskorganic.com](http://www.saskorganic.com).

**Ms. Atkinson asked the Government the following Question No. 599, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Bjornerud:**

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

Answer:

\$523,500

**Ms. Atkinson asked the Government the following Question No. 600, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Bjornerud:**

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

Answer:

The total budget funding received by the Ministry of Agriculture to operate the Agricultural New Generation Co-operatives Program is \$2.5 million since inception on April 1, 2002.

**Ms. Atkinson asked the Government the following Question No. 601, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Bjornerud:**

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

Answer:

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Completed ANGen Projects</u>
2001/02	Prairie Pasta Red Deer Cattle Cooperative LeRoy Agri-Pork Cooperative
2002/03	Saskatchewan Sheep Development Board
2003/04	BioHemp Environmental Technologies Saskatchewan Fisheries Cooperative Ltd. Northwest Organic Community Mills Ltd. Living Sky
2004/05	Norelkco
2005/06	Timberline Beef Packers
2006/07	Tisdale Ethanol Southwest Beef Initiative Great West Beef and Bison

**Ms. Atkinson asked the Government the following Question No. 602, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Bjornerud:**

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

Answer:

\$93.6 million

**Ms. Atkinson asked the Government the following Question No. 606, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Bjornerud:**

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

Answer:

The Ministry of Agriculture does not administer this program.

**Ms. Atkinson asked the Government the following Question No. 607, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Bjornerud:**

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

Answer:

The Ministry of Agriculture does not administer this program.

**Ms. Atkinson asked the Government the following Question No. 608, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Bjornerud:**

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

Answer:

\$5,587 (Indemnity is defined the same as claim).

**Ms. Atkinson asked the Government the following Question No. 609, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Bjornerud:**

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

Answer:

\$5,832 (Indemnity is defined the same as claim).

**Ms. Atkinson asked the Government the following Question No. 610, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Bjornerud:**

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

Answer:

\$5,587

**Ms. Atkinson asked the Government the following Question No. 611, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Bjornerud:**

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

Answer:

\$5,832

**Ms. Atkinson asked the Government the following Question No. 612, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Bjornerud:**

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

Answer:

24,351

**Ms. Atkinson asked the Government the following Question No. 613, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Bjornerud:**

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

Answer:

21,067

**Ms. Atkinson asked the Government the following Question No. 614, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Bjornerud:**

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

Answer:

27,158

**Ms. Atkinson asked the Government the following Question No. 615, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Bjornerud:**

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

Answer:

28,481

## **NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS**

**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?



**The following Questions were given notice on day no. 35 and are to be answered by day no. 40:**

Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 628:

To the Minister of Health: How many CT scans were performed in each of the fiscal years ending: (1) 2006? (2) 2005? (3) 2004? (4) 2003?

Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 629:

To the Minister of Health: How many bone mineral density tests were performed in each of the fiscal years ending: (1) 2006? (2) 2005? (3) 2004? (4) 2003?

Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 630:

To the Minister of Health: How many bone mineral density tests have been performed between March 31, 2007 and November 1, 2007?

Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 631:

To the Minister of Health: How many MRIs were performed in the fiscal year ending 2003?

Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 632:

To the Minister of Health: How many MRIs were performed in the fiscal year ending 2004?

Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 633:

To the Minister of Health: How many MRIs were performed in the fiscal year ending 2005?

Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 634:

To the Minister of Health: How many MRIs were performed in the fiscal year ending 2006?

Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 635:

To the Minister of Health: How many MRIs were performed between March 31, 2007 and November 1, 2007?

Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 636:

To the Minister of Health: How many endocrinologists were added between March 31, 2007 and November 1, 2007?

Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 637:

To the Minister of Health: How many endocrinologists were working in the Saskatchewan health care system as of March 31, 2007?

Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 638:

To the Minister of Health: How many surgeons were added between March 31, 2007 and November 1, 2007?

Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 639:

To the Minister of Health: How many surgeons were working in the Saskatchewan health care system as of March 31, 2007?

Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 640:

To the Minister of Health: How many family physicians were added between March 31, 2007 and November 1, 2007?

Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 641:

To the Minister of Health: How many family physicians were working in the Saskatchewan health care system as of March 31, 2007?

Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 642:

To the Minister of Health: How many oncologists were working in the Saskatchewan health care system as of March 31, 2007?

Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 643:

To the Minister of Health: How many oncologists were added between March 31, 2007 and November 1, 2007?

Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 644:

To the Minister of Health: How many LPNs were added between March 31, 2007 and November 1, 2007?

Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 645:

To the Minister of Health: How many LPNs were working in the Saskatchewan health care system as of March 31, 2007?

Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 646:

To the Minister of Health: How many RPNs were added between March 31, 2007 and November 1, 2007?

Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 647:

To the Minister of Health: How many RPNs were working in the Saskatchewan health care system as of March 31, 2007?

Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 648:

To the Minister of Health: How many RNs were added between March 31, 2007 and November 1, 2007?

Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 649:

To the Minister of Health: How many RNs were working in the Saskatchewan health care system as of March 31, 2007?