



No. 38

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

FIRST SESSION – TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

Tuesday, May 6, 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, Atkinson, Broten 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 maintain the lowest cost utility bundle in Canada.

(Sessional Paper No. 213)

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)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to ensure that the Task Force on Housing Affordability hold open public consultations.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 129)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

Bill No. 40 – The Ukrainian Famine and Genocide (Holodomor) Memorial Day Act

(Hon. Mr. Krawetz)

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

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

Bill No. 34 – The Graduate Retention Program Act

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS AND JUSTICE

The following Bill was reported with 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. 23 – The Municipal Revenue Sharing Amendment Act, 2008

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. 33 – The Active Families Benefit Act

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON CROWN AND CENTRAL AGENCIES

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. 18 – The Public Service Amendment Act, 2008

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE ECONOMY

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. 17 – The Highways and Transportation Amendment Act, 2008

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 616 to 627, pursuant to Rule 20(5), they were transferred to Motions for Returns (Debatable) Nos. 40 to 51.

ADJOURNED DEBATES

Bill No. 24 – The Trade Union Amendment Act, 2008 (No. 2)

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Norris: That Bill No. 24 – The Trade Union Amendment Act, 2008 (No. 2) – be now read a second time.

The debate continuing, it was on motion of Mr. McCall, adjourned.

COMMITTEE OF FINANCE

The Assembly, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Finance to consider Estimates for the Ministry of Executive Council.

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2009, the sum of \$8,611,000 for Executive Council (Ordinary).

Progress was reported and the Committee given leave to sit again.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Gantefoer:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 6:12 p.m. until Wednesday 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. Bjornerud:

Subscription for Units dated June 22, 2007 between CIC Equity Holding Corp. and Apex Investment Limited Partnership.

(Sessional Paper No. 214)

NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

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?

The following Questions were given notice on day no. 36 and are to be answered by day no. 41:

Mr. McCall, to ask the Government the following Question No. 650:

To the Minister of First Nations and Métis Relations: How many Aboriginal people have received on-the-job training as a result of the Aboriginal Employment Development Program?

Mr. McCall, to ask the Government the following Question No. 651:

To the Minister of First Nations and Métis Relations: How many Aboriginal people have found employment as a result of the Aboriginal Employment Development Program?

Mr. McCall, to ask the Government the following Question No. 652:

To the Minister of First Nations and Métis Relations: How many individuals have received diplomas or certificates from the Saskatchewan Indian Institute of technology in each year since its inception in 2000?

Mr. McCall, to ask the Government the following Question No. 653:

To the Minister of First Nations and Métis Relations: (1) Does the government currently have programs in place to help address issues of poverty in First Nations communities? (2) If so, which programs?

Mr. McCall, to ask the Government the following Question No. 654:

To the Minister of First Nations and Métis Relations: (1) What percentage of Saskatchewan's work force is Aboriginal? (2) What source are you citing for this statistic?

Mr. McCall, to ask the Government the following Question No. 655:

To the Minister of First Nations and Métis Relations: In 2006, how many Aboriginal people received education and training through the province's various Aboriginal education and training programs?

Mr. McCall, to ask the Government the following Question No. 656:

To the Minister of First Nations and Métis Relations: In 2007, how many Aboriginal people received education and training through the province's various Aboriginal education and training programs?

Mr. McCall, to ask the Government the following Question No. 657:

To the Minister of First Nations and Métis Relations: What specific programs did the province have in place to support Aboriginal education and training as of November 7, 2007?

Mr. McCall, to ask the Government the following Question No. 658:

To the Minister of First Nations and Métis Relations: As of November 2007, how many individuals have graduated from the Kawacatoose Licensed Practical Nursing Program?

Mr. McCall, to ask the Government the following Question No. 659:

To the Minister of Health: What was the financial impact on the Saskatoon Health Region, programs delivered by or through the College of Medicine, and university doctors as a result of the 2007 university strike?

Mr. McCall, to ask the Government the following Question No. 660:

To the Premier: What MOUs have been entered into by each Ministry since November 7?

The following Questions were given notice on day no. 37 and are to be answered by day no. 42:

Mr. Forbes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 661:

To the Minister of Social Services: How many new families with children received Income Assistance in the Northeast Region in: (1) January 2008? (2) February 2008? (3) March 2008?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 662:

To the Minister of Social Services: How many SAP/TEA cases were open in the Northeast Region in: (1) January 2008? (2) February 2008? (3) March 2008?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 663:

To the Minister of Social Services: How many SAP/TEA cases were open in the Centre Region in: (1) January 2008? (2) February 2008? (3) March 2008?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 664:

To the Minister of Social Services: How many SAP/TEA cases were open in the Southwest Region in: (1) January 2008? (2) February 2008? (3) March 2008?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 665:

To the Minister of Social Services: How many SAP/TEA cases were open in the Southeast Region in: (1) January 2008? (2) February 2008? (3) March 2008?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 666:

To the Minister of Social Services: How many SAP cases involving people who were employable were open in: (1) January 2008? (2) February 2008? (3) March 2008?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 667:

To the Minister of Social Services: How many SAP cases involving families with children were open in: (1) January 2008? (2) February 2008? (3) March 2008?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 668:

To the Minister of Social Services: How many SAP cases involving people living with disabilities were open in: (1) January 2008? (2) February 2008? (3) March 2008?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 669:

To the Minister of Social Services: How many new SAP cases were open in: (1) January 2008? (2) February 2008? (3) March 2008?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 670:

To the Minister of Social Services: How many SAP cases were open in: (1) January 2008? (2) February 2008? (3) March 2008?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 671:

To the Minister of Social Services: How many new TEA cases were open in: (1) January 2008? (2) February 2008? (3) March 2008?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 672:

To the Minister of Social Services: How many TEA cases were open in: (1) January 2008? (2) February 2008? (3) March 2008?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 673:

To the Minister of Social Services: How many people were receiving SIP in: (1) January 2008? (2) February 2008? (3) March 2008?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 674:

To the Minister of Social Services: How many new families with children received Income Assistance in the Northwest Region in: (1) January 2008? (2) February 2008? (3) March 2008?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 675:

To the Minister of Social Services: How many new families with children received Income Assistance in the Centre Region in: (1) January 2008? (2) February 2008? (3) March 2008?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 676:

To the Minister of Social Services: How many new families with children received Income Assistance in the Southwest Region in: (1) January 2008? (2) February 2008? (3) March 2008?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 677:

To the Minister of Social Services: How many new families with children received Income Assistance in the Southeast Region in: (1) January 2008? (2) February 2008? (3) March 2008?

Mr. Belanger, to ask the Government the following Question No. 678:

To the Minister of Education: What was the average wait (in months) for a public licensed child care spot in: (1) 2006/07? (2) 2007/08?

Mr. Belanger, to ask the Government the following Question No. 679:

To the Minister of Education: How many educational assistants were employed within Saskatchewan schools in: (1) 2006/07? (2) 2007/08?

Mr. Belanger, to ask the Government the following Question No. 680:

To the Minister of Education: What was the average class size within the province for grades K-5, 6-9 and 10-12 in: (1) 2006/07? (2) 2007/08?

Mr. Belanger, to ask the Government the following Question No. 681:

To the Minister of Education: What was the average school fee for grades K-5, 6-9 and 10-12 in: (1) 2006/07? (2) 2007/08?

Mr. Belanger, to ask the Government the following Question No. 682:

To the Minister of Education: What was the average course fee for each secondary course in: (1) 2006/07? (2) 2007/08?

Mr. Belanger, to ask the Government the following Question No. 683:

To the Minister of Education: What was the drop-out rate for all students in Saskatchewan from 1990/91 through to 2006/07?

Mr. Belanger, to ask the Government the following Question No. 684:

To the Minister of Education: What was the First Nations and Métis drop-out rate from 1990/91 through to 2006/07?

Mr. Belanger, to ask the Government the following Question No. 685:

To the Minister of Education: What was the First Nations and Métis grade 12 graduation rate in Saskatchewan from 1990/91 through to 2006/07?

Mr. Belanger, to ask the Government the following Question No. 686:

To the Minister of Education: What is the Minister's interpretation of the most recent PISA results?

Mr. Belanger, to ask the Government the following Question No. 687:

To the Minister of Education: How many schools that have been closed in the past 16 years will be re-opened in 2008/09?

Mr. Belanger, to ask the Government the following Question No. 688:

To the Minister of Education: (1) When was Eagle's Nest opened? (2) When did it start delivering services?

Mr. Belanger, to ask the Government the following Question No. 689:

To the Minister of Education: (1) How is Eagle's Nest organized? (2) What services do they provide?

Mr. Belanger, to ask the Government the following Question No. 690:

To the Minister of Education: How much is budgeted for Eagle's Nest for 2008/09?

Mr. Belanger, to ask the Government the following Question No. 691:

To the Minister of Education: How much funding did Eagle's Nest receive from the Ministry of Education in: (1) 2006/07? (2) 2007/08?

Mr. Belanger, to ask the Government the following Question No. 692:

To the Minister of Education: (1) What is the governance structure of Eagle's Nest? (2) Which individuals occupy positions?