



No. 39

# VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

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PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

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Wednesday, May 7, 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: Furber, Atkinson, Taylor, Iwanchuk and Higgins.

## 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)

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)

#### **REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS AND JUSTICE**

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. 37 – The Parks 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. 25 – The Wildlife Habitat Protection Amendment Act, 2008

#### **STATEMENT BY THE SPEAKER** (Unparliamentary Language)

Before Orders of the Day, I wish to remind Members of your role in ensuring that the debates of this Assembly are conducted in a respectful and dignified manner.

Yesterday during Question Period, the Member for Regina Rosemont (Mr. Wotherspoon) used a phrase that upon review implied improper motives on the part of another Member of this Assembly. At the time, I was unsure whether I had heard the Member correctly and chose to review the verbatim record before interrupting the proceedings.

In reviewing the record, I find that the manner in which the Member for Regina Rosemont chose to present his views could be interpreted as implying that the Minister of Education (Mr. Krawetz) was attempting to deceive the public on the adequacy of funding for education.

Members will be aware that it is improper to impute unworthy motives to another Member for their actions. This parliamentary tradition is set out in paragraph 484(3) of *Beauchesne's* (6<sup>th</sup> edition) and confirmed in Rule 50(f) of the Assembly's rule book.

I appreciate that it is not always possible or desirous to prepare in advance every remark or intervention that is to be made in the Assembly. Nor is it reasonable to expect that Members will review every remark or intervention prior to delivery to ensure that they abide by all rules of debate. Indeed, history records that often the most effective and compelling debates occur when Members passionately and forcefully present their positions. Nevertheless, I do wish to caution Members on their choice of language, particularly when participating in a lively proceeding such as Question Period. Challenging the position of another Member is acceptable. Questioning their character is not. A personal charge or accusation against another Member may only be done by way of a substantive motion.

Thereupon, Mr. Wotherspoon withdrew his remarks.

**MOTION TO GRANT LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

On motion of Mr. Taylor, by leave of the Assembly:

Ordered, That leave of absence be granted to the Member for Regina Northeast for Friday, May 9, 2008 to Friday, May 16, 2008 to attend the 39<sup>th</sup> British Islands and Mediterranean Regional Conference in Gibraltar on behalf of this Assembly.

**BILL NO. 40 – THE UKRAINIAN FAMINE AND GENOCIDE (HOLODOMOR) MEMORIAL DAY ACT**

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Krawetz: That Bill No. 40 – The Ukrainian Famine and Genocide (Holodomor) Memorial Day Act – be now read a second time.

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

By designation of the Hon. Mr. Krawetz, in accordance with Rule 81, Bill No. 40 – The Ukrainian Famine and Genocide (Holodomor) Memorial Day Act – was committed to a Committee of the Whole later this day.

The Assembly, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

By leave of the Assembly, pursuant to Rule 72(1), the following Bill was reported without amendment, read the third time and passed:

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

The Committee was given leave to sit again.

**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 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. 24 – The Trade Union Amendment Act, 2008 (No. 2) – was committed to the Standing Committee on Human Services.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Gantefer:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

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The Assembly adjourned at 2:55 p.m. until Thursday at 10:00 a.m.

*Hon. Don Toth  
Speaker*

## CORRIGENDUM

Where the *Votes and Proceedings* of May 6, 2008, under Written Questions reads, “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,” it should have read as follows:

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 616 to 627, pursuant to Rule 20(5), they were passed by the Assembly as Orders for Returns Nos. 40 to 51, and Orders of the Assembly issued:

Mr. Taylor, for Return No. 40 showing:

(1) The total number of employees in Executive Council. (2) The number that are male and the number that are female.

Mr. Taylor, for Return No. 41 showing:

(1) The total number of employees in ministerial offices (combining all offices together for calculation purposes). (2) The number of male and female employees (combining all offices together for calculation purposes).

Mr. Taylor, for Return No. 42 showing:

Including Executive Council and all Ministers’ offices together into one calculation, the number of male and female employees in the executive government of the legislature.

Mr. Taylor, for Return No. 43 showing:

Including Executive Council and all Ministers’ offices together into one calculation, the mean and median of the overall employees’ salaries in the executive government of the legislature.

Mr. Taylor, for Return No. 44 showing:

Including Executive Council and all Ministers’ offices together into one calculation, the mean and median of the male employees’ salaries in the executive government of the legislature.

Mr. Taylor, for Return No. 45 showing:

Including Executive Council and all Ministers’ offices together into one calculation, the mean and median of the female employees’ salaries in the executive government of the legislature.

Mr. Taylor, for Return No. 46 showing:

The mean and median of the female employees’ salaries in Ministers’ offices (combining all offices together for calculation purposes).

Mr. Taylor, for Return No. 47 showing:

The mean and median of the male employees’ salaries in Ministers’ offices (combining all offices together for calculation purposes).

Mr. Taylor, for Return No. 48 showing:

The mean and median of the employees’ salaries in Ministers’ offices (combining all offices together for calculation purposes).

Mr. Taylor, for Return No. 49 showing:

The mean and median of the female employees’ salaries in Executive Council.

Mr. Taylor, for Return No. 50 showing:

The mean and median of the male employees’ salaries in Executive Council.

Mr. Taylor, for Return No. 51 showing:

The mean and median of the employees' salaries in Executive Council.

## NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

**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?