



No. 43

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

FIRST SESSION – TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

Wednesday, May 14, 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, Junor, Broten, Taylor 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 ensure that the Task Force on Housing Affordability hold open public consultations.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 129)

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)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to reverse its decision to means test seniors for the provincial prescription drug plan.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 131)

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON CROWN AND CENTRAL AGENCIES

Mr. Duncan, Chair of the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies presented the Third Report of the said committee, which is as follows:

Your committee considered the Estimates of the following government ministries and agencies and adopted the following resolutions:

Main Estimates, 2008-2009:

Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2009, the following sums:

For Finance.....	\$179,830,000
For Government Services.....	\$40,220,000
For Information Technology Office	\$5,575,000
For Office of the Provincial Secretary	\$4,153,000
For Public Service Commission.....	\$37,692,000

Your committee reviewed the following Estimates and Further Estimates for which no funds were requested or required to be voted:

Main Estimates, 2008-2009:

Executive Branch of Government

For Finance – Servicing the Government Debt (Statutory)

Fund Transfers

For Growth and Financial Security Fund

Lending and Investing Activities

For Saskatchewan Opportunities Corporation (Statutory)

For Saskatchewan Power Corporation (Statutory)

For Saskatchewan Telecommunications Holding Corporation (Statutory)

For Saskatchewan Water Corporation (Statutory)

For SaskEnergy Incorporated (Statutory)

Debt Redemption, Sinking Fund and Interest Payments

For Finance – Debt Redemption (Statutory)

For Finance – Sinking Fund Payments – Government Share (Statutory)

For Finance – Interest on Gross Debt – Crown Enterprise Share (Statutory)

Your committee recommends that upon concurrence of its report by the Assembly, the sums as reported and approved shall be included in the Appropriation Bill for consideration by the Legislative Assembly.
(Sessional Paper No. 220)

On motion of Mr. Duncan:

Ordered, That the Third Report of the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies be now concurred in.

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE ECONOMY

Mr. Huyghebaert, Chair of the Standing Committee on the Economy, presented the Third Report of the said committee which is as follows:

Your committee considered the Estimates of the following government ministries and agencies and adopted the following resolutions:

Main Estimates, 2008-2009:

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2009, the following sums:

Executive Branch of Government

For Agriculture	\$300,080,000
For Energy and Resources	\$33,980,000
For Enterprise and Innovation	\$60,061,000
For Environment	\$208,985,000
For Highways and Infrastructure	\$287,421,000
For Saskatchewan Research Council	\$12,082,000

Lending and Investing Activities

For Agriculture	\$3,025,000
For Enterprise and Innovation	\$5,500,000
For Highways and Infrastructure	\$750,000

Major Capital Expenditure

Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2009, the following sums, which to the extent that they remain unexpended for that fiscal year are also granted for the fiscal year ending on March 31, 2010:

For Highways and Infrastructure Capital	\$225,712,000
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Your committee reviewed the following Estimates for which no funds were requested or required to be voted:

Main Estimates, 2008-2009:**Lending and Investing Activities**

For Agricultural Credit Corporation of Saskatchewan (Statutory)
For Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Corporation (Statutory)

Your committee recommends that upon concurrence of its report by the Assembly, the sums as reported and approved shall be included in the Appropriation Bill for consideration by the Legislative Assembly.
(Sessional Paper No. 221)

On motion of Mr. Huyghebaert:

Ordered, That the Third Report of the Standing Committee on the Economy be now concurred in.

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS AND JUSTICE

Mr. Kirsch, Chair of the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice, presented the Fourth Report of the said committee, which is as follows:

Your committee considered the Estimates of the following government ministry and adopted the following resolution:

Main Estimates, 2008-2009:**Lending and Investing Activities**

For First Nations and Métis Relations	\$1,600,000
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Your committee recommends that upon concurrence of its report by the Assembly, the sums as reported and approved shall be included in the Appropriation Bill for consideration by the Legislative Assembly.
(Sessional Paper No. 222)

On motion of Mr. Kirsch:

Ordered, That the Fourth Report of the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice be now concurred in.

COMMITTEE OF FINANCE

Summary of Resolutions adopted:

GENERAL REVENUE FUND

MAIN ESTIMATES 2008-2009

EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2009 the following sums:

BUDGETARY EXPENSES

1.	For Advanced Education, Employment and Labour	\$761,779,000
2.	For Agriculture	300,080,000
3.	For Corrections, Public Safety and Policing	314,116,000
4.	For Education	1,016,747,000
5.	For Energy and Resources.....	33,980,000
6.	For Enterprise and Innovation	60,061,000
7.	For Environment.....	208,985,000
8.	For Executive Council.....	8,611,000
9.	For Finance.....	179,830,000
10.	For First Nations and Métis Relations	70,286,000
11.	For Government Services	40,220,000
12.	For Health.....	3,773,609,000

13.	For Highways and Infrastructure	287,421,000
14.	For Information Technology Office	5,575,000
15.	For Intergovernmental Affairs.....	3,538,000
16.	For Justice and Attorney General.....	120,400,000
17.	For Municipal Affairs.....	245,307,000
18.	For Office of the Provincial Secretary	4,153,000
19.	For Public Service Commission	37,692,000
20.	For Saskatchewan Research Council	12,082,000
21.	For Social Services.....	635,475,000
22.	For Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport	139,230,000

LENDING AND INVESTING ACTIVITIES

23.	For Advanced Education, Employment and Labour	\$43,000,000
24.	For Agriculture	3,025,000
25.	For Enterprise and Innovation.....	5,500,000
26.	For First Nations and Métis Relations	1,600,000
27.	For Highways and Infrastructure.....	750,000

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT

28.	For Children's Advocate	\$1,361,000
29.	For Conflict of Interest Commissioner.....	151,000
30.	For Information and Privacy Commissioner	822,000
31.	For Legislative Assembly.....	7,925,000
32.	For Ombudsman	1,898,000
33.	For Provincial Auditor	6,945,000

GENERAL REVENUE FUND

MAJOR CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2009, the following sums, which to the extent that they remain unexpended for that fiscal year are also granted for the fiscal year ending on March 31, 2010:

1. For Highways and Infrastructure Capital \$225,712,000

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 six billion, nine hundred sixteen million, nine hundred forty-five thousand dollars be granted out of the General Revenue Fund.

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, which to the extent that they remain unexpended for the fiscal year are also granted for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2010, the sum of one hundred eighty-eight million, ninety-three 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. 3)

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Gantefer: That Bill No. 41 – The Appropriation Act, 2008 (No. 3) – 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.

Pursuant to Rule 72(2), the said Bill was then read a second and third time and passed under its title, on Division.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Pursuant to Rule 34, the Assembly resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider Bill No. 5 – The Public Service Essential Services Act.

The following Bill was reported with amendment:

Bill No. 5 – The Public Service Essential Services Act

The Committee was given leave to sit again.

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Norris: That Bill No. 5 – The Public Service Essential Services Act – be now read a third time and passed under its title.

The question being put, it was agreed to on the following Recorded Division:

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Wall	Stewart	Elhard	Bjornerud	Draude
Krawetz	Boyd	Eagles	McMorris	D'Autremont
Hickie	Cheveldayoff	Heppner	Tell	Gantefoer
Harpauer	Norris	Morgan	Hutchinson	Huyghebaert
Brkich	Hart	Kirsch	Schreimer	Allchurch
Weekes	Chisholm	Wilson	Duncan	Michelson
Ottenbreit	Ross	Reiter	Bradshaw	Harrison
McMillan				

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Calvert	Junor	Trew	Van Mulligen	Atkinson
Nilson	Yates	Higgins	Belanger	Furber
Iwanchuk	Forbes	Morin	Taylor	Quennell
Broten	McCall	Wotherspoon		

The said Bill was, accordingly, read the third time and passed.

ROYAL ASSENT / SANCTION ROYALE

3:28 p.m.

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

Son Honneur le Lieutenant gouverneur fait son entrée dans le Chambre et prend place au Trône.

The Speaker addressed His Honour:

Le Président 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. 13 – The Teachers' Life Insurance (Government Contributory) Amendment Act, 2008

Bill No. 14 – The Saskatchewan Association of School Business Officials Repeal Act

Bill No. 26 – The Midwifery Amendment Act, 2008

Bill No. 29 – The Education Amendment Act, 2008

Projet de loi n° 29 – Loi de 2008 modifiant la Loi de 1995 sur l'éducation

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

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

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

Bill No. 34 – The Graduate Retention Program Act

Bill No. 23 – The Municipal Revenue Sharing Amendment Act, 2008

Bill No. 33 – The Active Families Benefit Act

Bill No. 18 – The Public Service Amendment Act, 2008

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

Bill No. 37 – The Parks Amendment Act, 2008

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

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

Bill No. 6 – The Trade Union Amendment Act, 2007

Bill No. 2 – The Enterprise Saskatchewan Act

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

Bill No. 5 – The Public Service Essential Services Act

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor then replied:
“In Her Majesty’s name, I assent to these Bills.”

Son Honneur le Lieutenant gouverneur alors a
répondu: “Au nom de Sa Majesté, je sanctionne
ces projets de loi.”

The 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. 41 – The Appropriation Act, 2008 (No. 3)

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor 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.

3:32 p.m.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Gantefoer:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 3:35 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 Associations:

Saskatchewan Association of Architects

Saskatchewan Institute of Agrologists

The Real Estate Commission

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 37)