



No. 10

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

SECOND SESSION – TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

Thursday, November 6, 2008

10:00 a.m.

PRAYERS

PRESENTING PETITIONS

Petitions of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan were presented and laid upon the Table by the following Members: Furber, Higgins, Iwanchuk and Wotherspoon.

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

According to Order, the Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel 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 undertake a thorough consultation with a broad group of stakeholders, including the policing community, the corrections community, and community agencies and organizations that interface with gangs and understand the risks and challenges gangs offer our communities.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 7)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to address the burden placed on Saskatchewan students by high post-secondary tuition fees.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 8)

Bill No. 601 – The Air, Army, Sea and Navy League Cadets Recognition Day Act

The following Bill was received, read the first time, and by leave of the Assembly and pursuant to Rule 72(1), ordered to be read a second time later this day:

Bill No. 601 – The Air, Army, Sea and Navy League Cadets Recognition Day Act

(Mr. Huyghebaert)

Moved by Mr. Huyghebaert: That Bill No. 601 – The Air, Army, Sea and Navy League Cadets Recognition Day Act – be now read a second time.

A debate arising and the question being put, it was agreed to and the said Bill was, accordingly, read a second time and by leave of the Assembly and pursuant to Rule 72(1), referred to a Committee of the Whole later this day.

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

The following Bill was reported without amendment:

Bill No. 601 – The Air, Army, Sea and Navy League Cadets Recognition Day Act

The Committee was given leave to sit again.

Moved by Mr. Huyghebaert: That Bill No. 601 – The Air, Army, Sea and Navy League Cadets Recognition Day Act – be now read the third time and passed under its title.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

ROYAL ASSENT

11:22 p.m.

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

The Speaker addressed His Honour:

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

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

The Clerk of the Assembly then read the title of the Bill that had been passed as follows:

Bill No. 601 – The Air, Army, Sea and Navy League Cadets Recognition Day Act

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor then replied: "In Her Majesty's name, I assent to this Bill."

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor then retired from the Chamber.

11:23 p.m.

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 87 to 88 and 90 to 92, they were answered. (See Appendix)

The Order of the Day being called for Question No. 89, the answer was tabled and, by reason of its length, converted by the Clerk to Return No. 18 pursuant to Rule 20(6).

(Sessional Paper No. 31)

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 Walsh Acres for Monday, November 3 to Wednesday, November 5, 2008 inclusive, to attend the annual meeting of the Partnership of Parliaments in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina on behalf of this Assembly.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Gantefer:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 11:26 a.m. until Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. pursuant to an Order of the Assembly dated October 23, 2008.

Hon. Don Toth
Speaker

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Mr. Forbes asked the Government the following Question No. 87, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

To the Minister of Social Services: What were the guidelines or conditions in terms of registrations for the CBO summit?

Answer:

On June 24, 2008, an invitation was sent out to CBOs funded by Ministries of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour, Corrections, Public Safety and Policing, Education, Health, Justice and Attorney General, and Social Services. Each CBO was invited to send two representatives to the CBO Summit of their choice.

The following guidelines and conditions were stated in the invitation: "We hope you are able to attend and ask that you confirm the attendance of two representatives from your organization as soon as possible by visiting the website at www.socialservices.gov.sk.ca/cbosummit and clicking on the registration link. Please include the location you will be attending." Registrations were accepted on-line or in person at the door of each summit. No person or agency was turned away.

Mr. Forbes asked the Government the following Question No. 88, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

To the Minister of Social Services: In terms of the CBOs who registered for the CBO summits this fall, what are the contact names of the organizations?

Answer:

Under *The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, the contact names of the organizations cannot be released without prior written consent of the individuals.

Mr. Forbes asked the Government the following Question No. 90, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

To the Minister of Social Services: In June 2008, the Minister stated that she would hire a senior ministry official to oversee Child and Family Services and review the system in light of the Children's Advocate's concerns. (1) When was the person hired? (2) What is the mandate and timeline for this work?

Answer:

- (1) October 20, 2008
- (2) Over the next 3-4 months, initial direction is to develop a strategy that describes in detail, how Saskatchewan Social Services can be more effective in the recruitment, approval and retention of foster homes which care for children in the Minister's care. Further responsibilities will be assigned once initial project is well advanced.

Mr. Forbes asked the Government the following Question No. 91, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:

To the Minister of Health: Based on the government's trip to the Philippines last year, how many nurses from the Philippines have signed contracts with health districts?

Answer:

This question was answered on Day No. 3 of the fall 2008 legislative session, in Question No. 83.

Mr. Calvert asked the Government the following Question No. 92, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Wall:

To the Premier: (1) How many employees in the civil service have moved to "unclassified"? (2) What is the definition of "unclassified"?

Answer:

- (1) There have been 70 new Order-in-Council appointments, under *The Public Service Act*, to positions in the unclassified division of the public service during the period November 21, 2007 to October 27, 2008.
- (2) The “unclassified division” of the public service is defined in *The Public Service Act* as follows:

PART III Organization of the Public Service

Two divisions

- 15(1)** The public service is composed of two divisions:
- (a) the unclassified division; and
 - (b) the classified division.
- (2) Subject to subsection 31(3), the unclassified division is composed of the following positions:
- (a) permanent heads;
 - (b) members of boards or commissions;
 - (c) the Clerk of the Executive Council; and
 - (d) those positions designated by the Lieutenant Governor in Council as positions to be placed in the unclassified division.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS FOR FIRST READING OF BILLS

On Thursday:

Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff to move First Reading of Bill No. 57 – The Land Titles Amendment Act, 2008

Hon. Mr. Gantefer to move First Reading of Bill No. 58 – The Income Tax Amendment Act, 2008 (No. 2)

NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The following Questions were given notice on day no. 8 and are to be answered by day no. 13:

Ms. Atkinson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 93:

To the Minister of Agriculture: (1) Were there any consultations prior to the announcement of the Agricultural Crown Lands Sale Program? (2) If so, who were those consultations with? (3) When did those meetings take place?

Ms. Atkinson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 94:

To the Minister of Agriculture: (1) Is there a limit on how much land one individual or company can purchase under Agricultural Crown Lands Sale Program? (2) If so, what is that limit?

Ms. Atkinson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 95:

To the Minister of Agriculture: (1) Is there any criteria that individuals have to meet to participate in the Agricultural Crown Lands Sale Program? (2) What is that criteria?

Ms. Atkinson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 96:

To the Minister of Agriculture: Will there be preferential treatment for current lessees under the Agricultural Crown Lands Sale Program?

Mr. McCall, to ask the Government the following Question No. 97:

To the Minister of First Nations and Métis Relations: Was there any duty to consult meetings or hearings before the announcement of the Agricultural Crown Lands Sale Program?

Mr. Harper, to ask the Government the following Question No. 98:

To the Minister of Highways and Infrastructure: (1) What was the average cost per kilometer of the reconstruction work in 2008? (2) 2007? (3) 2006? (4) 2005? (5) 2004?

Mr. Harper, to ask the Government the following Question No. 99:

To the Minister of Highways and Infrastructure: (1) How many kilometers of highways were reconstructed - how many of those kilometers were reconstruction of road bed and how many were reconstruction of pavement top - in 2008? (2) 2007? (3) 2006? (4) 2005? (5) 2004?

Mr. Harper, to ask the Government the following Question No. 100:

To the Minister of Highways and Infrastructure: (1) How many kilometers of highways were resurfaced with new surface covering pavement in 2008? (2) 2007? (3) 2006? (4) 2005? (5) 2004?

Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 101:

To the Minister of Health: (1) How many seniors are covered under the prescription drug plan? (2) What is the average cost to cover a senior under that plan?

Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 102:

To the Minister of Health: What is the number of RPNs employed by health regions - per region - as of September 30, 2008?

Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 103:

To the Minister Responsible for Public Service Commission: (1) How many unions does the government of Saskatchewan currently collectively bargain with? (2) How many employees are represented by each of those unions for bargaining purposes? (3) When is each contract up for negotiations?

Mr. Nilson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 104:

To the Minister of Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport: (1) Were there any companies that applied for the Saskatchewan Film Employment Tax Credit in 2006/07 that did not receive that credit? (2) 2007/08? (3) 2008/09?

Mr. Nilson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 105:

To the Minister of Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport: How will the government of Saskatchewan measure the increased participation of children ages six to 14 in sports, cultural and recreation activities as a result of the Active Saskatchewan Families Benefit?

Mr. Calvert, to ask the Government the following Question No. 106:

To the Premier: (1) Has North Sask consumer interviewing been contracted by the government (including Executive Council, ministries or Crown corporations) since November 7, 2007? (2) If so, what were the terms of that contract? (3) How much were they paid?

The following Questions were given notice on day no. 9 and are to be answered by day no. 14:

Mr. Taylor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 107:

To the Minister of Agriculture: In regard to the sale of land under the Agriculture Crown Lands Sale Program, are mineral rights included in the sale or are those rights being auctioned separately?

Mr. Taylor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 108:

To the Minister of Energy and Resources: In regard to the sale of land under the Agriculture Crown Lands Sale Program, are mineral rights included in the sale or are those rights being auctioned separately?