



No. 11

# **VOTES and PROCEEDINGS**

OF THE

**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

**SECOND SESSION – TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE**

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**Wednesday, November 12, 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 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 add at least 2000 new child care spaces in Saskatchewan by 2011.  
(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 6)

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 significantly increase the provincial portion of education funding.  
(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 12)

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. 26)

#### **TABLING OF SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES**

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

November 12, 2008

The Lieutenant Governor transmits Supplementary Estimates – November 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

(Sessional Paper No. 32)

#### **ADJOURNED DEBATES**

##### **Bill No. 42 – The Securities Amendment Act, 2008**

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Morgan: That Bill No. 42 – The Securities Amendment Act, 2008 – 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. 42 – The Securities Amendment Act, 2008 – was committed to the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice.

##### **Bill No. 48 – The Financial Administration Amendment Act, 2008**

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Gantefer: That Bill No. 48 – The Financial Administration Amendment Act, 2008 – be now read a second time.

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

##### **Bill No. 43 – The Trespass to Property Act**

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Morgan: That Bill No. 43 – The Trespass to Property Act – be now read a second time.

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

**Bill No. 49 – The Ambulance Amendment Act, 2008**

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. McMorris: That Bill No. 49 – The Ambulance Amendment Act, 2008 – be now read a second time.

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

**Bill No. 45 – The Credit Union Amendment Act, 2008**

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Morgan: That Bill No. 45 – The Credit Union Amendment Act, 2008 – be now read a second time.

The debate continuing, it was on motion of Ms. Higgins, adjourned.

**Bill No. 9 – The Superannuation (Supplementary Provisions) Amendment Act, 2008**

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Gantefer: That Bill No. 9 – The Superannuation (Supplementary Provisions) Amendment Act, 2008 – be now read a second time.

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

**Bill No. 46 – The Labour Market Commission Amendment Act, 2008**

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Stewart: That Bill No. 46 – The Labour Market Commission Amendment Act, 2008 – be now read a second time.

The debate continuing, the Speaker interrupted proceedings and adjourned the Assembly without question put, pursuant to Rule 6(6).

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The Assembly adjourned at 5:00 p.m. until Thursday at 10:00 a.m.

*Hon. Don Toth*  
*Speaker*

## **NOTICE OF MOTIONS FOR FIRST READING OF BILLS**

On Monday:

Hon. Mr. Morgan to move First Reading of Bill No. 59 – The Election Amendment Act, 2008

Hon. Mr. Morgan to move First Reading of Bill No. 60 – The Senate Nominee Election Act

Hon. Mr. Hutchinson to move First Reading of Bill No. 61 – The Local Government Election Amendment Act, 2008

## **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?

**The following Questions were given notice on day no. 11 and are to be answered by day no. 16:**

Mr. Calvert, to ask the Government the following Question No. 109:

To the Premier: (1) Has Graham Construction 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?

Mr. Calvert, to ask the Government the following Question No. 110:

To the Premier: (1) Has Graham Construction been contracted by the government (including Executive Council, ministries, or Crown corporations) since November 7, 2007? (2) If so, was any contract they were given sent out for tender or was it awarded directly to the company?

Mr. Calvert, to ask the Government the following Question No. 111:

To the Minister of Health: (1) For patients that were send out of province for PET scans in 2007 and 2008, what was the cost per patient? (2) What was the total cost in 2007? (3) What is the total cost to date in 2008?

Mr. Calvert, to ask the Government the following Question No. 112:

To the Minister of Health: (1) How many patients were sent out of province for PET scans in 2006? (2) 2007? (3) To date in 2008?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 113:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) Has Bob Chartier received any remuneration for his work on the CBO Summit? (2) If so, what remuneration was given?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 114:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) Has Ted Merriman received any remuneration for his work on the task force on Affordable Housing? (2) If so, what remuneration was given?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 115:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) Has Bob Pringle received any remuneration for his work on the task force on Affordable Housing? (2) If so, what remuneration was given?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 116:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many children came into foster care under the authority of *The Child and Family Services Act* and were placed into overflow facilities during each month of 2007? (2) 2008?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 117:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many families were on the waiting list for the Saskatchewan Rental Housing Supplement (SRHS) in each month of 2007? (2) 2008?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 118:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many families qualified for Saskatchewan Rental Housing Supplement (SRHS) in each month of 2007? (2) 2008?

Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 119:

To the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing: On October 29, 2008, the Minister made the following statement in the Assembly: “as minister, I identified the policy that I felt needed to be followed - namely, inform the public immediately when an offender is unlawfully at large. The ministry has responsibility for implementing the policy. This includes communicating the policy and developing the appropriate procedures for use throughout the system.” What “appropriate procedures” were developed?

Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 120:

To the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing: On October 29, 2008, the Minister made the following statement in the Assembly: “as minister, I identified the policy that I felt needed to be followed - namely, inform the public immediately when an offender is unlawfully at large. The ministry has responsibility for implementing the policy. This includes communicating the policy and developing the appropriate procedures for use throughout the system.” (1) When was this policy communicated to front line staff? (2) How was this policy communicated to front line staff?

Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 121:

To the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing: On October 29, 2008, the Minister made the following statement in the Assembly: “as minister, I identified the policy that I felt needed to be followed - namely, inform the public immediately when an offender is unlawfully at large. The ministry has responsibility for implementing the policy. This includes communicating the policy and developing the appropriate procedures for use throughout the system.” (1) When was this policy communicated to the Deputy Minister? (2) How was this policy communicated to the Deputy Minister - by email or by some other method?

Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 122:

To the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing: On October 29, 2008, the Minister made the following statement in the Assembly: “as minister, I identified the policy that I felt needed to be followed - namely, inform the public immediately when an offender is unlawfully at large. The ministry has responsibility for implementing the policy. This includes communicating the policy and developing the appropriate procedures for use throughout the system.” When was this policy enacted?

Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 123:

To the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing: On October 29, 2008, the Minister made the following statement in the Assembly: “as minister, I identified the policy that I felt needed to be followed - namely, inform the public immediately when an offender is unlawfully at large. The ministry has responsibility for implementing the policy. This includes communicating the policy and developing the appropriate procedures for use throughout the system.” (1) How were the “appropriate procedures” communicated to staff (including the Deputy Minister)? (2) When did this communication take place?

Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 124:

To the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing: (1) Have there been any changes to the policy manual in the Ministry of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing since November 7, 2007? (2) If so, what were those changes?