



No. 14

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

SECOND SESSION – TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

Tuesday, November 18, 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, Broten and McCall.

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 increase funding for post-secondary students.

(Sessional Paper No. 35)

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 immediately add at least 1000 new child care spaces in Saskatchewan.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 33)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to commit to indexing Saskatchewan minimum wage.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 34)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

Bill No. 62 – The Residential Tenancies Amendment Act, 2008

(Hon. Mr. Morgan)

Bill No. 63 – The Saskatchewan Housing Corporation Amendment Act, 2008

(Hon. Ms. Harpauer)

Bill No. 64 – The Northern Municipalities Amendment Act, 2008 (No. 2)

(Hon. Mr. Hutchinson)

Bill No. 73 – The University of Saskatchewan Amendment Act, 2008

(Hon. Mr. Norris)

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 107 to 108, they were answered. (See Appendix)

SECOND READINGS

Bill No. 59 – The Election Amendment Act, 2008

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Morgan: That Bill No. 59 – The Election Amendment Act, 2008 – be now read a second time.

A debate arising, it was on motion of Mr. Taylor, adjourned.

Bill No. 60 – The Senate Nominee Election Act

The Hon. Mr. Morgan, a member of the Executive Council, having acquainted the Assembly that His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the Bill, recommends it to the consideration of the Assembly, moved: That Bill No. 60 – The Senate Nominee Election Act – be now read a second time.

A debate arising, it was on motion of Mr. Trew, adjourned.

Bill No. 61 – The Local Government Election Amendment Act, 2008

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Hutchinson: That Bill No. 61 – The Local Government Election Amendment Act, 2008 – be now read a second time.

A debate arising, it was on motion of Mr. Nilson, adjourned.

ADJOURNED DEBATES

Bill No. 58 – The Income Tax Amendment Act, 2008 (No. 2)

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Gantefer: That Bill No. 58 – The Income Tax Amendment Act, 2008 (No. 2) – 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. Furber, adjourned.

Bill No. 57 – The Land Titles Amendment Act, 2008

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff: That Bill No. 57 – The Land Titles Amendment Act, 2008 – be now read a second time.

The debate continuing, it was on motion of Mr. Taylor, 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. Wotherspoon, 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, it was on motion of Ms. Higgins, 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. Iwanchuk, adjourned.

Bill No. 53 – The Medical Profession Amendment Act, 2008

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. McMorris: That Bill No. 53 – The Medical Profession 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. D'Autremont, in accordance with Rule 81, Bill No. 53 – The Medical Profession Amendment Act, 2008 – was committed to the Standing Committee on Human Services.

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 Mr. Yates, adjourned.

Bill No. 44 – The Agreements of Sale Cancellation Amendment Act, 2008

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Morgan: That Bill No. 44 – The Agreements of Sale Cancellation Amendment Act, 2008 – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 47 – The Pipelines Amendment Act, 2008

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Boyd: That Bill No. 47 – The Pipelines Amendment Act, 2008 – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 50 – The Missing Persons and Presumption of Death Act

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Morgan: That Bill No. 50 – The Missing Persons and Presumption of Death Act – be now read a second time.

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

On motion of the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 4:57 p.m. until Wednesday at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Don Toth
Speaker

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Mr. Taylor asked the Government the following Question No. 107, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Bjornerud:

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?

Answer:

No. Only surface rights are included in the sale of land under the Agricultural Crown Land Sale Program. Crown held mineral rights are the responsibility of the Ministry of Energy and Resources.

Mr. Taylor asked the Government the following Question No. 108, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Boyd:

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?

Answer:

The sale of land under the Agricultural Crown Land Sale Program does not include mineral rights. The sale of such land involves the surface, not the sub-surface.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS FOR FIRST READING OF BILLS AVIS DE MOTIONS PORTANT PREMIÈRE LECTURE DE PROJETS DE LOI

On Thursday / jeudi:

Hon. Mr. Krawetz to move First Reading of Bill No. 67 – The Education Amendment Act, 2008 (No. 2)
L'hon. M. Krawetz proposera la première lecture du projet de loi n° 67 - Loi n° 2 de 2008 modifiant la Loi de 1995 sur l'éducation

Hon. Ms. Tell to move First Reading of Bill No. 68 - The Arts Professions Act
L'hon. Mme Tell proposera la première lecture du projet de loi n° 68 - Loi sur les professions artistiques

Hon. Mr. Morgan to move First Reading of Bill No. 69 - The Enforcement of Maintenance Orders Amendment Act, 2008
L'hon. M. Morgan proposera la première lecture du projet de loi n° 69 - Loi de 2008 modifiant la Loi de 1997 sur l'exécution des ordonnances alimentaires

Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff to move First Reading of Bill No. 72 – The Traffic Safety Amendment Act, 2008

Mr. Taylor to move First Reading of Bill No. 602 – The National Peacekeepers Recognition Day Act

NOTICE OF MOTION FOR A SEVENTY-FIVE MINUTE DEBATE

On Thursday:

Mr. Trew to move the following motion:

That this Assembly urge the government not to impose ideologically driven restrictions on Saskatchewan's Crown corporations and allow them to operate in a manner that will best insure their long-term strength, viability, and ability to deliver the best-possible, lowest cost service to Saskatchewan people.

NOTICE OF PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTIONS

On Thursday:

Mr. Taylor to move the following motion:

That due to this government's spending choices, which are ignoring the government's major responsibility to address the immediate needs of the Saskatchewan people such as high utility rates, high gas prices, high property taxes and lack of affordable housing and child care, this Assembly no longer has confidence in the Premier and his government.

Mr. Harrison to move the following motion:

That the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan supports the consideration of further value-added development of Saskatchewan's uranium industry including nuclear power generation and recognizes the potential benefits to the growth and prosperity of the people of our province.

NOTICE OF PRIORITY ITEMS

On Thursday:

No. 1 (Opposition)

Mr. Taylor to move the following Motion:

That due to this government's spending choices, which are ignoring the government's major responsibility to address the immediate needs of the Saskatchewan people such as high utility rates, high gas prices, high property taxes and lack of affordable housing and child care, this Assembly no longer has confidence in the Premier and his government.

NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

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?

The following Questions were given notice on day no. 14 and are to be answered by day no. 19:

Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 125:

To the Minister of Health: How much does the cancer agency pay per vial for the ovarian cancer drug Paclitaxyl?

Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 126:

To the Minister of Health: Who is the province’s supplier of the ovarian cancer drug Paclitaxyl?

Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 127:

To the Minister of Health: What are the terms of reference for the Patient-First audit of the health care system?

Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 128:

To the Minister of Health: (1) What are the requirements in the RFP for support to the Commissioner and the Patient-First audit that resulted in the hiring of KPMG and Deloitte and Touche? (2) How many other companies were considered for this process?

Mr. Harper , to ask the Government the following Question No. 129:

To the Minister of Highways and Infrastructure: (1) How many private contractors provided services to the Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure on a contract basis where the contract exceeds \$100,000 a year or more and what are the names of those contractors for the year 2006? (2) 2007? (3) 2008?

Mr. Harper, to ask the Government the following Question No. 130:

To the Minister of Highways and Infrastructure: (1) How many private contractors provided services to the Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure under the forced account and what are the names of those contractors for the year 2006? (2) 2007? (3) 2008?

Mr. Harper, to ask the Government the following Question No. 131:

To the Minister of Highways and Infrastructure: (1) How many private sub-contractors provided services to the Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure on a contract basis and what are the names of those sub-contractors for the year 2006? (2) 2007? (3) 2008?