



No. 17

# **VOTES and PROCEEDINGS**

OF THE

**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

**SECOND SESSION – TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE**

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**Monday, November 24, 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, Furber and Broten.

## **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 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 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 increase funding for post-secondary students.

(Addendum to 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 expand affordable housing options for Saskatchewan's senior citizens.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 37)

### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

Bill No. 70 – The Summary Offences Procedure Amendment Act, 2008

(Hon. Mr. Morgan)

### GOVERNMENT MOTION

A point of order was raised by the Opposition House Leader (Mr. Taylor) regarding the admissibility of the Government Motion, citing that it reflected on the conduct and motives of present and former Members. The Speaker ruled that it was in order on the grounds that the only way a Member's conduct can be challenged is by the way of substantive motion moved with notice, but in any regard, the motion before the Assembly did not make such a personal charge or accusation. The Speaker found the motion to be in the proper form of a substantive motion moved with notice. Therefore the point of order was not well taken.

Moved by the Hon. Ms. Heppner:

That this Assembly apologize to the victims of Murdoch Carriere for the years of harassment they were forced to endure while in the employ of the Government of Saskatchewan and for the inaccurate description they were provided regarding Carriere's employment status and severance settlement with the Government.

A debate arising, it was moved by Mr. Quennell, in amendment thereto:

That all the words after "while in the employ of the Government of Saskatchewan" be removed from the motion.

The debate continuing and the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived on the following Recorded Division:

#### YEAS - 19

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

#### NAYS - 37

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
LeClerc	Ottenbreit	Ross	Reiter	Bradshaw
Harrison	McMillan			

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

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NAYS - NIL

**MOTION PURSUANT TO RULE 59**

Leave of the Assembly having been granted, pursuant to Rule 59, it was moved by Mr. Calvert:

That this Assembly condemn the federal government for completely ignoring the current agriculture crisis in its Throne Speech and that this Assembly condemn the provincial government for its failure to raise the importance of the current agriculture crisis with the federal government, and further;

That the provincial government take immediate action to deal with the crisis in the cattle industry.

A debate arising, it was moved by the Hon. Mr. Bjornerud, in amendment thereto:

That all the words after “this Assembly” be removed and the following substituted therefor:

urge the federal government to address the current crisis in the livestock industry and that this Assembly urge the provincial government to continue raising this important issue with the federal government and continue provincial efforts to assist the livestock industry.

A debate arising, it was motion of Ms. Atkinson, adjourned.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Gantefoer:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

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The Assembly adjourned at 4:54 p.m. until Tuesday at 1:30 p.m.

***Hon. Don Toth***  
***Speaker***

**RETURNS, REPORTS AND PAPERS TABLED**

The following papers were laid upon the Table:

By the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

Bylaws, Rules and Regulations of the following Professional Associations and amendments thereto, under provisions of the respective Acts:

Saskatchewan Dental Hygienists' Association

Saskatchewan College of Pharmacists

Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 2)

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

On Wednesday:

Hon. Mr. Stewart to move First Reading of Bill No. 71 – The Innovation Saskatchewan Act

## **NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS**

**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?

**The following Question was given notice on day no. 15 and is to be answered by day no. 20:**

Mr. Calvert, to ask the Government the following Question No. 132:

To the Premier: Is Mr. Huyghebaert receiving any additional compensation or staff resources related to his position as Canadian Armed Forces Liaison?

**The following Questions were given notice on day no. 16 and are to be answered by day no. 21:**

Mr. Forbes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 133:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) What is the four-year average for waiting lists for seniors in Saskatchewan Housing units from 2001 to 2004 in Regina? (2) What source are you citing for this statistic?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 134:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) What is the four-year average for waiting lists for seniors in Saskatchewan Housing units from 2001 to 2004 province-wide? (2) What source are you citing for this statistic?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 135:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) What is the four-year average for waiting lists for seniors in Saskatchewan Housing units from 2001 to 2004 in Saskatoon? (2) What source are you citing for this statistic?

**The following Questions were given notice on day no. 17 and are to be answered by day no. 22:**

Mr. Forbes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 136:

To the Minister of Social Services: What are the communication plans for the minister to announce publicly any further changes to her ministry's Income Assistance Modernization Strategy, prior to implementation so staff, stakeholders and clients may be fully aware of the changes?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 137:

To the Minister of Social Services: On April 2, 2008, you issued a news release announcing Cabinet has approved revisions to your ministry's Income Assistance Modernization Strategy: (1) Who are the stakeholders referred to in the press release? Please name them. (2) When were/will meetings be held? (3) Who was/will be invited? (4) Will there be public notice given for the consultation process? (5) How will the ministry fully consult its staff?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 138:

To the Minister of Social Services: What are the firm or tentative dates for implementation of the following services mentioned in the April 2 news release: (1) accelerated work opportunities for clients? (2) enhanced JobsFirst employment linkage services? (3) introduction of parent support workshops? (4) improved accountability and reporting?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 139:

To the Minister of Social Services: What regulation or policy excludes the Senior Income Plan (SIP) from the income calculation for determining rent amounts in Saskatchewan Housing senior affordable housing units?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 140:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) Is there a Social Services policy or regulation that will ensure that the Senior Income Plan (SIP) increases will be exempt from the income calculation for determining rent amounts in affordable senior housing complexes operated by third party groups such as NGOs, CBOs or faith-based organizations such as St. George Ukrainian Residence in Saskatoon? (2) If so, what is that policy or regulation?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 141:

To the Minister of Finance: How many people are anticipated to be employed in Saskatchewan in April 2009 that are required to fill out income tax forms, but will not have to pay any income tax?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 142:

To the Minister of Finance: How many people were employed in Saskatchewan in April 2008 that were required to fill out income tax forms, but did not pay any income tax?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 143:

To the Minister of Social Services: What was the usage of each food bank in Saskatchewan in terms of: (1) number of clients? (2) amount of food given out during their last reporting year?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 144:

To the Minister of Social Services: How many FTEs did the Employment and Income Assistance branch have as of October 1, 2008?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 145:

To the Minister of Social Services: How many part-time employees did the Employment and Income Assistance branch have as of October 1, 2008?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 146:

To the Minister of Social Services: How many full-time employees did the Employment and Income Assistance branch have as of October 1, 2008?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 147:

To the Minister of Social Services: How many term employees did the Employment and Income Assistance branch have as of October 1, 2008?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 148:

To the Minister of Social Services: How many total SAP cases were open in each of the following months: (1) April? (2) May? (3) June? (4) July? (5) August? (6) September? (7) October, 2008?



Mr. Forbes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 149:

To the Minister of Social Services: How many total TEA cases were open in each of the following months: (1) April? (2) May? (3) June? (4) July? (5) August? (6) September? (7) October, 2008?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 150:

To the Minister of Social Services: How many new SAP cases were open in each of the following months: (1) April? (2) May? (3) June? (4) July? (5) August? (6) September? (7) October, 2008?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 151:

To the Minister of Social Services: How many new families with children received parent support workshops in each region (southeast, southwest, northeast, northwest, center) for each of the following months: (1) April? (2) May? (3) June? (4) July? (5) August? (6) September? (7) October, 2008?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 152:

To the Minister of Social Services: How many SAP/TEA cases were open in each of the regions (southeast, southwest, northeast, northwest, center) for each of the following months: (1) April? (2) May? (3) June? (4) July? (5) August? (6) September? (7) October, 2008?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 153:

To the Minister of Social Services: How many new families with children received Income Assistance in each region (southeast, southwest, northeast, northwest, center) for each of the following months: (1) April? (2) May? (3) June? (4) July? (5) August? (6) September? (7) October, 2008?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 154:

To the Minister of Social Services: How many people were receiving Senior Income Plan (SIP) for each of the following months: (1) April? (2) May? (3) June? (4) July? (5) August? (6) September? (7) October, 2008?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 155:

To the Minister of Social Services: How many SAP cases involving people who were employable were open in each of the following months: (1) April? (2) May? (3) June? (4) July? (5) August? (6) September? (7) October, 2008?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 156:

To the Minister of Social Services: How many SAP cases involving families with children were open in each of the following months: (1) April? (2) May? (3) June? (4) July? (5) August? (6) September? (7) October, 2008?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 157:

To the Minister of Social Services: How many SAP cases involving people living with disabilities were open in each of the following months: (1) April? (2) May? (3) June? (4) July? (5) August? (6) September? (7) October, 2008?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 158:

To the Minister of Social Services: How many new TEA cases were open in each of the following months: (1) April? (2) May? (3) June? (4) July? (5) August? (6) September? (7) October, 2008?