



No. 21

# VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

SECOND SESSION – TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

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**Monday, December 1, 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, Forbes, Broten, Vermette, Wotherspoon and Schriemer.

## 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 commit to indexing Saskatchewan minimum wage.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 34)

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)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to take the necessary action to make a critical and substantive investment in neighbourhood and rural schools and halt further closures until such reforms are in place.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 50)

### WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 133 to 135, they were answered. (See Appendix)

### ADJOURNED DEBATES / DÉBATS AJOURNÉS

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

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Hutchinson: That Bill No. 64 – The Northern Municipalities Amendment Act, 2008 (No. 2) – 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. 64 – The Northern Municipalities Amendment Act, 2008 (No. 2) – was committed to the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice.

#### **Bill No. 54 – The Vital Statistics Act, 2008**

#### **Projet de loi n° 54 – Loi de 2008 sur les services de l'état civil**

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff: That Bill No. 54 – The Vital Statistics Act, 2008 – be now read a second time.

L'Assemblée reprend le débat ajourné sur la motion de l'hon. M. Cheveldayoff: Que le projet de loi n° 54 – Loi de 2008 sur les services de l'état civil – soit maintenant lu une deuxième fois.

The debate continuing and the question being put, it was agreed to and the said Bill was, accordingly, read a second time.

Le débat se poursuit et la motion, mise aux voix, est adoptée et, en conséquence, ledit projet de loi est lu une deuxième fois.

By designation of the Hon. Mr. Gantefer, in accordance with Rule 81, Bill No. 54 – The Vital Statistics Act, 2008 – was committed to the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies.

Selon la désignation de l'hon. M. Gantefer, conformément au règlement 81, le projet de loi n° 54 – Loi de 2008 sur les services de l'état civil – est renvoyé au Comité permanent des sociétés d'état et des organismes centraux.

**Bill No. 55 – The Vital Statistics Consequential Amendments Act, 2008**

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff: That Bill No. 55 – The Vital Statistics Consequential Amendments 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. 55 – The Vital Statistics Consequential Amendments Act, 2008 – was committed to the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Gantefer:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

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The Assembly adjourned at 2:46 p.m. until Tuesday at 1:30 p.m.

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

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**RETURNS, REPORTS AND PAPERS TABLED**

The following paper was laid upon the Table:

By the Hon. Mr. Norris:

Financial Statements for University of Saskatchewan Crown Foundation for the year ended April 30, 2008.

(Sessional Paper No. 61)

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

**Mr. Forbes asked the Government the following Question No. 133, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:**

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?

Answer:

- (1) 176 applications.
- (2) Waiting list information reported by the Regina Housing Authority.

**Mr. Forbes asked the Government the following Question No. 134, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:**

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?

Answer:

- (1) 911 applications.
- (2) Waiting list information reported by the following housing authorities: Assiniboia; Battleford; Biggar, Canora; Carlyle; Coronach; Esterhazy; Estevan; Fort Qu'Appelle; Hudson Bay; Humboldt; Kamsack; Kindersley; Lloydminster; Meadow Lake; Melfort; Melville; Moose Jaw; Moosomin; Nipawin; North Battleford; Outlook; Prince Albert; Regina; Rosetown; Saskatoon; Swift Current; Tisdale; Unity; Watrous; Weyburn; Wynyard; Yorkton; Ile a la Crosse; Cumberland House; Northeast Regional; La Ronge Regional; Beaver River Regional; Buffalo Narrows Regional and LaLoche Non-profit.

**Mr. Forbes asked the Government the following Question No. 135, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:**

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?

Answer:

- (1) 243 applications.
- (2) Waiting list information reported by the Saskatoon Housing Authority.

## NOTICE OF MOTIONS FOR FIRST READING OF BILLS

On Wednesday:

Hon. Mr. Stewart to move First Reading of Bill No. 78 – The Victoria Park Capital Inc. (Investment Management Agreement) Act

## NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

**The following Questions were given notice on day no. 18 and are to be answered by day no. 23:**

Mr. Taylor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 159:

To the Premier: The answer to Written Question No. 109 was “no”. Graham Construction had not been contracted by the government (including Executive Council, ministries, or Crown corporations) since November 7, 2007. On August 15, 2008 the Ministry of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour issued a news release stating that Graham Construction and Engineering had been awarded a contract. Are these different corporate entities, or the same company with two slightly different names?

Mr. Taylor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 160:

To the Premier: The answer to Written Question No. 109 was “no”. Graham Construction had not been contracted by the government (including Executive Council, ministries, or Crown corporations) since November 7, 2007. On November 10, 2008, the Minister of Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport issued a news release stating that Graham Construction had been awarded a contract. Are these different corporate entities with two identical names, or the same company?

Mr. Taylor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 161:

To the Premier: The answer to Written Question No. 109 was “no”. Graham Construction had not been contracted by the government (including Executive Council, ministries, or Crown corporations) since November 7, 2007. On February 19, 2008, the Ministry of Highways issued a news release stating that Graham Construction had been awarded a contract. Are these different corporate entities with two identical names, or the same company?

Mr. Taylor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 162:

To the Premier: The answer to Written Question No. 109 was “no”. Graham Construction had not been contracted by the government (including Executive Council, ministries, or Crown corporations) since November 7, 2007. On August 29, 2008 SaskPower issued a news release stating that Graham Industrial Services had been awarded a contract. Are these different corporate entities, or the same company with two slightly different names?

Mr. Taylor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 163:

To the Premier: On November 10, 2008 the Ministry of Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport issued a news release stating that Graham Construction had been awarded a contract: (1) What were the terms of that contract? (2) Was this contract sent out for tender or was it awarded directly to the company? (3) If this contract was sent out, how many people bid on the contract? (4) Has the government re-tendered the contract based on recent global financial circumstances?

Mr. Taylor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 164:

To the Premier: On February 19, 2008 the Ministry of Highways issued a news release stating that Graham Construction had been awarded a contract: (1) What were the terms of that contract? (2) Was this contract sent out for tender or was it awarded directly to the company? (3) If this contract was sent out, how many people bid on the contract? (4) Has the government re-tendered the contract based on recent global financial circumstances?

Mr. Taylor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 165:

To the Premier: On August 15, 2008 the Ministry of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour issued a news release stating that Graham Construction and Engineering had been awarded a contract: (1) What were the terms of that contract? (2) Was this contract sent out for tender or was it awarded directly to the company? (3) If this contract was sent out, how many people bid on the contract? (4) Has the government re-tendered the contract based on recent global financial circumstances?

Mr. Taylor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 166:

To the Premier: On August 29, 2008 SaskPower issued a news release stating that Graham Industrial Services had been awarded a contract: (1) What were the terms of that contract? (2) Was this contract sent out for tender or was it awarded directly to the company? (3) If this contract was sent out, how many people bid on the contract? (4) Has the government re-tendered the contract based on recent global financial circumstances?

Mr. Taylor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 167:

To the Premier: On August 29, 2008 SaskPower issued a news release stating that Graham Industrial Services had been awarded a contract. On August 15, 2008 the Ministry of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour issued a news release stating that Graham Construction and Engineering had been awarded a contract. On February 19, 2008 the Ministry of Highways issued a news release stating that Graham Construction had been awarded a contract. On November 10, 2008 the Ministry of Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport issued a news release stating that Graham Construction had been awarded a contract. (1) Are all these companies the same legal entity? (2) Are any of these companies the same legal entities as "Graham Construction"? (3) Are any of these companies the same legal entities as "Graham Construction and Engineering"? (4) Are any of these companies the same legal entities as "Graham Construction & Engineering"? (5) Are any of these companies the same legal entities as "Graham Construction and Engineering (1985) Ltd."? (6) Are any of these companies the same legal entities as "Graham Construction and Engineering Ltd."? (7) Are any of these companies the same legal entities as "Graham Group Ltd."?

Mr. Taylor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 168:

To the Premier: The answer to Written Question No. 109 was "no". Graham Construction had not been contracted by the government (including Executive Council, ministries, or Crown corporations) since November 7, 2007. (1) Has any company called Graham Industrial Services or Graham Construction and Engineering or Graham Construction or Graham Construction & Engineering or Graham Construction and Engineering (1985) Ltd. or Graham Construction and Engineering Ltd. or Graham Group Ltd. been contracted by the government (including Executive Council, Ministries, or Crown corporations) since November 7, 2007? (2) Please provide the total amount of each contract and which Ministry or Crown the contract is with.

Mr. Calvert, to ask the Government the following Question No. 169:

To the Premier: (1) What was the total severance paid to each of the civil servants that have been dismissed by the government since November 31, 2007, including any top-ups to pensions, travel and car allowances, and any other benefits? (2) For each employee, please provide the following information: (a) What individual benefits is each employee being provided as part of the settlement? (b) How much is each benefit worth as part of the settlement for that employee? (c) What is the total settlement package for that employee valued at?

Mr. Calvert, to ask the Government the following Question No. 170:

To the Premier: How many contracts between \$40,000 and \$50,000 has this government signed since November 7, 2007?

Mr. Calvert, to ask the Government the following Question No. 171:

To the Premier: (1) For each of the civil servants that have been dismissed by the government since November 31, 2007, how many severance packages have yet to be paid? (2) For which employees are these packages outstanding?

Mr. Calvert, to ask the Government the following Question No. 172:

To the Government: In total, how much has your office spent on food, travel and accommodations for out-of-province and out-of-country travel for the Minister and Ministerial Assistants since April 1, 2008 to date?

Mr. Calvert, to ask the Government the following Question No. 173:

To the Government: (1) Who are the Deputy Ministers and Assistant Deputy Ministers in your ministry? (2) What areas are they responsible for?

Ms. Atkinson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 174:

To the Minister of Agriculture: Has Cam Swan been paid any moving allowance or other transition costs?

Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 175:

To the Minister of Health: (1) Which health care facilities in this province are not directly owned by the Government of Saskatchewan or one of the health regions but operate as a part of the public health care sector, affiliated or otherwise? (2) What are the addresses of these facilities?

Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 176:

To the Minister of Health: In regards to health care facilities in this province that are not directly owned by the Government of Saskatchewan or one of the health regions but operate as a part of the public health care sector, affiliated or otherwise, how much has the Government of Saskatchewan paid out in lease fees for each of these facilities from 1982 to 2008 combined?

Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 177:

To the Minister of Health: In regards to health care facilities in this province that are not directly owned by the Government of Saskatchewan or one of the health regions but operate as a part of the public health care sector, affiliated or otherwise, what did the Government of Saskatchewan or one of its health regions spend in the last fiscal year to lease each of these facilities?

Mr. Iwanchuk, to ask the Government the following Question No. 178:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: (1) Have dismissed members of the Labour Relations Board or Workers' Compensation Board (in particular James Seibel, Angela Zborosky and Catherine Zuck) received any severance payments (including pension top-ups or other benefits)? (2) If so, how much did each individual receive?

Mr. Iwanchuk, to ask the Government the following Question No. 179:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: What is the average time between a case being heard by the Labour Relations Board and a decision being made in 2007/08 estimated to date?  
Ms. Higgins, to ask the Government the following Question No. 180:

To the Minister of Municipal Affairs: (1) Which federal government fund did the money for the inter-modal facility come from? (2) How much was the federal government's contribution?

Ms. Higgins, to ask the Government the following Question No. 181:

To the Minister of Municipal Affairs: How much is the province spending on the inter-modal facility in Regina?

Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 182:

To the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing: What are your Ministry's official policies around the use of email?

**The following Question was given notice on day no. 19 and is to be answered by day no. 24:**

Ms. Atkinson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 183:

To the Minister of Government Services: (1) What are the dates and destinations of all air travel for the Premier for 2008/09 to date? (2) Who accompanied the Premier on each trip?