



No. 27

# VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

SECOND SESSION – TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

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Wednesday, March 4, 2009

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: Yates, Higgins, Forbes, Taylor, Broten 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 take the necessary action to ensure the public is protected from unprovoked domesticated dog attacks.

(Sessional Paper No. 113)

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 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 immediately recommit funds and resources for a new hospital at North Battleford.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 111)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to ensure that CBO workers achieve wage equity

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 112)

### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS / DÉPÔT DE PROJETS DE LOI

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

Le projet de loi suivant est reçu, lu une première fois, et la deuxième lecture en est fixée à la prochaine séance:

Bill No. 79 – The Education Amendment Act, 2009 (No. 2)

Projet de loi n° 79 - Loi n° 2 de 2009 modifiant la Loi de 1995 sur l'éducation

(Hon. Mr. / L'hon. M. Krawetz)

### CONDOLENCE MOTIONS

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Krawetz, by leave of the Assembly:

That this Assembly records with sorrow and regret the passing of a former Member of this Assembly and expresses its grateful appreciation of the contribution he made to his community, his constituency and the province.

**Laurence Edwin Tchorzewski**, who passed away on June 6, 2008, was a Member of this Legislative Assembly from 1971 until 1982, and again from 1985 until 1999. He represented the constituencies of Humboldt, Regina North East and Regina Dewdney for the New Democratic Party.

Mr. Tchorzewski was born on April 22, 1943 in Alvena, Saskatchewan. He spent his formative years on the family farm and attended local schools in Hudson Bay. He continued his studies at the University of Saskatchewan and later graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and a Teacher's Certificate. Mr. Tchorzewski married Shirley Stasiuk on August 6, 1966. He is survived by his wife, four children and nine grandchildren.

A teacher by training, Mr. Tchorzewski began and ended his professional career instructing elementary school students in Humboldt and Regina. He later put his extensive knowledge of public affairs to use as a consultant for Rawlco Communications. In his private life, Mr. Tchorzewski was active in a number of community and professional organizations. The Knights of Columbus and the Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation were two groups that benefitted from his participation.

Mr. Tchorzewski's involvement with politics extended over four decades and encompassed positions in elected and party offices at both the provincial and federal levels. He first entered this Assembly in 1971 and continued to represent the Humboldt area until 1982. He subsequently returned to elected office in the constituency of Regina North East after winning a by-election in 1985. He retained his seat in the next three elections before announcing his retirement in 1999.

Mr. Tchorzewski held numerous portfolios in the cabinets of Allan Blakeney and Roy Romanow, including Minister of Finance, Health, Education, Provincial Secretary, Municipal Government,

Consumer Affairs, and Culture and Youth. Over the course of his tenure in this Assembly, he served as Deputy Premier, as a government backbencher and as an opposition critic.

Mr. Tchorzewski lent his expertise to the New Democratic Party by taking on positions as a party advisor and provincial campaign manager. He was elected president of the federal NDP in 1997 and later served as the chief of staff to the federal NDP leader.

In recording its own deep sense of loss and bereavement, this Assembly expresses its most sincere sympathy with members of the bereaved family.

A debate arising and the question being put, it was agreed to.

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Krawetz, by leave of the Assembly:

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**Josef Saxinger**, who passed away on July 3, 2008, was a Member of this Legislative Assembly from 1986 until 1991. He represented the constituency of Kinistino for the Progressive Conservative Party.

Mr. Saxinger was born on February 2, 1930 in Niederbrunst, Germany. He attended local schools in Haag and Passau and trained as a tool and die maker. Mr. Saxinger immigrated to Canada on July 11, 1954 and settled near relatives in the Cudworth district. In 1956, he married Eleonore Lobl, and they had five children. Much later in life, he married Delphine Nielsen in 2006.

Mr. Saxinger spent the majority of his professional career in the agricultural field. He operated Saxinger Motors from the early 1960s until 1982. In 1992, he opened Saxinger Farm Parts and Implements in Cudworth. Later, Mr. Saxinger joined a partnership that established the Sagehill Buffalo Ranch on the former Dana radar base.

Mr. Saxinger's dedication to his fellow citizens was evident in his lengthy and diverse public service. His tenure as Cudworth Fire Chief extended over two decades. Mr. Saxinger was a charter member of the Cudworth Lions Club and served as District 5CN Governor in 1982. He was instrumental in establishing the Lions Eye Bank of Saskatchewan and the Cudworth Municipal Airstrip.

A debate arising and the question being put, it was agreed to.

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Krawetz, by leave of the Assembly:

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**Lorne Aubrey McLaren**, who passed away on January 4, 2009, represented the constituency of Yorkton as a Member of this Legislative Assembly from 1982 until 1991.

Mr. McLaren was born in Saltcoats on August 17, 1928, and was raised on the family farm. He worked for thirty years in farm implement manufacturing, eventually becoming president of the Morris Rod Weeder Company in Yorkton.

Moving into the political scene, Mr. McLaren was first elected in 1982 and became the new Progressive Conservative government's Minister of Labour. After re-election in 1986, he was named government caucus chair. He held this last position until his retirement from politics in 1991.

Mr. McLaren is remembered by his colleagues as a hard working man, committed to his constituents. He is also credited with helping to build a strong agricultural industry in Saskatchewan. Mr. McLaren is survived by his wife Barbara, four children, and numerous step-children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

In recording its own deep sense of loss and bereavement, this Assembly expresses its most sincere sympathy with members of the bereaved family.

A debate arising and the question being put, it was agreed to.

#### **THE PASSING OF FORMER JUDGES**

By leave of the Assembly, condolence statements were made with respect to the memories of Judge Donald Murray Brown and Judge Barrett Douglas Halderman.

#### **THE PASSING OF A FORMER OFFICER OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**

The Speaker made a statement of condolence on the passing of Gerald McLellan, a former provincial Ombudsman. On behalf of all Members, the Speaker expressed grateful appreciation of the contribution Gerald McLellan made to his community and to the province.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Gantefoer, by leave of the Assembly,

That, notwithstanding Rule 8(2) of the *Rules and Procedures of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan*, an audio-video record of the oral tributes, together with a Hansard transcript and the resolutions adopted, be communicated in memory of the deceased to the bereaved families on behalf of the Assembly by Mr. Speaker

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Gantefoer:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

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The Assembly adjourned at 4:04 p.m. until Thursday at 10:00 a.m.

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

## NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

**The following Questions were given notice on day no. 25 and are to be answered by day no. 30:**

Mr. Forbes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 184:

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 2008? (2) 2009?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 185:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many children came into foster care under the authority of *The Child and Family Services Act* during each month of 2008 and 2009? (2) How many were placed into overflow facilities during each month of 2008 and 2009?

Mr. Harper, to ask the Government the following Question No. 186:

To the Minister of Crown Corporations: What was the value of investments held by the SGI Investment Fund as of January 1, 2009?

Mr. Harper, to ask the Government the following Question No. 187:

To the Minister of Crown Corporations: (1) In 2008, how many driver's licenses were transferred from each province? (2) Out-of-country?

Mr. Harper, to ask the Government the following Question No. 188:

To the Minister of Crown Corporations: What was the value of investments held by the SGI Investment Fund as of July 1, 2008?

Mr. Harper, to ask the Government the following Question No. 189:

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. 190:

To the Minister of Highways and Infrastructure: (1) How many kilometers of highway were reconstructed in 2008? (2) How many kilometers were reconstruction of road bed? (3) How many were reconstruction of pavement top?

Mr. Harper, to ask the Government the following Question No. 191:

To the Minister of Highways and Infrastructure: (1) How many kilometers of highway were resurfaced with new surface covering pavement in 2008? (2) What was the cost?

Mr. Harper, to ask the Government the following Question No. 192:

To the Minister of Highways and Infrastructure: What was the order of priority for highways projects as of January 1, 2009?

Mr. Quennell, to ask the Government the following Question No. 193:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) Has Kevin Wilson received any remuneration from Executive Government (including Ministers' offices) or Crown corporations since November 7, 2007? (2) If so, what remuneration was given? (3) What were the services that he provided?

Mr. Broten, to ask the Government the following Question No. 194:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: How many students are currently enrolled in graduate-level programs in Saskatchewan?

Mr. Broten, to ask the Government the following Question No. 195:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: (1) How many full-time and part-time jobs were there in the province in the year 2008? (2) What source are you citing for these statistics?

Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 196:

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?

Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 197:

To the Minister of Government Services: What has the government spent on renovations to Ministers' offices since November 20, 2007?

Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 198:

To the Minister of Government Services: What has the government spent on renovations to the Saskatoon Cabinet office since November 20, 2007?

Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 199:

To the Minister of Government Services: What has the government spent on renovations to the Premier's office in the Legislative building since November 20, 2007?

Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 200:

To the Minister Responsible for the Public Service Commission: (1) Which 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 does each union's present contract expire?

Mr. Nilson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 201:

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

Mr. Nilson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 202:

To the Minister of Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport: (1) How many companies that applied for the Saskatchewan Film Employment Tax Credit were denied in the fiscal year 2006/07? (2) 2007/08? (3) 2008/09?

Ms. Higgins, to ask the Government the following Question No. 203:

To the Minister of Municipal Affairs: What was the order of priority for municipal projects as of January 1, 2009?

Mr. Calvert, to ask the Government the following Question No. 204:

To the Premier: For all the individuals that were terminated without cause by this government, including government ministries and agencies, Crown corporations, executive council, the WBC and the Labour Relations Board, how long, on average, did it take to finalize the severance packages?

Mr. Calvert, to ask the Government the following Question No. 205:

To the Premier: (1) How many individuals have been terminated without cause by this government, including government ministries and agencies, Crown corporations, executive council, the WBC and the Labour Relations Board? (2) How many of those individuals have yet to have finalized their severance negotiations?

Mr. Calvert, to ask the Government the following Question No. 206:

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

Mr. Calvert, to ask the Government the following Question No. 207:

To the Premier: (1) How many staff members will be assigned to each Legislative Secretary? (2) Will they be housed in ministries or in Ministers’ offices? (3) What are their salaries? (4) What are their roles and responsibilities?

Mr. Calvert, to ask the Government the following Question No. 208:

To the Premier: What is the total monthly expenditure on salaries and benefits in Executive Council?

Mr. Calvert, to ask the Government the following Question No. 209:

To the Premier: Recognizing that public reporting is required for contracts over \$50,000, how many consulting or personal service contracts over \$10,000, but less than \$50,000 has the government entered into since November 11, 2007?

Mr. Wotherspoon, to ask the Government the following Question No. 210:

To the Minister of Education: How many schools are being reviewed by school boards for possible closure or grade reduction in 2008/09?

Mr. Wotherspoon, to ask the Government the following Question No. 211:

To the Minister of Education: (1) How many schools are being reviewed by school boards for possible closure or grade discontinuance? (2) Please name each school and indicate if it is full closure or grade discontinuance (and the grades affected) for each school?

Mr. Wotherspoon, to ask the Government the following Question No. 212:

To the Minister of Education: What was the order of priority for the capital lists for schools as of January 1, 2009?

Mr. Wotherspoon, to ask the Government the following Question No. 213:

To the Minister of Education: What was the order of priority for the capital lists for schools as of January 1, 2008?

Mr. Calvert, to ask the Government the following Question No. 214:

To the Premier: (1) What is the average rental cost in Prince Albert? (2) What source are you citing for this information?

Mr. Calvert, to ask the Government the following Question No. 215:

To the Premier: (1) What is the average rental cost in Saskatoon? (2) What source are you citing for this information?

Mr. Calvert, to ask the Government the following Question No. 216:

To the Premier: (1) What is the average rental cost in Regina? (2) What source are you citing for this information?

Mr. Calvert, to ask the Government the following Question No. 217:

To the Premier: (1) What is the average rental cost in Moose Jaw? (2) What source are you citing for this information?

Ms. Atkinson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 218:

To the Minister of Agriculture: How much money has the province provided to the Saskatchewan Organic Directorate since its inception?

Mr. Trew, to ask the Government the following Question No. 219:

To the Minister of Crown Corporations: Was the government's share of the proceeds from the sale of SaskFerco disbursed into the General Revenue Fund or to the Growth and Financial Security Fund or was it retained inside Investment Saskatchewan or CIC?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 220:

To the Minister of Social Services: What was the order of priority for housing projects as of January 1, 2009?

Mr. Van Mulligen, to ask the Government the following Question No. 221:



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

Mr. Van Mulligen, to ask the Government the following Question No. 222:

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

Mr. Van Mulligen, to ask the Government the following Question No. 223:

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

Mr. Van Mulligen, to ask the Government the following Question No. 224:

To the Minister of Finance: (1) How many students will qualify for the graduate tax retention benefit in 2009? (2) What will the total cost of the program be in 2009?

Mr. Van Mulligen, to ask the Government the following Question No. 225:

To the Minister of Finance: What was the value of investments held by the Saskatchewan Health Employees Pension (SHEP) as of January 1, 2009?

Mr. Van Mulligen, to ask the Government the following Question No. 226:

To the Minister of Finance: What was the value of investments held by the Saskatchewan Health Employees Pension (SHEP) as of July 1, 2008?

Mr. Van Mulligen, to ask the Government the following Question No. 227:

To the Minister of Finance: What was the value of investments held by the SGI Investment Fund as of January 1, 2009?

Mr. Van Mulligen, to ask the Government the following Question No. 228:

To the Minister of Finance: What was the value of investments held by the SGI Investment Fund as of July 1, 2008?

Mr. Van Mulligen, to ask the Government the following Question No. 229:

To the Minister of Finance: What was the value of investments held by the WCB Investment Fund as of January 1, 2009?

Mr. Van Mulligen, to ask the Government the following Question No. 230:

To the Minister of Finance: What was the value of investments held by the WCB Investment Fund as of July 1, 2008?

Mr. Morin, to ask the Government the following Question No. 231:

To the Minister of Environment: How many employees have been dismissed without cause from your ministry or have been bumped or laid off since November 7, 2007?

Mr. Iwanchuk, to ask the Government the following Question No. 232:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: What was the value of investments held by the WCB Investment Fund as of January 1, 2009?

Mr. Iwanchuk, to ask the Government the following Question No. 233:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: What was the value of investments held by the WCB Investment Fund as of July 1, 2008?

Mr. Iwanchuk, to ask the Government the following Question No. 234:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: What was the average time between a case being heard by the Labour Relations Board and a decision being made for the year 2008?

Mr. McCall, to ask the Government the following Question No. 235:

To the Minister of First Nations and Métis Relations: How many duty to consult meetings have you participated in since November 7, 2007?

Mr. McCall, to ask the Government the following Question No. 236:

To the Minister of First Nations and Métis Relations: (1) What percentage of Saskatchewan's work force is Aboriginal? (2) What is the source you are citing for this statistic?

Mr. McCall, to ask the Government the following Question No. 237:

To the Minister of First Nations and Métis Relations: For each out-of-province trip that the Minister has been on since November 7, 2007: (1) How many staff from the Minister's office went on the trip? (2) Did the Minister and/or her staff fly coach or business class? (3) Did any officials from the Ministry go on the trip? (4) Did those officials fly coach or business class? (5) What was the total cost of the trip?

Mr. McCall, to ask the Government the following Question No. 238:

To the Minister of First Nations and Métis Relations: How many out-of-province trips has the Minister been on since November 7, 2007?

Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 239:

To the Minister of Health: (1) How many patients were sent out of province for PET scans in 2009? (2) 2006? (3) 2007? (4) 2008 to date?

Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 240:

To the Minister of Health: What is the number of RNs employed by health regions per region as of January 31, 2009?

Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 241:

To the Minister of Health: How many RPN vacancies were there as of December 31, 2008 and each month thereafter to date?

Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 242:

To the Minister of Health: (1) What is the number of RPNs employed by health regions per region as of December 31, 2008? (2) As of September 30, 2008?

Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 243:

To the Minister of Health: How many RN vacancies were there as of December 31, 2008 and each month thereafter to date?

Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 244:

To the Minister of Health: What have been the administrative costs associated with means testing the government's drug plan for seniors?

Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 245:

To the Minister of Health: What was the value of investments held by the Saskatchewan Health Employees Pension (SHEP) as of July 1, 2008?

Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 246:

To the Minister of Health: What was the value of investments held by the Saskatchewan Health Employees Pension (SHEP) as of January 1, 2009?

Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 247:

To the Minister of Health: How many Saskatchewan Health Cards were issued and in service as of December 31, 2009?

Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 248:

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 the plan?

Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 249:

To the Minister of Health: How many seniors have been removed from the senior's prescription drug plan as a result of the means testing since means testing began?

Mr. Wotherspoon, to ask the Government the following Question No. 250:

To the Minister of Education: How many schools have applied for dedicated funding as schools of necessity as of December 31, 2008?

Mr. Wotherspoon, to ask the Government the following Question No. 251:

To the Minister of Education: How many schools have applied for dedicated funding as schools of opportunity as of December 31, 2008?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 252:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many families qualified for Saskatchewan Rental Housing Supplement (SRHS) in each month of 2008? (2) 2009?

**The following Questions were given notice on day no. 26 and are to be answered by day no. 31:**

Mr. Calvert, to ask the Government the following Question No. 253:

To the Premier: (1) Since the time that the answer to Written Question No. 56 was provided, has Doug Emsley received any remuneration from executive government (including minister's offices) or Crown corporations? (2) If so, what remuneration was given?

Mr. Calvert, to ask the Government the following Question No. 254:

To the Government: Has the answer to any of the following questions changed since the answer to Written Question No. 67 was provided? If so, what is the updated information: (1) How many cell phones will be provided to each Minister's office? (2) How many blackberries will be provided to each Minister's office? (3) How many employees will have business cards? (4) How many business cards will be ordered for each employee?

Mr. Calvert, to ask the Government the following Question No. 255:

To the Premier: Not including the ones provided in the answer to Written Question No. 52, what new MOUs have each Ministry entered into?

Mr. Calvert, to ask the Government the following Question No. 256:

To the Premier: (1) Since the time that the answer to Written Question No. 54 was provided, has Angus Ried been contracted by the government (including ministries or Crown corporations)? (2) If so, how much were they paid?

Mr. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 257:

To the Minister of Health: (1) What was the order of priority for capital investments into health care facilities projects as of January 1, 2008? (2) January 1, 2009?

Mr. Van Mulligen, to ask the Government the following Question No. 258:

To the Minister of Finance: Was the government's share of the proceeds from the sale of SaskFerco disbursed into the General Revenue Fund or to the Growth and Financial Security Fund or was it retained inside Investment Saskatchewan or CIC?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 259:

To the Minister of Social Services: What was the order of priority for housing projects as of January 1, 2008?

Ms. Higgins, to ask the Government the following Question No. 260:

To the Minister of Municipal Affairs: What was the order of priority for capital projects as of January 1, 2008?