



No. 31

**VOTES and PROCEEDINGS**  
**OF THE**  
**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**  
**PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN**  
**SECOND SESSION – TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE**

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**Wednesday, March 11, 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: Forbes, Taylor, Broten, Wotherspoon and Morin.

**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 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)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to immediately expand the Graduate Retention Program to include Masters and Ph.D. graduates.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 114)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to financially assist Duck Lake residents with exorbitant water rates.

(Addendum Sessional Paper No. 115)

### **REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON CROWN AND CENTRAL AGENCIES**

Mr. Duncan, Chair of the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies, presented the Fifth Report of the said committee, which is as follows:

Your committee considered the Supplementary Estimates of the following government ministries and agencies, and adopted the following resolutions:

#### **Supplementary Estimates, 2008-2009 (March):**

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2009, the following sums:

For Office of the Provincial Secretary .....	\$259,000
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Your committee reviewed the following Supplementary Estimates for which no funds were requested or required to be voted:

For Sinking Funds Payment – Government Share (Statutory)

#### **Lending and Investing Activities**

For SaskEnergy Incorporated (Statutory)

Your committee recommends that upon concurrence of its report by the Assembly, the sums as reported and approved shall be included in the Appropriation Bill for consideration by the Legislative Assembly.

(Sessional Paper No. 121)

On motion of Mr. Duncan:

Ordered, That the Fifth Report of the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies be now concurred in.

**REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE ECONOMY**

Mr. Huyghebaert, Chair of the Standing Committee on the Economy, presented the Fifth Report of the said committee, which is as follows:

Your committee considered the Supplementary Estimates of the following government ministries and agencies and adopted the following resolutions:

**Supplementary Estimates, 2008-2009 (March):**

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2009, the following sums:

For Agriculture..... \$101,367,000

For Highways and Infrastructure..... \$121,650,000

Your committee recommends that upon concurrence of its report by the Assembly, the sums as reported and approved shall be included in the Appropriation Bill for consideration by the Legislative Assembly.

(Sessional Paper No. 122)

On motion of Mr. Huyghebaert:

Ordered, That the Fifth Report of the Standing Committee on the Economy be now concurred in.

**WRITTEN QUESTIONS**

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 253, 254 and 256 to 260, they were answered. (See Appendix)

The Order of the Day being called for Question No. 255, the answer was tabled and, by reason of its length, converted by the Clerk to Return No. 37 pursuant to Rule 20(6).

(Sessional Paper No. 120)

**ADJOURNED DEBATES / DÉBATS AJOURNÉS**

**Bill No. 69 - The Enforcement of Maintenance Orders Amendment Act, 2008**  
**Projet de loi n° 69 - Loi de 2008 modifiant la Loi de 1997 sur l'exécution des ordonnances alimentaires**

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Morgan: That Bill No. 69 - The Enforcement of Maintenance Orders Amendment Act, 2008 – be now read a second time.

L'Assemblée reprend le débat ajourné sur la motion de l'hon. M. Morgan: Que le projet de loi n° 69 - Loi de 2008 modifiant la Loi de 1997 sur l'exécution des ordonnances alimentaires – 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. Krawetz, in accordance with Rule 81, Bill No. 69 - The Enforcement of Maintenance Orders Amendment Act, 2008 – was committed to the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice.

Selon la désignation de l'hon. M. Krawetz, conformément au règlement 81, le projet de loi n° 69 - Loi de 2008 modifiant la Loi de 1997 sur l'exécution des ordonnances alimentaires – est renvoyé au Comité permanent des affaires intergouvernementales et de la justice.

#### **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 Mr. Iwanchuk, adjourned.

#### **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**

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Krawetz: That Bill No. 79 – The Education Amendment Act, 2009 (No. 2) – be now read a second time.

L'Assemblée reprend le débat ajourné sur la motion de l'hon. M. Krawetz: Que le projet de loi n° 79 - Loi n° 2 de 2009 modifiant la Loi de 1995 sur l'éducation – soit maintenant lu une deuxième fois.

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

Le débat se poursuit et sur motion de M. Yates, il est ajourné.

#### **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. Belanger, 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. Nilson, adjourned.

**Bill No. 68 - The Arts Professions Act**  
**Projet de loi n° 68 - Loi sur les professions artistiques**

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Ms. Tell: That Bill No. 68 - The Arts Professions Act – be now read a second time.

L'Assemblée reprend le débat ajourné sur la motion de l'hon. Mme Tell: Que le projet de loi n° 68 - Loi sur les professions artistiques – soit maintenant lu une deuxième fois.

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

Le débat se poursuit et sur motion de M. Broten, il est ajourné.

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

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Norris: That Bill No. 73 – The University of Saskatchewan Amendment Act, 2008 – be now read a second time.

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

**Bill No. 71 – The Innovation Saskatchewan Act**

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Stewart: That Bill No. 71 – The Innovation Saskatchewan Act – be now read a second time.

The debate continuing, the Deputy 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*

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

**Mr. Calvert asked the Government the following Question No. 253, which was answered by the Premier:**

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?

Answer:

- (1) No.
- (2) N/A

**Mr. Calvert asked the Government the following Question No. 254, which was answered by each Minister:**

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?

Answer:

- (1) No updated information.
- (2) N/A
- (3) N/A
- (4) N/A

**Mr. Calvert asked the Government the following Question No. 256, which was answered by the Premier:**

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?

Answer:

- (1) No.
- (2) N/A

**Ms. Junor asked the Government the following Question No. 257, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:**

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?

Answer:

- (1) As of January 1, 2008, the priority for capital investments of health care facilities was determined through the evaluation of the facility condition index (FCI) by VFA Canada Inc. This evaluation indicated a required investment of \$1.1B, or about 25% of the total asset replacement value for the health system of \$4.4B, in order to bring our facilities up to a higher standard. Facility investment priorities included life safety/emergency projects.
- (2) As of January 1, 2009, the priority for capital investments included replacement of smaller scale long-term care facilities in the province. In alignment with the Government of Canada's approach to infrastructure investment, the focus of priorities included the acceleration of projects in order to stimulate Saskatchewan's economy in light of the world-wide economic down turn.

**Mr. Van Mulligen asked the Government the following Question No. 258, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Gantefer:**

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?

Answer:

The proceeds from the sale of SaskFerco are currently held by Crown Investments Corporation (CIC).

**Mr. Forbes asked the Government the following Question No. 259, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:**

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

Answer:

Priority was, in no specific order, to serve the needs of low to moderate income households including: families with dependents, Aboriginal peoples, youth-at-risk, students, seniors and persons with a disability.

**Ms. Higgins asked the Government the following Question No. 260, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hutchinson:**

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

Answer:

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs administers a number of federal/provincial, provincial and federal funding programs. Each program has criteria and a process used to prioritize individual projects which apply for funding.

## **NOTICE OF MOTION FOR RETURN (Not Debatable)**

On Monday:

Mr. Taylor, to move an Order of the Assembly do issue for Return No. 34 showing:

To the Government: The review by Deloitte and Touche around the decision to sell EZ Finder Phonebooks by SaskTel to Canpages.

Mr. Taylor, to move an Order of the Assembly do issue for Return No. 35 showing:

To the Government: The third party review that formed the basis for the decision to contract out SaskTel conference calling capabilities.

Mr. Taylor, to move an Order of the Assembly do issue for Return No. 36 showing:

To the Government: The third party review that formed the basis for the decision to contract out SaskTel e-mail services.

## NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

**The following Questions were given notice on day no. 28 and are to be answered by day no. 33:**

Mr. McCall, to ask the Government the following Question No. 261:

To the Minister of First Nations and Métis Relations: In advance of the decision to expand hunting to Sunday, what actions were undertaken pursuant to the government's duty to consult First Nations and Métis people?

Mr. McCall, to ask the Government the following Question No. 262:

To the Minister of Environment: (1) What was the process involved in making the decision to expand Saskatchewan hunting to include Sunday? (2) On what date was that decision made? (3) On what date will that decision come into effect?