



No. 37

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

SECOND SESSION – TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

Monday, March 23, 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: Trew, Yates, Higgins, Furber, Forbes, Morin, Taylor, Broten and Vermette.

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 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)

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)

BUDGET DEBATE

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Gantefer, seconded by Mr. Reiter:

That the Assembly approves in general the budgetary policy of the Government,

And the proposed amendment thereto moved by Mr. Van Mulligen, seconded by Mr. Trew:

That all the words after “That the Assembly” be deleted and the following be added:

“condemn this government for the return to poor fiscal management in the budget process and increasing the debt of the province.”

The debate continuing on the motion and the amendment, the Assembly recessed from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

The debate being resumed on the motion and the amendment, the Deputy Speaker interrupted proceedings and adjourned the Assembly without question put, pursuant to Rule 6(6).

The Assembly adjourned at 10:30 p.m. until Tuesday at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Don Toth
Speaker

NOTICE OF MOTIONS FOR FIRST READING OF BILLS

On Wednesday:

Hon. Mr. Stewart to move First Reading of Bill No. 84 – The Labour-sponsored Venture Capital Corporations Amendment Act, 2009

Hon. Mr. Hutchinson to move First Reading of Bill No. 85 – The Municipal Grants Act

Hon. Mr. Morgan to move First Reading of Bill No. 86 – The Saskatchewan Financial Services Commission Amendment Act, 2009

NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The following Questions were given notice on day no. 37 and are to be answered by day no. 42:

Mr. Trew, to ask the Government the following Question No. 320:

To the Minister of Crown Corporations: (1) What is the debt/equity ratio as of January 1, 2009 for SaskTel? (2) SaskEnergy? (3) SaskPower? (4) SaskWater? (5) SGI? (6) STC?

Mr. Trew, to ask the Government the following Question No. 321:

To the Minister of Crown Corporations: (1) What is the expected debt/equity ratio after all borrowing in the 2009/10 budget is taken into account for SaskTel? (2) SaskEnergy? (3) SaskPower? (4) SaskWater? (5) SGI? (6) STC?

Mr. Wotherspoon, to ask the Government the following Question No. 322:

To the Minister of Education: Was the Ministry of Justice or a third party asked to perform a constitutional analysis as to the validity of the new property tax regime as it applies to separate school divisions?

Mr. Calvert, to ask the Government the following Question No. 323:

To the Premier: (1) Was any outside communications firm given a mandate as part of a current contract to obtain coverage on CNN for the news story that was covered about Saskatchewan? (2) If so, how much was paid for this purpose?

Mr. Calvert, to ask the Government the following Question No. 324:

To the Premier: (1) Was any outside communications firm contacted for the specific purpose of obtaining coverage on CNN for the news story that was covered about Saskatchewan? (2) If so, how much was paid for this purpose?

Mr. Calvert, to ask the Government the following Question No. 325:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: (1) Which employees were affected by the change in FTEs in the 2009/10 budget for Occupation, Health and Safety? (2) Please provide job titles and positions without revealing names.

Mr. Calvert, to ask the Government the following Question No. 326:

To the Minister of Highways and Infrastructure: (1) How many expropriations of land (not negotiated settlements) were there in 2006? (2) 2007? (3) 2008? (4) 2009 to date?