



No. 43

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

SECOND SESSION – TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

Wednesday, April 1, 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: Belanger, Iwanchuk, 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 reverse its decision to means test seniors and ensure that all seniors continue to have access to affordable prescription drugs.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 13)

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 government ministers to use fuel efficient vehicles.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 64)

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 invest in the planning and construction of new long-term care beds in La Ronge.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 142)

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON CROWN AND CENTRAL AGENCIES

The following Bill was reported without amendment and consideration in Committee of the Whole having been waived, by leave of the Assembly, it was read the third time and passed:

Bill No. 57 – The Land Titles Amendment Act, 2008

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 327 and 328, they were answered. (See Appendix)

SECOND READINGS

Bill No. 84 – The Labour-sponsored Venture Capital Corporations Amendment Act, 2009

The Hon. Mr. Stewart, a member of the Executive Council, having acquainted the Assembly that His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the Bill, recommends it to the consideration of the Assembly, moved: That Bill No. 84 – The Labour-sponsored Venture Capital Corporations Amendment Act, 2009 – be now read a second time.

A debate arising, it was on motion of Mr. Taylor, adjourned.

Bill No. 85 – The Municipal Grants Act

The Hon. Mr. Hutchinson, a member of the Executive Council, having acquainted the Assembly that His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the Bill, recommends it to the consideration of the Assembly, moved: That Bill No. 85 – The Municipal Grants Act – be now read a second time.

A debate arising, it was on motion of Mr. Taylor, adjourned.

Bill No. 86 – The Saskatchewan Financial Services Commission Amendment Act, 2009

The Hon. Mr. Morgan, a member of the Executive Council, having acquainted the Assembly that His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the Bill, recommends it to the consideration of the Assembly, moved: That Bill No. 86 – The Saskatchewan Financial Services Commission Amendment Act, 2009 – be now read a second time.

A debate arising 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. 86 – The Saskatchewan Financial Services Commission Amendment Act, 2009 – was committed to the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice.

Bill No. 87 – The Income Tax Amendment Act, 2009

The Hon. Mr. Gantefer, a member of the Executive Council, having acquainted the Assembly that His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the Bill, recommends it to the consideration of the Assembly, moved: That Bill No. 87 – The Income Tax Amendment Act, 2009 – be now read a second time.

A debate arising, it was on motion of Mr. Taylor, adjourned.

Bill No. 88 – The Corporation Capital Tax Amendment Act, 2009

The Hon. Mr. Gantefer, a member of the Executive Council, having acquainted the Assembly that His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the Bill, recommends it to the consideration of the Assembly, moved: That Bill No. 88 – The Corporation Capital Tax Amendment Act, 2009 – be now read a second time.

A debate arising, it was on motion of Mr. Taylor, adjourned.

ADJOURNED DEBATES

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 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. 46 – The Labour Market Commission Amendment Act, 2008 – was committed to the Standing Committee on Human Services.

Bill No. 45 – The Credit Union Amendment Act, 2008

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Morgan: That Bill No. 45 – The Credit Union Amendment 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. Ms. Harpauer, in accordance with Rule 81, Bill No. 45 – The Credit Union Amendment Act, 2008 – was committed to the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice.

Bill No. 51 – The Provincial Court Amendment Act, 2008

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Morgan: That Bill No. 51 – The Provincial Court Amendment Act, 2008 – be now read a second time.

The debate continuing, the Speaker interrupted proceedings and adjourned the Assembly without question put, pursuant to Rule 6(6).

The Assembly adjourned at 5:00 p.m. until Thursday at 10:00 a.m.

Hon. Don Toth
Speaker

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Mr. Forbes asked the Government the following Question No. 327, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

To the Minister of Social Services: On page 7 of the document "Putting Children First, Addressing the Challenge" put out on February 25, 2009 by your Ministry, the following statement is made: "This project has been promised as far back as 2004". What source do you have for this statement?

Answer:

Joanne Crawford, "Province Improving Foster Care and Social Assistance Programs", Government of Saskatchewan News Release, January 29, 2004.

Ms. Atkinson asked the Government the following Question No. 328, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: (1) How many people, including family members, were nominated by the province of Saskatchewan under the Saskatchewan Immigrant Nominee Program (SINP) for the calendar year 2006? (2) 2007? (3) 2008?

Answer:

- (1) 1,027
- (2) 1,517
- (3) 2,645

Please note these answers are for the calendar year.

NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The following Questions were given notice on day no. 41 and are to be answered by day no. 46:

Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 329:

To the Minister of Health: (1) How many out-of-province trips have the Minister of Health, the Legislative Secretary to the Minister of Health and/or ministerial or departmental staff taken from January 1, 2008 to March 27, 2009? (2) What were the trip destinations/locations? (3) What was the purpose of each trip? (4) Who went on each of the trips? (5) What were the travel and accommodation costs of each trip?

Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 330:

To the Minister of Health: (1) How many out-of-country trips have the Minister of Health, the Legislative Secretary to the Minister of Health and/or ministerial or departmental staff taken from January 1, 2008 to March 27, 2009? (2) What were the trip destinations/locations? (3) What was the purpose of each trip? (4) Who went on each of the trips? (5) What were the travel and accommodation costs of each trip?

Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 331:

To the Minister of Health: How many HIV and/or AIDS cases have been diagnosed by the staff in the mobile bus in Saskatoon since it started operation?

Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 332:

To the Minister of Health: How many HIV and/or AIDS cases have been treated in the mobile bus in Saskatoon since it started operation?

Mr. Trew, to ask the Government the following Question No. 333:

To the Minister of Crown Corporations: (1) Was any of the cost of providing 100 percent cell phone and high-speed internet service to Saskatchewan provided by the federal "Building Canada" fund? (2) If so, how much? (3) What percentage does that amount represent?

Mr. Wotherspoon, to ask the Government the following Question No. 334:

To the Minister of Education: What proportion of the \$103 million for education property tax relief in the 2009/10 budget will be allocated to agricultural property tax reductions?

Mr. Wotherspoon, to ask the Government the following Question No. 335:

To the Minister of Education: What proportion of the \$103 million for education property tax relief in the 2009/10 budget will be allocated to commercial property tax reductions?

Mr. Wotherspoon, to ask the Government the following Question No. 336:

To the Minister of Education: What proportion of the \$103 million for education property tax relief in the 2009/10 budget will be allocated to residential property tax reductions?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 337:

To the Minister of Enterprise and Innovation: (1) What was the amount of sponsorship did Enterprise Saskatchewan pay for the EnerCan conference recently held in Saskatchewan? (2) What other forms of support (financial and in kind) did Enterprise Saskatchewan provide for the EnerCan conference?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 338:

To the Minister of Crown Corporations: (1) What amounts of sponsorship did SaskPower, SaskEnergy or any other Crown pay for the EnerCan conference recently held in Saskatchewan? (2) What other forms of support (financial and in kind) did CIC or any of its Crown corporations such as SaskPower and SaskEnergy provide for the EnerCan conference?

The following Questions were given notice on day no. 43 and are to be answered by day no. 48:

Mr. Calvert, to ask the Government the following Question No. 339:

To the Premier: (1) Was any outside communications firm contracted for any part of the most recent trip by the Premier to Washington. (2) If so, which company? (3) How much were they paid?

Mr. Calvert, to ask the Government the following Question No. 340:

To the Government: For each out-of-province trip that each 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 his/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. Calvert, to ask the Government the following Question No. 341:

To the Government: For each out-of-country trip that each 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 his/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. Calvert, to ask the Government the following Question No. 342:

To the Minister of Government Services: (1) How many times did Executive Air fly to Prince Albert in the month of March? (2) What was the date of each trip? (3) What Ministers (including the Premier) were on each flight?