



No. 46

# VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

SECOND SESSION – TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

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**Tuesday, April 7, 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: Higgins, Iwanchuk, 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 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 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)

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 to Sessional Paper No. 115)

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 INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS AND JUSTICE  
COMITÉ PERMANENT DES AFFAIRES INTERGOUVERNEMENTALES ET DE LA JUSTICE**

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

Les projets de loi suivants sont rapportés sans amendement et avec la permission de l'Assemblée de passer outre au renvoi au Comité plénier, sont lus une troisième fois et adoptés:

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

Bill No. 50 – The Missing Persons and Presumption of Death Act

Bill No. 70 – The Summary Offences Procedure Amendment Act, 2008

**WRITTEN QUESTIONS**

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 329 to 338, they were answered. (See Appendix)

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Gantefer:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 2:32 p.m. until Wednesday at 1:30 p.m.

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

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

**Ms. Junor asked the Government the following Question No. 329, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:**

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?

**Answer:**

The Minister of Health and the Legislative Secretaries to the Minister of Health have taken ten out-of-province trips from January 1, 2008 to March 27, 2009. Information regarding the destination, purpose, who went on the trips and the travel and accommodation costs of each trip are indicated in the attached chart.

### Minister: Honourable Don McMorris

Departure Date	Destination	Purpose	Individuals Accompanying Minister and Costs	Total Cost for Minister
April 13/08	Toronto/Ottawa	Meeting with Federal Health Minister	Perry Martin \$1,63.80	\$1,689.46
March 16/08	Calgary	Meeting with the Alberta Minister of Health	Susan Kalenchuk \$934.80 / Jennifer Margach \$934.80	\$934.80
May 21/08	Calgary	Meeting with Alberta Minister of Health		\$892.92
Sept 3/08	Montreal	Ministers Conference	Perry Martin \$506.96 / Mark Wyatt \$1,735.38 / Dan Florizone \$889.88	\$2,320.22
Jan 23/09	Calgary	STARS Air Ambulance event & related meetings regarding Air Ambulance		\$983.51

### Legislative Secretary: Laura Ross, MLA

Departure Date	Destination	Purpose	Individuals Accompanying Legislative Secretary and Costs	Total Cost
Sept 20/08	Vancouver / Edmonton	Career Fairs		\$1,254.07
Sept 28/08	Vancouver	Vancouver Symposium		\$1,368.15
Oct 22/08	Halifax	Nurse Job Fair		\$269.65
Nov 8/08	Ottawa	Tour of Ottawa Hospital/meeting at Parliament Hill		\$1,210.71

**Legislative Secretary: Joceline Schriemer, MLA**

Departure Date	Destination	Purpose	Individuals Accompanying Legislative Secretary and Costs	Total Cost
Sept 4/08	Calgary	Tour Alberta's Addictions Centre		\$640.95

**Ms. Junor asked the Government the following Question No. 330, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:**

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?

Answer:

The Minister of Health and the Legislative Secretaries to the Minister of Health have taken two out-of-country trips from January 1, 2008 to March 27, 2009. Information regarding the destinations, purpose, who went on the trips and the travel and accommodation costs of each trip are indicated in the attached chart.

**Minister: Honourable Don McMorris**

Departure Date	Destination	Purpose	Individuals Accompanying Minister and Costs	Total Cost for Minister
Sep 20/08	London, England	Releasing Time to Care Conference	Dan Florizone \$2,540.38	\$2,198.01

**Legislative Secretary: Laura Ross, MLA**

Departure Date	Destination	Purpose	Individuals Accompanying Legislative Secretary and Costs	Total Cost
Feb 28/08	Manila, Philippines	Health Care Professionals Recruitment Trip		\$4,074.07

**Ms. Junor asked the Government the following Question No. 331, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:**

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?

Answer:

Although the mobile primary care bus has the capacity to collect blood samples, all diagnoses of HIV are officially made through the Saskatchewan Disease Control Laboratory, and are communicated through a Regional Health Authority's Public Health unit.

**Ms. Junor asked the Government the following Question No. 332, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:**

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?

Answer:

The mobile primary health care bus saw close to 1,000 people in the first 116 days it operated and of those, the staff were aware five (5) people who self-disclosed HIV status and received HIV related care. There is another mobile service provided through Saskatoon Public Health called Street Health which more specifically targets clients living with HIV or AIDS. As part of this service, a mobile van provides daytime targeted outreach and evening service that includes counselling, immunizations, referrals, blood screening, needle exchange and other services for people with infectious diseases such as HIV, Hepatitis B and C and sexually transmitted diseases.

**Mr. Trew asked the Government the following Question No. 333, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff:**

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?

Answer:

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

**Mr. Wotherspoon asked the Government the following Question No. 334, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Krawetz:**

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?

Answer:

Approximately 34 per cent will be allocated to agricultural property tax reductions.

**Mr. Wotherspoon asked the Government the following Question No. 335, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Krawetz:**

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?

Answer:

Approximately 10 per cent will be allocated to commercial property tax reductions.

**Mr. Wotherspoon asked the Government the following Question No. 336, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Krawetz:**

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?

Answer:

Approximately 56 per cent will be allocated to residential property tax reductions.

**Mr. Forbes asked the Government the following Question No. 337, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Stewart:**

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?

Answer:

- (1) \$8,800.
- (2) Nil.

**Mr. Forbes asked the Government the following Question No. 338, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff:**

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?

Answer:

**SaskTel's Answer:**

- (1) None.
- (2) N/A

**SaskEnergy's Answer:**

- (1) None.
- (2) N/A

**SaskPower's Answer:**

- (1) SaskPower was a sponsor of the "EnerCan West – Energy for a Sustainable Future" conference in the amount of \$5,000.
- (2) SaskPower provided no other forms of support.

**CIC's Answer:**

- (1) CIC provided \$20,000 in sponsorship for the "EnerCan West – Energy for a Sustainable Future" conference.
- (2) None.

## **NOTICE OF MOTION FOR A SEVENTY-FIVE MINUTE DEBATE**

On Thursday:

Mr. Chisholm move the following motion:

That the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan express its opposition to recent pronouncements from NDP leadership candidates that would support the re-nationalization of Saskatchewan's potash and oil industries.

## **NOTICE OF PRIORITY ITEMS**

On Thursday:

### **No. 1 (Opposition)**

#### **ADJOURNED DEBATES**

Bill No. 603 – The Reporting of Federal Transfers Act

(Mr. Van Mulligen)  
*Adjourned Once*

## NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

**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?

**The following Questions were given notice on day no. 46 and are to be answered by day no. 51:**

Ms. Higgins, to ask the Government the following Question No. 343:

To the Minister of Municipal Affairs: The Minister has recently announced a "concept review" on the notion of a dome stadium in Regina. (1) When did the concept review begin? (2) What are the terms of reference? (3) What are the deliverables of the review? (4) What is the deadline for those deliverables?

Ms. Higgins, to ask the Government the following Question No. 344:

To the Minister of Municipal Affairs: The Minister has recently announced a "concept review" on the notion of a dome stadium in Regina. (1) Has any outside agency or consultant been hired to work on this review? (2) If so, how much is the contract for? (3) When did any external work begin? (4) Was there an RFP? (5) When was the RFP published?