

No. 50

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

SECOND SESSION – TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

Tuesday, April 21, 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, Iwanchuk, Forbes, Morin, 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 immediately invest in growing the capacity of the early childcare community.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 27)

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 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)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to enact changes to *The Highway Traffic Act* to be referred to as the Gallenger Amendment.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 162)

Report of the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and 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:

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

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

Bill No. 43 – The Trespass to Property Act

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

The following Bill was reported with amendment and consideration in Committee of the Whole having been waived, by leave of the Assembly, it was considered as amended and read the third time and passed:

Bill No. 44 – The Agreements of Sale Cancellation Amendment Act, 2008

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REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES RAPPORT DU COMITÉ PERMANENT DES SERVICES À LA PERSONNE

The following Bill was reported with amendment and consideration in Committee of the Whole having been waived, by leave of the Assembly, it was considered as amended and read the third time and passed: Le projet de loi suivant est rapporté avec amendement et avec la permission de l'Assemblée de passer outre au renvoi au Comité plénier, est considéré comme étant amendé et est lu une troisième fois et adopté.

Bill No. 67 – The Education Amendment Act, 2008 (No. 2) Projet de loi nº 67 – Loi nº 2 de 2008 modifiant la Loi de 1995 sur l'éducation

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: Le projet de loi suivant est rapporté sans amendement et avec la permission de l'Assemblée de passer outre au renvoi au Comité plénier, est lu une troisième fois et adopté:

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

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Gantefoer:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 2:34 p.m. until Wednesday at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Don Toth Speaker

RETURNS, REPORTS AND PAPERS TABLED

The following paper was laid upon the Table:

By the Hon. Mr. Hutchinson:

Annual Report and Financial Statements for Saskatchewan Gaming Corporation the year ended December 31, 2008.

(Sessional Paper No. 176)

NOTICE OF MOTION FOR A SEVENTY-FIVE MINUTE DEBATE

On Thursday:

Mr. Furber move the following motion:

That this Assembly instructs the government to undertake a comprehensive Energy Development Partnership (EDP) program, which would examine the future energy needs of Saskatchewan, recommend the most effective way to meet those needs, and engage the public in meaningful consultation.

NOTICE OF PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTIONS

On Thursday:

Mr. Duncan to move the following motion:

That this Assembly supports the actions of this government and recognizes that our government has done more to help low income people fight poverty in 16 months than the previous NDP government did in 16 years.

NOTICE OF PRIORITY ITEMS

On Thursday:

No. 1 (Government)

Mr. Duncan to move the following Motion:

That this Assembly supports the actions of this government and recognizes that our government has done more to help low income people fight poverty in 16 months than the previous NDP government did in 16 years.

NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The following Questions were given notice on day no. 47 and are to be answered by day no. 52:

Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 345:

To the Minister of Health: What are the estimated costs of the upgrades to Pioneer Village in Regina?

Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 346:

To the Minister of Health: What, if any, debt will the Regina Health Region be assuming with the acquisition of Pioneer Village?

Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 347:

To the Minister of Health: What is the estimated assessed value of Pioneer Village in Regina?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 348:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many positions for Central Management and Services require the worker to have a Bachelor of Social Work degree? (2) How many workers in Central Management and Services are members of the Saskatchewan Association of Social Workers?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 349:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many positions for Employment Support and Income Assistance require the worker to have a Bachelor of Social Work degree? (2) How many workers in Employment Support and Income Assistance are members of the Saskatchewan Association of Social Workers?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 350:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many positions for Child and Family Services require the worker to have a Bachelor of Social Work degree? (2) How many workers in Child and Family Services are members of the Saskatchewan Association of Social Workers? Mr. Forbes, to ask the Government the following Ouestion No. 351:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many positions for Community Inclusion area require the worker to have a Bachelor of Social Work degree? (2) How many workers in Community Inclusion area are members of the Saskatchewan Association of Social Workers?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 352:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many positions for Supporting Families and Building Economic Independence require the worker to have a Bachelor of Social Work degree? (2) How many workers in Supporting Families and Building Economic Independence are members of the Saskatchewan Association of Social Workers?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 353:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many positions for Saskatchewan Housing Corporation require the worker to have a Bachelor of Social Work degree? (2) How many workers in Saskatchewan Housing Corporation are members of the Saskatchewan Association of Social Workers?

The following Questions were given notice on day no. 50 and are to be answered by day no. 55:

Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 354:

To the Premier: (1) Since the answer to Written Question No. 169, has there been any further settlements made with any dismissed civil servants, including CIC officials, Crown employees, or any other government employee? (2) If so, how many settlements?

Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 355:

To the Premier: For each of the civil servants, including CIC officials, Crown employees, or any other government employee that has been dismissed by the government since November 31, 2007, how many severance packages have yet to be paid?

Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 356:

To the Premier: (1) What was the total severance paid to each of those civil servants that have been dismissed by the government since Written Question No. 169, including any top-ups to pensions, travel and car allowances, and any other benefits? (2) For each employee, please provide the following information: (a) What individual benefits is each employee being provided as part of the settlement? (b) How much is each benefit worth as part of the settlement for that employee? (c) What is the total settlement package for that employee valued at?