



No. 55

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

SECOND SESSION – TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

Wednesday, April 29, 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, Higgins, Iwanchuk, Forbes, Morin, Wotherspoon 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 commit to maintaining quality health care services and job security for all public health care providers.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 58)

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 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 pave Highway 135 through the community of Pelican Narrows, as committed on August 24, 2007.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 127)

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 CROWN AND CENTRAL AGENCIES
RAPPORT DU COMITÉ PERMANENT DES SOCIÉTÉS D'ÉTAT ET DES ORGANISMES CENTRAUX

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. 54 – The Vital Statistics Act, 2008

Projet de loi n° 54 – Loi de 2008 sur les services de l'état civil

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. 55 – The Vital Statistics Consequential Amendments Act, 2008

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE ECONOMY

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. 47 – The Pipelines Amendment Act, 2008

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON PRIVATE BILLS

Mr. Allchurch, Chair of the Standing Committee on Private Bills, presents the Fourth Report of the said committee which is as follows:

Your committee has considered the following Bill and has agreed to report the same without amendment:

Bill No. 902 – The Stephen and Michelene Worobetz Foundation Amendment Act

And further, that the fees less the cost of printing be remitted to the petitioners for Bill No. 902.

(Sessional Paper No. 220)

On motion of Mr. Allchurch:

Ordered, That the Fourth Report of the Standing Committee on Private Bills be now concurred in.

Thereupon, 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. 902 – The Stephen and Michelene Worobetz Foundation Amendment Act

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 354 to 356, pursuant to Rule 20(5), they were passed by the Assembly as Orders for Return Nos. 43 to 45, and Orders of the Assembly issued:

Mr. Yates, for Return No. 43 showing:

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

Mr. Yates, for Return No. 44 showing:

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, the amount of severance packages that have yet to be paid.

Mr. Yates, for Return No. 45 showing:

To the Premier: (1) 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, the following information: (a) the individual benefits each employee is being provided as part of the settlement. (b) the amount that each benefit is worth as part of the settlement for that employee. (c) the value of the total settlement package for that employee.

GOVERNMENT MOTION

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff:

That the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies, in accordance with Rule 147(3) of *The Rules and Procedures of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan*, shall conduct an inquiry to determine how the province can best meet the growing demand for electricity in a manner that is safe, reliable, environmentally-sustainable and affordable for Saskatchewan residents; and,

That the said committee shall conduct public hearings to receive representations from interested individuals and groups; and further,

That the said committee may, notwithstanding Rule 147(4), report its recommendations to the Assembly at a date determined by the committee.

A debate arising, it was moved by Mr. Furber in amendment thereto:

That the motion be amended by adding the following after the word “groups”:

“and, for the purposes of this inquiry, the said committee shall create four (4) subcommittees with the following mandates:

- a) The first subcommittee shall identify the future electrical requirements of the province and that consultations on this matter shall include testimony from the appropriate experts at SaskPower and CIC, as well as with external expert witnesses;
- b) The second subcommittee shall examine the work done by the Uranium Development Partnership (UDP) and that the said examination shall include the testimony from the principals of the UDP, including the consultants who wrote any relevant reports; Bruce Power; Enterprise Saskatchewan; SaskPower; CIC; the Chair of the Public Consultation Process; as well as any expert witnesses deemed appropriate for the review;
- c) The third subcommittee shall review any and all carbon-based options for energy production and that consultations on this review shall include SaskPower, CIC, any government officials involved with carbon-based projects, such as the “clean coal project”; as well as external expert witnesses;
- d) The fourth subcommittee shall review any and all renewable energy options for power production and that consultations on this review shall include SaskPower, CIC, any other government agency involved with renewable energy projects, such as the Saskatchewan Research Council; as well as external expert witnesses; and,

That, pursuant to Rule 148(1), the said committee shall temporarily expand its membership to accommodate the aforementioned subcommittees with the Members to be named by the committee itself and that any such expansion of membership shall be in accordance with the ratio of government to opposition that currently exists on the committee; and,

That pursuant to Rule 147(6), as expeditiously as possible, the Chair and Deputy Chair of the said committee shall present to the Board of Internal Economy a funding proposal for the undertaking the inquiry; and,

That Chair and Deputy Chair of the said committee, and the Board of Internal Economy shall reference the cost of the Uranium Development Partnership (\$3 million) as a starting point for the budget of the committee; and,

That the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies shall, in accordance with Rule 131(4), reimburse witnesses for all reasonable travel expenses; and,

That the said committee shall hire consultants to help with the drafting of the committee’s reports; and,

That the work of the aforementioned subcommittees shall be compiled into an interim report, which is to be submitted to the Legislative Assembly, and that the interim report shall form the basis of extensive public consultation to be undertaken by the full committee before a final report is presented to the Legislative Assembly.”

The debate continuing and the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived.

The question being put on the motion, it was agreed to.

ADJOURNED DEBATES

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

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Stewart: That Bill No. 84 – The Labour-sponsored Venture Capital Corporations Amendment Act, 2009 – 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. Gantefoer, in accordance with Rule 81, Bill No. 84 – The Labour-sponsored Venture Capital Corporations Amendment Act, 2009 – was committed to the Standing Committee on the Economy.

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 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. Gantefoer, in accordance with Rule 81, Bill No. 71 – The Innovation Saskatchewan Act – was committed to the Standing Committee on the Economy.

SECOND READINGS / DEUXIÈME LECTURE

Bill No. 92 – The Queen's Bench Amendment Act, 2009

Projet de loi no 92 – Loi de 2009 modifiant la Loi de 1998 sur la Cour du Banc de la Reine

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Morgan: That Bill No. 92 – The Queen's Bench 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 and, by leave of the Assembly and pursuant to Rule 72(1), referred to a Committee of the Whole later this day.

L'hon. Mr. Morgan propose: Que le projet de loi n° 92 – Loi de 2009 modifiant la Loi de 1998 sur la Cour du Banc de la Reine – soit maintenant lu une deuxième fois.

Il s'élève un débat et la motion, mise aux voix, est adoptée et, en conséquence, ledit projet de loi est lu une deuxième fois et, avec la permission de l'Assemblée et conformément à l'article 72(1) du Règlement, est déferé à un Comité plénier plus tard aujourd'hui.

Bill No. 93 – The Condominium Property Amendment Act, 2009

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Morgan: That Bill No. 93 – The Condominium Property 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 and, by leave of the Assembly and pursuant to Rule 72(1), referred to a Committee of the Whole later this day.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE / COMITÉ PLÉNIER

The Assembly, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Conformément au Règlement, l'Assemblée se forme en Comité plénier.

The following Bills were reported without amendment, read the third time and passed:

Les projets de loi suivants sont rapportés sans amendement, lus une troisième fois et adoptés:

Bill No. 92 – The Queen's Bench Amendment Act, 2009

Projet de loi n° 92 – Loi de 2009 modifiant la Loi de 1998 sur la Cour du Banc de la Reine

Bill No. 93 – The Condominium Property Amendment Act, 2009

The Committee was given leave to sit again.

Le comité obtient la permission de siéger de nouveau à la prochaine séance.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Gantefoer:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 4:30 p.m. until Thursday at 10:00 a.m.

Hon. Don Toth
Speaker

RETURNS, REPORTS AND PAPERS TABLED

The following papers were laid upon the Table:

By the Hon. Mr. D'Autremont:

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Liquor Board Superannuation Commission for the year ended December 31, 2008.

(Sessional Paper No. 214)

By the Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff:

Annual Report and Consolidated and Non-Consolidated Financial Statements for Crown Investments Corporation of Saskatchewan for the year ended December 31, 2008.

(Sessional Paper No. 215)

Annual Report and Financial Statements for Capital Pension Plan for the year ended December 31, 2008.

(Sessional Paper No. 216)

Financial Statements for Gradworks Inc. for the year ended December 31, 2008.

(Sessional Paper No. 217)

Financial Statements for First Nations and Métis Fund Inc. for the year ended December 31, 2008.

(Sessional Paper No. 218)

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

(Sessional Paper No. 219)

NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The following Questions were given notice on day no. 53 and are to be answered by day no. 58:

Mr. Calvert, to ask the Government the following Question No. 357:

To the Premier: (1) How many contracts has “Garven and Associates” received since November 7, 2007? (2) For each contract: what was the contract for? (3) Which ministry or ministries were involved? (4) How much was the contract worth?

Mr. Calvert, to ask the Government the following Question No. 358:

To the Minister of Enterprise and Innovation: (1) How many meetings has each sector team of Enterprise Saskatchewan had? (2) For each meeting: was there a facilitator (or any other contractee) involved? (3) If so, who was the facilitator (or contractee) for the meeting? (4) How much was paid to the facilitator (or contractee)? (5) What was the date of the meeting?

Mr. Calvert, to ask the Government the following Question No. 359:

To the Minister of Enterprise and Innovation: (1) How many meetings has each Strategic Issues Council of Enterprise Saskatchewan had? (2) For each meeting: was there a facilitator (or any other contractee) involved? (3) If so, who was the facilitator (or contractee) for the meeting? (4) How much was paid to the facilitator (or contractee)? (5) What was the date of the meeting?

The following Questions were given notice on day no. 54 and are to be answered by day no. 59:

Mr. Forbes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 360:

To the Minister of Social Services: On March 30, 2009, it was announced that Habitat for Humanity will receive \$1 million to build 20 homes in Saskatchewan. (1) In which communities will these homes be built (2) How many homes will be built in each community? (3) How much money is allocated to each community? (4) What are the street addresses of these homes?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 361:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many families qualified for the Saskatchewan Employment Supplement in 2007? (2) 2008? (3) January 2009? (4) February 2009? (5) March 2009?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 362:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many families qualified for the Saskatchewan Family Health Benefits in 2007? (2) 2008? (3) January 2009? (4) February 2009? (5) March 2009?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 363:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many people qualified for the provincial training allowance in 2007? (2) 2008? (3) January 2009? (4) February 2009? (5) March 2009?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 364:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many new families with children received Income Assistance in the Southwest region in November 2008? (2) December 2008? (3) January 2009? (4) February 2009?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 365:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many new TEA cases were open in November 2008? (2) December 2008? (3) January 2009? (4) February 2009?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 366:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many SAP/TEA cases were open in the Northeast region in November 2008? (2) December 2008? (3) January 2009? (4) February 2009?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 367:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many single seniors (Type 1) living in special care homes received SIP? (2) How many of these received the maximum amount of \$25/month?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 368:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many senior married couples (Type 2) living in special care homes received SIP? (2) How many of these received the maximum amount of \$25/month?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 369:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many senior married couples (Type 3) living in special care homes received SIP? (2) How many of these received the maximum amount of \$25/month?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 370:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many senior married couples (Type 4) living in special care homes received SIP? (2) How many of these received the maximum amount of \$25/month?

The following Questions were given notice on day no. 55 and are to be answered by day no. 60:

Mr. Trew, to ask the Government the following Question No. 371:

To the Minister of Crown Corporations: Which of Saskatchewan Crown corporations attended the National Job Fair and Training Expo held on March 31 to April 1, 2009?

Mr. Trew, to ask the Government the following Question No. 372:

To the Minister of Crown Corporations: What did it cost each individual Saskatchewan Crown corporation who attended the National Job Fair and Training Expo held on March 31 to April 1, 2009 to attend?