



No. 19

# VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

THIRD SESSION – TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

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**Tuesday, November 24, 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: Harper, Vermette, Broten, Morin, Iwanchuk, Taylor and Wotherspoon.

## 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 develop an effective and sustainable poverty elimination strategy for the benefit of all Saskatchewan citizens.

(Sessional Paper No. 62)

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. 2)

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. 3)

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. 4)

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. 5)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to invest in an affordable housing program throughout the Battlefords.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 6)

Of the 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. 13)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to commit to maintaining and repairing Highway 123

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 45)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to enact some form of rent control to protect Saskatchewan renters from unreasonable increases in rent.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 51)

### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were received, read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time at the next sitting:

Bill No. 119 – The Ticket Sales Act

(Hon. Mr. Morgan)

Bill No. 120 – The Financial Administration Amendment Act, 2009

(Hon. Mr. Gantefer)

### SPEAKER TABLES REPORT

The Speaker laid before the Assembly a Report of the Chief Electoral Office pursuant to subsection 7(6) of *The Election Act, 1996*, dated November 19, 2009.

(Sessional Paper No. 63)

### WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 532 to 539, they were answered. (See Appendix)

### SECOND READINGS

#### **Bill No. 117 – The Hunting, Fishing and Trapping Heritage Act**

Moved by the Hon. Ms. Heppner: That Bill No. 117 – The Hunting, Fishing and Trapping Heritage Act – be now read a second time.

A debate arising, it was on motion of Ms. Higgins, adjourned.

### ADJOURNED DEBATES

#### **Bill No. 99 – The Emergency 911 System Amendment Act, 2009**

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Huyghebaert: That Bill No. 99 – The Emergency 911 System 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. Krawetz, in accordance with Rule 81, Bill No. 99 – The Emergency 911 System Amendment Act, 2009 – was committed to the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice.

#### **Bill No. 116 – The Traffic Safety (Drivers' Licences and Hand-held Electronic Communications Equipment) Amendment Act, 2009**

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Ms. Draude: That Bill No. 116 – The Traffic Safety (Drivers' Licences and Hand-held Electronic Communications Equipment) 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. Krawetz, in accordance with Rule 81, Bill No. 116 – The Traffic Safety (Drivers' Licences and Hand-held Electronic Communications Equipment) Amendment Act, 2009 – was committed to the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Gantefer:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

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The Assembly adjourned at 3:42 p.m. until Wednesday at 1:30 p.m.

*Hon. Don Toth*  
*Speaker*

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

**Mr. Wotherspoon, to ask the Government the following Question No. 532, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Gantefer:**

To the Minister of Finance: (1) For each quarter in the calendar years of 2008 and 2009 (including projections where actual numbers are not known) what has been the growth (including negative growth) of Saskatchewan's GDP? (2) What source are you citing for these statistics?

Answer:

There is no source for estimates of actual quarterly Saskatchewan GDP. Statistics Canada does not produce estimates of actual quarterly GDP at the sub-national level. Neither does the Saskatchewan Bureau of Statistics. The Ministry of Finance updates its forecast of annual GDP twice each year, at budget and at mid-year.

**Mr. Wotherspoon, to ask the Government the following Question No. 533, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Boyd:**

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: (1) How many investments in infrastructure did SaskPower make, and how much was spent in total on infrastructure by SaskPower in 2001? (2) 2002? (3) 2003? (4) 2004? (5) 2005? (6) 2006? (7) 2007?

Answer:

- (1) 310 capital projects; Total investment \$364 million.
- (2) 320 capital projects; Total investment \$305 million.
- (3) 340 capital projects; Total investment \$267 million.
- (4) 350 capital projects; Total investment \$301 million.
- (5) 340 capital projects; Total investment \$473 million.
- (6) 330 capital projects; Total investment \$285 million.
- (7) 370 capital projects; Total investment \$280 million.

**Mr. Wotherspoon, to ask the Government the following Question No. 534, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff:**

To the Minister Responsible for SaskEnergy Incorporated: (1) How many investments in infrastructure did SaskEnergy make, and how much was spent in total on infrastructure by SaskEnergy in 2001? (2) 2002? (3) 2003? (4) 2004? (5) 2005? (6) 2006? (7) 2007?

Answer:

SaskEnergy Investment in Infrastructure (millions)							
	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Distribution (Net new distribution customers)	\$25 (1,164)	\$21 (2,030)	\$20 (1,783)	\$19 (2,082)	\$19 (1,654)	\$21 (2,908)	\$29 (4,364)
Transmission and Storage	\$16	\$23	\$38	\$33	\$29	\$29	\$35
Business Development	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
<b>Total*</b>	<b>\$41</b>	<b>\$44</b>	<b>\$58</b>	<b>\$52</b>	<b>\$48</b>	<b>\$50</b>	<b>\$70</b>

**Mr. Quennell, to ask the Government the following Question No. 535, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Draude:**

To the Minister Responsible for the Information Technology Office: (1) How many emails were sent and received by government in 2007? (2) 2009? (3) How many of the emails were considered spam in 2007? (4) 2009?

Answer:

- (1) 49,735,061
- (2) 100,582,184
- (3) 44,298,639
- (4) 88,935,664

**Ms. Atkinson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 536, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Krawetz:**

To the Minister of Education: What was the order of priority for the capital lists for schools as of January 1, 2009?

Answer:

See response to Written Question No. 500.

**Mr. Iwanchuk, to ask the Government the following Question No. 537, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:**

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Labour: (1) How many cases were heard by the Labour Relations Board in 2006/07? (2) 2007/08? (3) 2008/09? (4) 2009/10 to date?

Answer:

See response to Written Question No. 531.

**Mr. Lingenfelter, to ask the Government the following Question No. 538, which was answered by the Premier:**

To the Premier: (1) How many staff members will be assigned to each Legislative Secretary? (2) Will they be housed in ministries or in minister's offices? (3) What are their salaries? (4) What are their roles and responsibilities?

Answer:

See response to Written Question No. 524.

**Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 539, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:**

To the Minister of Health: How many Saskatchewan Health Cards were issued and in service as of December 31, 2008?

Answer:

See response to Written Question No. 513.

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

On Thursday:

Ms. Atkinson to move the following motion:

That the Legislative Assembly condemn the government for their unwillingness to be open and accountable to the people of Saskatchewan in regards to the recent budget cuts that were brought about as a result of the government's unprecedented financial mismanagement.

## NOTICE OF PRIORITY ITEMS

On Thursday:

### No. 1 (Government)

#### ADJOURNED DEBATES

On the proposed motion moved by Mr. McMillan:

That **Bill No. 606 – The Protection of the Wild Ponies of the Bronson Forest Act** – be now read a second time.

(Ms. Junor)

### No. 2 (Opposition)

Adjourned debate on **Motion No. 1** moved by Mr. Wotherspoon:

That due to this government's financial mismanagement resulting in a reduction of government services, most notably in primary health services, this government no longer enjoys the support of the Assembly and the people of Saskatchewan.

*Adjourned Once*

## NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

**The following Questions were given notice on day no. 18 and are to be answered by day no. 23:**

Mr. Forbes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 545:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many recipients of the Saskatchewan Seniors Income Plan had their benefits partially reduced in each month in 2007? (3) 2008? (4) Up to October, 2009?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 546:

To the Minister of Social Services: Did recipients of the Saskatchewan Seniors Income Plan (SIP), who had their benefits partially reduced, receive written notice of their partially reduced benefit levels in 2008?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 547:

To the Minister of Social Services: The Federal Budget 2009 is investing \$400 million over two years for the construction of social housing units for low-income seniors. (1) How much money did, or will, Saskatchewan receive under this initiative? (2) How is it being allocated? (3) What specific projects are being supported by this initiative? (4) When will the projects start? (5) When will they be completed? (6) How many units are involved in each project?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 548:

To the Minister of Social Services: The Federal Budget 2009 provided a one-time federal investment of \$1 billion over two years for renovations and energy retrofits for up to 200,000 social housing units on a 50/50 cost-shared basis with provinces. (1) How much money did, or will, Saskatchewan receive under this initiative? (2) How is it being allocated? (3) What specific projects are being supported by this initiative? (4) When will the projects start? (5) When will they be completed? (6) How many units are involved in each project?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 549:

To the Minister of Social Services: What is the dollar amount of support individuals could receive for each of the following programs on January 1, 1990: (1) Saskatchewan Assistance Program? (2) Child Care Subsidy? (3) Discount Bus Program? (4) Saskatchewan Rental Supplement Program? (5) Transitional Employment Allowance? (6) Saskatchewan Employment Supplement?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 550:

To the Minister of Social Services: The Federal Budget 2009 is investing \$75 million over two years for the construction of social housing for person with disabilities. (1) How much money did (or will) Saskatchewan receive under this initiative? (2) How is it being allocated? (3) Which specific projects are supported by this initiative? (4) When will the projects start? (5) When will they be completed? (6) How many units are involved in each project?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 551:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) What is the date of each increase for the Saskatchewan Assistance Program since 1990? (2) What was the amount of each increase?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 552:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) What is the date of each increase for the Child Care Subsidy since 1990? (2) What was the amount of each increase?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 553:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) What is the date of each increase for the Discount Bus Program since 1990? (2) What was the amount of each increase?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 554:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) What is the date of each increase for the Saskatchewan Rental Supplement Program since 1990? (2) What was the amount of each increase?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 555:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) What is the date of each increase for the Transitional Employment Allowance since 1990? (2) What was the amount of each increase?



Mr. Forbes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 556:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) What is the date of each increase for the Saskatchewan Employment Supplement since 1990? (2) What was the amount of each increase?

Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 557:

To Minister Responsible for Crown Investments Corporation: (1) With respect to the Apex Investment Fund, how much in total has CIC committed to this fund as of October 31, 2009? (2) On what dates and in what amounts were monies from CIC deposited with the fund? (3) How much in total have CIC's partners committed to this fund as of October 31, 2009? (4) On what dates and in what amounts were monies from the partners deposited with the fund?

Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 558:

To Minister Responsible for Crown Investments Corporation: (1) With respect to the Apex Investment Fund, who serves as the fund's manager? (2) What management fees and other considerations does the fund manager receive for its work? (3) How does the level of compensation provided to the Apex Investment Fund manager compare to the level of compensation provided to Victoria Park Capital with respect to its former management of investments on behalf of Investment Saskatchewan?

Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 559:

To Minister Responsible for Crown Investments Corporation: (1) With respect to the Apex Investment Fund, what returns on investment have been achieved by the fund since its creation? (2) Have any of the investments made by the fund been sold? (3) Have any of the investments made by the fund been written down or written off? (4) What is the current list of investments held by the fund? (5) Who are the other investors in the investee entities besides the fund?

Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 560:

To Minister Responsible for Crown Investments Corporation: (1) What are the current goals and objectives guiding the management of the Apex Investment Fund? (2) Have the investment goals and objectives of the fund changed since its creation in 2007? (3) And if so, how?

Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 561:

To Minister Responsible for Crown Investments Corporation: (1) With respect to the Apex Investment Fund, in addition to the Crown Investments corporation, who are the funding partners in this fund? (2) How much has each partner committed to the fund? (3) What is the basis of draw down of the respective commitments? (4) Is there a sunset date on the funding commitments? (5) Have the funding commitments changed since the inception of the Apex Investment Fund? (6) If so, when and how much for each partner?

**The following Questions were given notice on day no. 19 and are to be answered by day no. 24:**

Mr. Furber, to ask the Government the following Question No. 562:

To the Minister of Energy and Resources: Has there been any discussions between the Government of Saskatchewan and any private industry regarding nuclear waste storage in Saskatchewan?

Mr. Furber, to ask the Government the following Question No. 563:

To the Minister of Energy and Resources: Has there been any discussions between the Government of Saskatchewan and the Nuclear Waste Management Organization regarding nuclear waste storage in Saskatchewan?

Mr. Furber, to ask the Government the following Question No. 564:

To the Minister of Environment: (1) Is there a difference between lease fees for cabins on Crown land in subdivisions and lease fees for cabins on Crown land in remote areas in the Northern Administrative District? (2) If so, please explain the reason for the difference.

Mr. Furber, to ask the Government the following Question No. 565:

To the Minister of Environment: Has there been any discussions between the Government of Saskatchewan and any private industry regarding nuclear waste storage in Saskatchewan?

Mr. Taylor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 566:

To the Minister of Enterprise: Has there been any discussions between the Government of Saskatchewan and any private industry regarding nuclear waste storage in Saskatchewan?

Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 567:

To the Minister of Health: How many acute care beds were there in 2009 for each of the 13 Health regions (Athabasca, Keewatin Yatthe, Mamawetan Churchill River, Prairie North Health Region, Prince Albert Parkland, Kelsey Trail, Heartland, Saskatoon, Sunrise, Cypress, Five Hills, Regina Qu'Appelle and Sun Country)?

Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 568:

To the Minister of Health: How many acute care beds were there in 2008 for each of the 13 Health regions (Athabasca, Keewatin Yatthe, Mamawetan Churchill River, Prairie North Health Region, Prince Albert Parkland, Kelsey Trail, Heartland, Saskatoon, Sunrise, Cypress, Five Hills, Regina Qu'Appelle and Sun Country)?

Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 569:

To the Minister of Health: How many acute care beds were there in 2007 for each of the 13 Health regions (Athabasca, Keewatin Yatthe, Mamawetan Churchill River, Prairie North Health Region, Prince Albert Parkland, Kelsey Trail, Heartland, Saskatoon, Sunrise, Cypress, Five Hills, Regina Qu'Appelle and Sun Country)?

Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 570:

To the Minister of Health: Is Torisel covered under the Saskatchewan Drug Plan?

Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 571:

To the Minister of Health: (1) Why is Avastin not listed on the Saskatchewan Drug Formulary? (2) Is it covered under the Saskatchewan Drug Plan?

Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 572:

To the Minister of Health: Scientific standard for highest neck manipulation has listed 6 restrictions when highest neck manipulation should not be done. (1) What is being done with these recommendations? (2) Are the restrictions being implemented? (3) If not, why not?

Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 573:

To the Minister of Health: What is the status of stem cell therapy in Saskatchewan?

Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 574:

To the Minister of Health: (1) Will an independent provincial addictions agency be created in 2009? (2) What are the terms of reference for the independent provincial addictions agency? (3) What is the composition of the independent provincial addictions agency? (4) How much funding is being provided for the independent provincial addictions agency?

Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 575:

To the Minister of Health: Saskatchewan's first batch of H1N1 vaccinations total 56,000 doses. (1) Which category of people received this first batch of injections? (2) What percentage of these vaccinations ended up being injected into people's arms?

Mr. Lingenfelter, to ask the Government the following Question No. 576:

To the Minister of Agriculture: (1) What groups or organizations were consulted before the Coyote Bounty was put in place? (2) When did those consultations take place?

Mr. Lingenfelter, to ask the Government the following Question No. 577:

To the Minister of Agriculture: The Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Review listed 16 recommended changes to Saskatchewan Crop Insurance. The Government of Saskatchewan said they would be implementing 12 of the 16 recommendations in the 2009/10 crop year. (1) Which recommendations will be implemented in the 2009/10 crop year? (2) Which recommendations will not be implemented in the 2009/10 crop year? (3) Why will they not be implemented?

Mr. Lingenfelter, to ask the Government the following Question No. 578:

To the Minister of Agriculture: Is the \$40.1 million dollars that is being taken out of agriculture programming going to result in increases to the cost of crop insurance premiums?

Mr. Lingenfelter, to ask the Government the following Question No. 579:

To the Minister of Agriculture: There is a total of \$40.1 million being taken out of agriculture programs. (1) What agriculture programs will be affected? (2) How does this affect the AgriStability program? (3) How will this affect the Crop Insurance program? (4) How will this affect the AgriInvest Program?

Mr. Lingenfelter, to ask the Government the following Question No. 580:

To the Minister of Agriculture: (1) What is happening to the 60% federal funding associated with the reduction in provincial AgriStability money? (2) Is this money still coming or has it been lost?

Ms. Morin, to ask the Government the following Question No. 581:

To the Minister of Environment: (1) Is there a difference between lease fees for cabins on Crown land in subdivisions and lease fees for cabins on Crown land in remote areas outside of the Northern Administrative District? (2) If so, please explain the reason for the difference.

Ms. Morin, to ask the Government the following Question No. 582:

To the Minister of Environment: (1) What is the average lease fee for cabins on Crown land in remote areas in the Northern Administrative District in 2007? (2) 2008? (3) 2009?

Ms. Morin, to ask the Government the following Question No. 583:

To the Minister of Environment: (1) What is the average lease fee for cabins on Crown land outside of the Northern Administrative District where there has been a subdivision in 2007? (2) 2008? (3) 2009?

Ms. Morin, to ask the Government the following Question No. 584:

To the Minister of Environment: (1) What is the average lease fee for cabins on Crown land in remote areas outside of the Northern Administrative District in 2007? (2) 2008? (3) 2009?

Ms. Morin, to ask the Government the following Question No. 585:

To the Minister of Environment: How are lease fees for cabins on Crown land calculated?

Ms. Morin, to ask the Government the following Question No. 586:

To the Minister of Environment: Has there been any discussions between the Government of Saskatchewan and the Nuclear Waste Management Organization regarding nuclear waste storage in Saskatchewan?