



No. 24

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

THIRD SESSION – TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

Wednesday, December 2, 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, Junor, Forbes, 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 pass Bill No. 609 – The Whistleblower Protection Act.
(Sessional Paper No. 77)

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 manage the provincial finances more responsibly and prudently.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 7)

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 the citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to withdraw Bill No. 80 – The Construction Industrial Labour Relations Amendment Act, 2009.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 14)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to commit to providing repairs to Highway 310.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 44)

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)

Of the citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to provide a comprehensive provincial Autism Spectrum Strategy.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 68)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS / DÉPÔT DE PROJETS DE LOI

The Minister, in each case, having acquainted the Assembly that His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the Bills, recommends them to the consideration of the Assembly, the following Bills were received, read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time at the next sitting:

Bill No. 129 – The Enforcement of Money Judgments Act

(Hon. Mr. Morgan)

Bill No. 131 – The Conservation Easements Amendment Act, 2009

(Hon. Ms. Heppner)

Bill No. 132 – The Wildlife Habitat Protection (Land Designation) Amendment Act, 2009

(Hon. Ms. Heppner)

Bill No. 134 – The Opticians Act

(Hon. Mr. McMorris)

Bill No. 135 – The Prescription Drugs Amendment Act, 2009

(Hon. Mr. McMorris)

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

Les projets de loi suivants sont reçus, lus une première fois, et la deuxième lecture en est fixée à la prochaine séance:

Bill No. 130 – The Enforcement of Money Judgments Consequential Amendments Act, 2009

Projet de loi n° 130 – Loi de 2009 portant modifications corrélatives à la loi intitulée The Enforcement of Money Judgments Act

(Hon. Mr. / L'hon. M. Morgan)

Bill No. 133 – The Tobacco Control Amendment Act, 2009

(Hon. Mr. McMorris)

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON HOUSE SERVICES

Mr. Yates, Deputy Chair of the Standing Committee on House Services presented the Eighth Report of the said Committee, which is as follows:

Your committee considered the Supplementary Estimates of the Legislative Branch of Government and adopted the following resolution:

Supplementary Estimates, 2009/10 (November):

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2010, the following sums:

For Legislative Assembly..... \$65,000

Your committee reviewed the following Supplementary Estimates for which no funds were requested or required to be voted:

For Chief Electoral Officer (statutory)

Your committee recommends that upon concurrence of its report by the Assembly, the sum as reported and approved shall be included in the Appropriation Bill for consideration by the Legislative Assembly.
(Sessional Paper No. 79)

On motion of Mr. Yates:

Ordered, That the Eighth Report of the Standing Committee on House Services be now concurred in.

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 562 to 586, they were answered. (See Appendix)

SECOND READINGS

Bill No. 126 – The Management and Reduction of Greenhouse Gases Act

The Hon. Ms. Heppner, 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. 126 – The Management and Reduction of Greenhouse Gases Act – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 121 – The Environmental Management and Protection Act, 2009

The Hon. Ms. Heppner, 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. 121 – The Environmental Management and Protection Act, 2009 – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 122 – The Environmental Assessment Amendment Act, 2009

The Hon. Ms. Heppner, 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. 122 – The Environmental Assessment Amendment Act, 2009 – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 123 – The Forest Resources Management Amendment Act, 2009

The Hon. Ms. Heppner, 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. 123 – The Forest Resources Management Amendment Act, 2009 – be now read a second time.

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

ADJOURNED DEBATES / DÉBATS AJOURNÉS

Bill No. 114 – The Small Claims Amendment Act, 2009

Projet de loi n° 114 – Loi de 2009 modifiant la Loi de 1997 sur les petites créances

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Morgan: That Bill No. 114 – The Small Claims Amendment Act, 2009 – be now read a second time.

L'Assemblée reprend le débat ajourné sur la motion de l'hon. M. Morgan: Que le projet de loi n° 114 – Loi de 2009 modifiant la Loi de 1997 sur les petites créances – soit maintenant lu une deuxième fois.

The debate continuing, it was on motion of Mr. Yates, adjourned.

Le débat se poursuit et sur motion de M. Yates, il est ajourné.

Bill No. 115 – The Queen's Bench Amendment Act, 2009 (No. 2)

Projet de loi n° 115 – Loi n° 2 de 2009 modifiant la Loi de 1998 sur la Cour du Banc de la Reine

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Morgan: That Bill No. 115 – The Queen's Bench Amendment Act, 2009 (No. 2) – be now read a second time.

L'Assemblée reprend le débat ajourné sur la motion de l'hon. M. Morgan: Que le projet de loi n° 115 – Loi n° 2 de 2009 modifiant la Loi de 1998 sur la Cour du Banc de la Reine – soit maintenant lu une deuxième fois.

The debate continuing, it was on motion of Mr. Nilson, adjourned.

Le débat se poursuit et sur motion de M. Nilson, il est ajourné.

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

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Ms. Heppner: That Bill No. 117 – The Hunting, Fishing and Trapping Heritage Act – be now read a second time.

The debate continuing, the Deputy 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. Furber, to ask the Government the following Question No. 562, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Boyd:

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?

Answer:

Yes, in 2004 and 2005.

Mr. Furber, to ask the Government the following Question No. 563, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Boyd:

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?

Answer:

At the request of the Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO), officials from a number of provincial agencies including Energy and Resources have had intermittent discussions with NWMO dating back to 2005. NWMO has held similar discussions with the three other provinces (Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick) that are active in some phase of the nuclear fuel cycle.

Mr. Furber, to ask the Government the following Question No. 564, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Heppner:

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.

Answer:

(1) Yes, there is a difference.

(2) Annual lease fees for cabin lots in subdivisions on Crown resource land are set by regulation as six per cent of the assessed land value. The annual lease fees for cabin lots outside of a subdivision (remote area) are based on the size of the parcel of land being utilized. The annual lease fees for remote cabin lots tend to be lower as there are no services provided to remote sites.

Mr. Furber, to ask the Government the following Question No. 565, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Heppner:

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?

Answer:

The Ministry of Environment is not involved in or aware of any discussions between the Government of Saskatchewan and private industry regarding nuclear waste storage in Saskatchewan.

Mr. Taylor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 566, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff:

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?

Answer:

There have been no discussions with Enterprise Saskatchewan.

Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 567, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:

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)?

Answer:

RHA	Acute Hospital Beds March 31, 2009
Sun Country	117
Five Hills	111
Cypress	131
Regina Qu'Appelle	585
Sunrise	183
Saskatoon ²	699
Heartland	84
Kelsey Trail	108
Prince Albert Parkland	164
Prairie North	178
Mamawetan Churchill River	26
Keewatin Yatthe	20
Athabasca	9
Total	2,415

Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 568, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:

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)?

Answer:

RHA	Acute Hospital Beds March 31, 2008
Sun Country	117
Five Hills	111
Cypress	131
Regina Qu'Appelle	551
Sunrise	183
Saskatoon ²	713
Heartland	80
Kelsey Trail	107
Prince Albert Parkland	163
Prairie North	163
Mamawetan Churchill River	26
Keewatin Yatthe	20
Athabasca	9
Total	2,374

Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 569, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:

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)?

Answer:

RHA	Acute Hospital Beds March 31, 2007
Sun Country	133
Five Hills	111
Cypress	139
Regina Qu'Appelle	604
Sunrise	183
Saskatoon ²	743
Heartland	82
Kelsey Trail	106
Prince Albert Parkland	157
Prairie North	177
Mamawetan Churchill River	26
Keewatin Yatthe	25
Athabasca	11
Total	2,497

Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 570, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:

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

Answer:

Torisel is currently under review for coverage by the Saskatchewan Cancer Agency.

Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 571, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:

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?

Answer:

- (1) Avastin is covered by the Saskatchewan Cancer Agency for specific cancer indications.
- (2) Same as above.

Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 572, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:

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?

Answer:

- (1) Chiropractic is a self-regulating profession governed by *The Chiropractic Act, 1994*. Through this legislation, the Chiropractors' Association of Saskatchewan establishes the standards for chiropractic professional care and conduct and for ensuring that its members practice in a safe and effective manner.
- (2) The Ministry of Health insures only those chiropractic services that are related to the assessment, diagnosis and treatment of neuro-musculo-skeletal conditions. Saskatchewan Health does not insure highest neck manipulations.
- (3) Same as above.

Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 573, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:

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

Answer:

The Saskatchewan Cancer Agency performs autologous (patient's own) stem cell transplants.

Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 574, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:

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?

Answer:

- (1) No.
- (2) The terms of reference for the agency have not been finalized.
- (3) The composition of the agency has not been finalized.
- (4) Annual operating funding for the provincial addictions agency has yet to be determined.

Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 575, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:

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?

Answer:

- (1) The first group to receive the vaccine included health care workers, residents in remote communities and First Nations and Métis people.
- (2) 99.91%

Mr. Lingenfelter, to ask the Government the following Question No. 576, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Bjornerud:

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?

Answer:

- (1) The Ministry of Environment, Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities, and the Saskatchewan Cattlemen's Association.
- (2) October 1, 2009 to November 10, 2009.

Mr. Lingenfelter, to ask the Government the following Question No. 577, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Bjornerud:

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?

Answer:

- (1) Yield trending, 100% wildlife damage compensation, Yield Cushioning Pilot Program, Enhanced Irrigation Pilot Program, Enhanced Variable price option, In-Season price option, revised pedigreed prices, organic pricing options, enhanced experience discount, establishment benefit levels, program understanding and targeted premium incentives.
- (2) Spot-loss hail coverage, increased density of Weather Station Network, Annual Crop Weather Based Insurance Program and multiple contract options.

- (3) Spot-loss hail coverage was not implemented because the federal government would not cost share spot-loss hail at the same level as when it was cut in 2002. The cost to the province to implement spot-loss hail coverage in 2009 would have been \$77 million to get the producers back to the same cost sharing of the pre-2002 program. Increase density of Weather Station Network was not implemented as it would not have significantly increased the accuracy level of claims. Increase coverage for the Annual Crop Weather Based Insurance Program (ACWBIP) was not implemented so that more resources could be redirected towards the Multi-Peril Crop Insurance Program. Multiple contract options were not implemented due to concerns regarding potential risk splitting however, SCIC will continue to work toward developing the best means of providing coverage for large farming operations.

Mr. Lingenfelter, to ask the Government the following Question No. 578, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Bjornerud:

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?

Answer:

No.

Mr. Lingenfelter, to ask the Government the following Question No. 579, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Bjornerud:

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?

Answer:

- (1) No programs will be affected.
- (2) There is no affect on the AgriStability Program.
- (3) There is no affect on the Crop Insurance program.
- (4) There is no affect on the AgriInvest Program.

Mr. Lingenfelter, to ask the Government the following Question No. 580, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Bjornerud:

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?

Answer:

- (1) The Federal Government will provide their 60% share of the AgriStability program.
- (2) Same as above.

Ms. Morin, to ask the Government the following Question No. 581, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Heppner:

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.

Answer:

- (1) Yes, there is a difference.
- (2) Annual lease fees for cabin lots in subdivisions on Crown resource land are set by regulation as six per cent of the assessed land value. The annual lease fees for cabin lots outside of a subdivision (remote area) are based on the size of the parcel of land being utilized. The annual lease fees for remote cabin lots tend to be lower as there are no services provided to remote sites.

Ms. Morin, to ask the Government the following Question No. 582, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Heppner:

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?

Answer:

- (1) The annual lease fee for a standard-sized, remote recreational cabin lot on Crown resource land for 2007 was \$275, as prescribed in *The Crown Resource Land Regulations*, which were implemented in 2004. This fee applies to all remote cabin lots in the Northern Saskatchewan Administration District. The standard remote lot is 23 metres by 45.72 metres.
- (2) Same fee for 2008.
- (3) Same fee for 2009.

Ms. Morin, to ask the Government the following Question No. 583, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Heppner:

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?

Answer:

- (1) The annual lot rental rate in Crown resource land subdivisions is set by regulation at six per cent of the assessed value of the land. The rentals for 2005 to 2008 were identical, based on the Saskatchewan Assessment Management Agency (SAMA) assessments implemented in 2005. The lease fee for cabins on Crown resource land within a subdivision for 2007 ranged from \$120 to \$2,739, for an average of \$616.
- (2) The lease fee for cabins on Crown resource land within a subdivision for 2008 ranged from \$120 to \$2,739 for an average of \$616.
- (3) The 2009 rental rates are based on the new 2009 SAMA assessments. The lease fee for cabins on Crown resource land within a subdivision for 2009 ranged from \$120 to \$7,266 for an average of \$1,969.

Ms. Morin, to ask the Government the following Question No. 584, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Heppner:

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?

Answer:

- (1) The annual lease fee for a standard sized, remote recreational cabin lot on Crown resource land for 2007 was \$275, as prescribed in *The Crown Resource Land Regulations*, which were implemented in 2004. This fee applies to all remote cabin lots outside of the Northern Saskatchewan Administration District. The standard remote lot is 23 metres by 45.72 metres.
- (2) Same fee for 2008.
- (3) Same fee for 2009.

Ms. Morin, to ask the Government the following Question No. 585, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Heppner:

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

Answer:

The annual lease fees for cabin lots on Crown resource land are prescribed in *The Crown Resource Land Regulations*, which were implemented in 2004. The annual lease fees for cabin lots within a subdivision on Crown resource land are six per cent of the assessed land value. The annual lease fees for cabin lots outside of a subdivision (remote area) are based on the size of the parcel of land being utilized. The standard remote lot is 23 meters by 45.72 meters, with additional fees for larger lots. The annual fee for a standard remote lot is \$275; an additional cost of \$7.00 is charged for each additional frontage meter and any excess area (over 46 meters in lot depth) will cost an extra \$110 per hectare.

Ms. Morin, to ask the Government the following Question No. 586, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Heppner:

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?

Answer:

The Ministry of Environment officials have participated in some meetings with the Nuclear Waste Management Organization.