



No. 48

# **VOTES and PROCEEDINGS**

OF THE

**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

**THIRD SESSION – TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE**

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**Wednesday, April 21, 2010**

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, Higgins, Atkinson, Forbes, Vermette, Broten, Morin, Iwanchuk, Quennell, Wotherspoon and Chartier.

**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 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 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 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)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to negotiate a fair and just collective agreement with health care providers (CUPE).

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 107)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to direct marriage commissioners to uphold the law and the equality rights of all Saskatchewan couples.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 110)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to make changes to the Film Employment Tax Credit and to reverse its decision to shut down Saskatchewan Communications Network (SCN).

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 243)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to improve fiscal management.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 244)

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.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 374)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to address the burden placed by high post-secondary tuition fees on Saskatchewan students.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 375)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to recognize the importance of protection of wildlife habitat lands and consult stakeholders that will be affected by future changes to *The Wildlife Habitat Protection Act*.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 376)

**WRITTEN QUESTIONS**

The Order of the Day being called for Question No. 1530, it was answered. (See Appendix)

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 1531 and 1532, the answers were tabled and, by reason of their length, converted by the Clerk to Return Nos. 668 and 669 pursuant to Rule 20(6).  
(Sessional Paper Nos. 447 and 448)

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 1533 to 1550, pursuant to Rule 20(5), the questions were converted and Orders for Returns were issued:

Ms. Higgins, for Return No. 670 showing:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Telecommunications: (1) The number of calls dealt with by Operator Services in 2007. (2) 2008. (3) 2009.

Ms. Higgins, for Return No. 671 showing:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Telecommunications: (1) The number of relay services calls dealt with by Operator Services in 2007. (2) 2008. (3) 2009.

Ms. Higgins, for Return No. 672 showing:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Telecommunications: (1) The number of directory assistance calls dealt with by Operator Services in 2007. (2) 2008. (3) 2009.

Ms. Higgins, for Return No. 673 showing:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Telecommunications: (1) The number of emergency response calls dealt with by Operator Services in 2007. (2) 2008. (3) 2009.

Ms. Higgins, for Return No. 674 showing:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Telecommunications: (1) The number of SaskTel switchboard calls dealt with by Operator Services in 2007. (2) 2008. (3) 2009.

Ms. Higgins, for Return No. 675 showing:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Telecommunications: (1) The number of tele-conferencing calls dealt with by Operator Services in 2007. (2) 2008. (3) 2009.

Ms. Higgins, for Return No. 676 showing:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Telecommunications: (1) The number of other general service calls dealt with by Operator Services – not including calls related to relay services, directory assistance, emergency response, SaskTel switchboard or tele-conferencing – in 2007. (2) 2008. (3) 2009.

Ms. Higgins, for Return No. 677 showing:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Telecommunications: The date that the decision was made to contract out various Operator Services and not invest in the SaskTel service.

Ms. Higgins, for Return No. 678 showing:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Telecommunications: The analysis of current SaskTel service equipment that was done to support the decision to contract out Operator Services.

Ms. Higgins, for Return No. 679 showing:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Telecommunications: The people that conducted the analysis of current SaskTel service equipment to support the decision to contract out Operator Services.

Ms. Higgins, for Return No. 680 showing:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Telecommunications: (1) The projected cost to achieve the CRTC requirements for IP operator-based service. (2) The plans that have been put in place to provide comparable service to Saskatchewan residents.

Ms. Higgins, for Return No. 681 showing:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Telecommunications: With regard to the contracting out of Operator Services, the contracts that have been signed to provide service.

Ms. Higgins, for Return No. 682 showing:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Telecommunications: With regard to the contracting out of Operator Services, the contracts that are currently in the discussion stage.

Ms. Higgins, for Return No. 683 showing:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Telecommunications: (1) With regard to the contracting out of Operator Services, the companies that SaskTel has signed contracts with. (2) The service that is covered by each contract. (3) The term the contracts are signed for.

Ms. Higgins, for Return No. 684 showing:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Telecommunications: The number of employees that have lost jobs because of the contracting out of services.

Ms. Higgins, for Return No. 685 showing:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Telecommunications: The number of employees that have been offered retraining to fill other positions.

Ms. Higgins, for Return No. 686 showing:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Telecommunications: The total cost of retraining employees displaced by contracting out of services in order to fill other positions.

Ms. Higgins, for Return No. 687 showing:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Telecommunications: The number of employees displaced by contracting out of services that have moved to new positions without retraining.

On motion of Mr. D'Autremont:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

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The Assembly adjourned at 2:35 p.m. until Thursday at 10:00 a.m.

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

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**RETURNS, REPORTS AND PAPERS TABLED**

The following papers were laid upon the Table:

By the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

Bylaws, Rules and Regulations of the following Professional Associations and amendments thereto, under provisions of the respective Acts:

Saskatchewan Institute of Agrologists

College of Physicians and Surgeons of the Province of Saskatchewan

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 15)

By the Hon. Mr. Reiter:

Annual Report and Financial Statements for Saskatchewan Transportation Company for the year ended December 31, 2009.

(Sessional Paper No. 446)

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

**Mr. Taylor asked the Government the following Question No. 1530, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Tell:**

To the Minister of Government Services: (1) Will the 2010 provincial budget affect the number of vehicle (CVA) leases to community-based organizations (CBOs) and other third parties throughout Saskatchewan? (2) If so, how many organizations and how many vehicles will be affected?

Answer:

(1) Yes.

(2) 105 organizations and 295 vehicles.

## NOTICE OF MOTIONS FOR FIRST READING OF BILLS AVIS DE MOTION PORTANT PREMIÈRE LECTURE DE PROJETS DE LOI

On Monday / lundi:

Hon. Mr. Morgan to move First Reading of Bill No. 139 – The Miscellaneous Statutes (Streamlining Government) Amendment Act, 2010

Hon. Mr. Morgan to move First Reading of Bill No. 140 – The Miscellaneous Statutes (Streamlining Government) Amendment Act, 2010 (No. 2)

L'hon. M. Morgan proposera la première lecture du projet de loi n° 140 – Loi corrective (rationalisation administrative) n° 2 de 2010

Hon. Ms. Draude to move First Reading of Bill No. 141 – The Business Statutes Administration Transfer Act

Hon. Ms. Draude to move First Reading of Bill No. 142 – The Business Statutes Administration Transfer Consequential Amendments Act, 2010

L'hon. Mme Draude proposera la première lecture du projet de loi n° 142 – Loi de 2010 portant modifications corrélatives à la loi intitulée The Business Statutes Administration Transfer Act

Hon. Mr. Gantefoer to move First Reading of Bill No. 143 – The Tobacco Tax Amendment Act, 2010

## NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

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

Ms. Higgins, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1551:

To the Minister of Health: (1) With regard to the Moose Jaw Union Hospital expansion project, where is the Moose Jaw Union Hospital expansion project on the capital funding queue for the ministry's capital projects? (2) What remains of the allocation of planning dollars for the Moose Jaw Hospital expansion?

Ms. Higgins, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1552:

To the Minister of Environment: Whom did the government consult about the proposed amendments to *The Wildlife Habitat Protection (Land Designation) Amendment Act*? (Please provide the names, the dates and locations of these consultations).

Ms. Higgins, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1553:

To the Minister of Environment: The explanatory notes for *Bill No. 132 – The Wildlife Habitat Protection (Land Designation) Amendment Act*, indicate that regulations will be adopted that designate lands protected under *The Wildlife Habitat Protection Act*, and that ecological values will be assigned to each parcel of land to determine which lands may be sold, presumably without conditions, which lands may be sold with conservation easements, and which lands will be retained as Crown land. The explanatory notes also indicate that regulations will be prepared setting out lands designated as protected. (1) What process will be adopted to assess the ecological value of each parcel of land? (2) What criteria will be used to assess the ecological value of land? (3) What relative weight will be given to each of these criteria? (4) Will lands simply be designated as lands eligible to be sold without conditions, eligible to be sold with conservation easements attached, or retained as Crown lands, or will some alternative rating system be used?

Ms. Higgins, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1554:

To the Minister of Environment: How are each of the parcels of land currently listed in the schedule in *The Wildlife Habitat Protection Act*, designated or rated, under the new ecological assessment?