



No. 59

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

THIRD SESSION – TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

Tuesday, May 11, 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, Junor, Atkinson, Forbes, Broten, Morin, 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 recognize the principles of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and support the rights of people with MS.

(Sessional Paper No. 614)

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 manage the provincial finances more responsibly and prudently.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 7)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to construct passing lanes on Highway 10 to improve safety.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 102)

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)

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON HOUSE SERVICES

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

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

Main Estimates, 2010-2011:

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2011, the following sums:

Legislative Branch of Government

For Children's Advocate.....	\$1,420,000
For Conflict of Interest Commissioner	\$156,000
For Information and Privacy Commissioner.....	\$927,000
For Legislative Assembly	\$8,281,000
For Ombudsman.....	\$2,020,000
For Provincial Auditor.	\$7,813,000

Your committee reviewed the following 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 sums as reported and approved shall be included in the Appropriation Bill for consideration by the Legislative Assembly.

(Sessional Paper No. 617)

On motion of Mr. Yates:

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

COMMITTEE OF FINANCE

The Assembly, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Finance to consider Estimates for Executive Council.

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2011, the sum of \$12,023,000 for Executive Council (Ordinary).

Progress was reported and the Committee given leave to sit again.

ADJOURNED DEBATES

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

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Ms. Heppner: That Bill No. 132 – The Wildlife Habitat Protection (Land Designation) Amendment Act, 2009 – be now read a second time.

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

On motion of Mr. D'Autremont:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 4:58 p.m. until Wednesday at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Don Toth
Speaker

RETURNS, REPORTS AND PAPERS TABLED

The following Return which was Ordered by the Assembly on November 4, 2009, was laid upon the Table:

Return No. 39 by Mr. Lingenfelter

(Sessional Paper No. 616)

NOTICE OF PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTIONS

On Thursday:

Mr. Weekes to move the following motion:

That this Assembly recognizes that our Saskatchewan Party government is committed to bringing a Children's Hospital to Saskatoon, and that the misinformation being spread throughout the province by the Opposition NDP is, in fact, hampering fundraising efforts of other organizations that are committed to the building of a new Children's Hospital.

NOTICE OF PRIORITY ITEMS

On Thursday:

No. 1 (Government)

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NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The following Questions were given notice on day no. 58 and are to be answered by day no. 63:

Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1645:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: What is the breakdown of the \$49,116.60 of moving expenses for Mr. Kevin Doherty?

Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1646:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: How many individuals applied for the position of Vice President of Corporate Relations?

Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1647:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: How many individuals were interviewed for the position of Vice President of Corporate Relations?

Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1648:

To the Premier: Has the Premier read the International Labour Organization decision?

Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1649:

To the Premier: Has the Government of Saskatchewan been contacted by the federal government regarding the ILO decision and the request for the Government of Saskatchewan to report on its progress towards implementing the recommendation?

Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1650:

To the Premier: Has the Government of Saskatchewan informed the federal government of its intention to comply with the ILO decision?

Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1651:

To the Premier: Will the Government of Saskatchewan comply with the ILO decision?

Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1652:

To the Premier: Has the Government of Saskatchewan contacted the ILO to inform them of the government's intentions regarding the ILO decision?

Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1653:

To the Premier: Has the Government of Saskatchewan contacted the union complainants to invite them to work with the government in complying with the ILO?

Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1654:

To the Premier: (1) Has the Premier given instructions to the Ministry of Justice and Attorney General to comply with the ILO decision? (2) If so, when? (3) If not, why not?

Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1655:

To the Premier: What is your advice to this Legislative Assembly on whether we are going to be complying with the rule of law and international law as decided by the United Nations' ILO governing body?

The following Questions were given notice on day no. 59 and are to be answered by day no. 64:

Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1656:

To the Premier: What percentage of staff in Executive Council are female?

Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1657:

To the Premier: What is the average wage of male staff in Executive Council?

Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1658:

To the Premier: What is the median wage of male staff in Executive Council?

Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1659:

To the Premier: What is the average wage of female staff in Executive Council?

Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1660:

To the Premier: What is the median wage of female staff in Executive Council?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1661:

To the Minister of Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport: What was the rationale for the government's decision to impose a maximum two-week stay on certain provincial campsites?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1662:

To the Minister of Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport: How many complaints has the government received about the government's policy imposing a maximum two-week stay on certain provincial campsites?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1663:

To the Minister of Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport: How many campsites at Emma Lake Provincial Park are designated to be a maximum two-week stay?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1664:

To the Minister of Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport: How many of those two-week sites were reserved through Reserve-A-Site in 2009?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1665:

To the Minister of Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport: Of the two-week sites that were reserved through Reserve-A-Site in 2009, what percentage of the week were these sites occupied by campers?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1666:

To the Minister of Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport: (1) Of the two-week sites that were reserved through Reserve-A-Site in 2009, what percentage of sites were subsequently released? (2) What percentage is attributable to these campers deciding to stay at different open sites in Emma Lake Provincial Park?

Ms. Atkinson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1667:

To the Minister of Health: (1) With regard to the agreement between the Saskatoon Health Region and Amicus Health Care Inc. to build 100 long-term care beds in Saskatoon, how will the Amicus facility be staffed? (2) How many of the staff will be long-term care providers? (3) How many will be home care providers?

Ms. Atkinson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1668:

To the Minister of Health: What are the terms of the agreement between the Saskatoon Health Region and Amicus Health Care Inc. to build 100 long-term care beds in Saskatoon?

Ms. Atkinson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1669:

To the Minister of Health: With regard to the agreement between the Saskatoon Health Region and Amicus Health Care Inc. to build 100 long-term care beds in Saskatoon, what is the estimated cost of care and facility operations?

Ms. Atkinson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1670:

To the Minister of Health: With regard to the agreement between the Saskatoon Health Region and Amicus Health Care Inc. to build 100 long-term care beds in Saskatoon, how much will be paid per resident per day in debt service stipends?

Ms. Atkinson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1671:

To the Minister of Health: With regard to the agreement between the Saskatoon Health Region and Amicus Health Care Inc. to build 100 long-term care beds in Saskatoon, will residents be charged fees according to the same means tested model that is used by other affiliates?

Ms. Atkinson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1672:

To the Minister of Health: With regard to the agreement between the Saskatoon Health Region and Amicus Health Care Inc. to build 100 long-term care beds in Saskatoon, will Amicus be paying into, or receiving money, from the pool of client revenues established by the Saskatoon Health Region and its 19 affiliates to even out differences?

Ms. Atkinson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1673:

To the Minister of Health: (1) With regard to the agreement between the Saskatoon Health Region and Amicus Health Care Inc. to build 100 long-term care beds in Saskatoon, will the Amicus long-term care facility be classified as an affiliate, or will it have a different status? (2) If so, what are the substantive differences between an affiliate and the status afforded to Amicus? (3) Will Amicus be required to sign the same accountability agreement as the Saskatoon Health Region's affiliates?