



No. 60

# VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

THIRD SESSION – TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

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Wednesday, May 12, 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, Furber, 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 expand the Graduate Retention Program to include Masters and Ph.D. graduates.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 4)

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 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 exempt the Hamlet of Furdale from any water service cut-offs.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 111)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to enact a Saskatchewan Seniors' Bill of Rights.

(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 provide funding for educational assistants for special needs students.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 241)

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)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to develop an affordable housing program and to implement a process of rent review and rent control in Saskatoon and throughout Saskatchewan.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 603)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to support midwifery in Saskatchewan.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 611)

#### **REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS AND JUSTICE**

Mr. Michelson, Chair of the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice, presented the Eighth Report of the said committee, which is as follows:

Your committee considered the Estimates of the following government ministries and agencies 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:

**Executive Branch of Government**

For Corrections, Public Safety and Policing .....	\$353,149,000
For First Nations and Métis Relations .....	\$85,688,000
For Justice and Attorney General .....	\$132,213,000
For Municipal Affairs .....	\$372,597,000
For Office of the Provincial Capital Commission .....	\$9,291,000
For Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport .....	\$111,761,000

**Lending and Investing Activities**

For First Nations and Métis Relations .....	\$350,000
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**Supplementary Estimates, 2009-2010:**

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

**Executive Branch of Government**

For First Nations and Métis Relations .....	\$1,700,000
For Municipal Affairs .....	\$77,731,000

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. 618)

On motion of Mr. Michelson:

Ordered, That the Eighth Report of the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice be now concurred in.

**WRITTEN QUESTIONS**

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 1627 to 1644, they were answered. (See Appendix)

**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, the Speaker interrupted proceedings and adjourned the Assembly without question put, pursuant to Rule 6(6).

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The Assembly adjourned at 5:00 p.m. until Thursday at 10:00 a.m.

*Hon. Don Toth*  
*Speaker*

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

**Mr. Lingenfelter asked the Government the following Question No. 1627, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Bjornerud:**

To the Minister of Agriculture: What is the percentage of hogs in Saskatchewan that were raised by the Hutterite Brethren in 2009?

Answer:

The Ministry of Agriculture does not track these statistics.

**Mr. Lingenfelter asked the Government the following Question No. 1628, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Bjornerud:**

To the Minister of Agriculture: What is the percentage of chickens in Saskatchewan that were raised by the Hutterite Brethren in 2009?

Answer:

The Ministry of Agriculture does not track these statistics.

**Mr. Lingenfelter asked the Government the following Question No. 1629, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Bjornerud:**

To the Minister of Agriculture: What is the percentage of wheat in Saskatchewan that was grown by the Hutterite Brethren in 2009?

Answer:

The Ministry of Agriculture does not track these statistics.

**Mr. Lingenfelter asked the Government the following Question No. 1630, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Bjornerud:**

To the Minister of Agriculture: What is the percentage of barley in Saskatchewan that was grown by the Hutterite Brethren in 2009?

Answer:

The Ministry of Agriculture does not track these statistics.

**Mr. Lingenfelter asked the Government the following Question No. 1631, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Bjornerud:**

To the Minister of Agriculture: What is the percentage of oats in Saskatchewan that was grown by the Hutterite Brethren in 2009?

Answer:

The Ministry of Agriculture does not track these statistics.

**Mr. Lingenfelter asked the Government the following Question No. 1632, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Bjornerud:**

To the Minister of Agriculture: What is the percentage of oil seed crops in Saskatchewan that was grown by the Hutterite Brethren in 2009?

Answer:

The Ministry of Agriculture does not track these statistics.

**Mr. Lingenfelter asked the Government the following Question No. 1633, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Bjornerud:**

To the Minister of Agriculture: How many producers applied for assistance under the AgriStability program in the 2009/10 crop year?

Answer:

Number not yet available.

**Mr. Lingenfelter asked the Government the following Question No. 1634, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Bjornerud:**

To the Minister of Agriculture: How many producers received assistance under the AgriStability program in the 2009/10 crop year?

Answer:

Number not yet available.

**Mr. Lingenfelter asked the Government the following Question No. 1635, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Bjornerud:**

To the Minister of Agriculture: How many producers applied for assistance under the AgriStability program in the 2008/09 crop year?

Answer:

21,708

**Mr. Lingenfelter asked the Government the following Question No. 1636, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Bjornerud:**

To the Minister of Agriculture: How many producers received assistance under the AgriStability program in the 2008/09 crop year?

Answer:

2,484

**Mr. Lingenfelter asked the Government the following Question No. 1637, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Bjornerud:**

To the Minister of Agriculture: How many producers applied for assistance under the AgriStability program in the 2007/08 crop year?

Answer:

26,916

**Mr. Lingenfelter asked the Government the following Question No. 1638, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Bjornerud:**

To the Minister of Agriculture: How many producers received assistance under the AgriStability program in the 2007/08 crop year?

Answer:

3,938

**Mr. Lingenfelter asked the Government the following Question No. 1639, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Bjornerud:**

To the Minister of Agriculture: Ninety three million dollars is being taken out of the business risk management programs in the 2010/11 agriculture budget, what projections is this based on?

Answer:

Lower projected costs for AgriStability, AgriInvest and the Crop Insurance Program, as determined by federal government forecasts.

**Mr. Lingenfelter asked the Government the following Question No. 1640, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Bjornerud:**

To the Minister of Agriculture: Ninety three million dollars is being taken out of the business risk management programs in the 2010/11 agriculture budget, what data is being used to make these projections?

Answer:

Price estimates from the Federal farm income forecast.

**Mr. Lingenfelter asked the Government the following Question No. 1641, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Bjornerud:**

To the Minister of Agriculture: What is the total amount of money the federal government is contributing to the Sask. Crop Insurance program for the 2010/11 crop year?

Answer:

Not yet available.

**Mr. Lingenfelter asked the Government the following Question No. 1642, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Bjornerud:**

To the Minister of Agriculture: What is the total amount of money the federal government is contributing to the AgriStability program for the 2010/11 crop year?

Answer:

Not yet available.

**Mr. Lingenfelter asked the Government the following Question No. 1643, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Bjornerud:**

To the Minister of Agriculture: What is the total amount of money the federal government is contributing to the AgriInvest program for the 2010/11 crop year?

Answer:

Not yet available.

**Mr. Lingenfelter asked the Government the following Question No. 1644, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Bjornerud:**

To the Minister of Agriculture: What is the percentage of cattle in Saskatchewan that were raised by the Hutterite Brethren in 2009?

Answer:

The Ministry of Agriculture does not track these statistics.

## 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?