



No. 62

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

THIRD SESSION – TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

Monday, May 17, 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, Forbes, Vermette, Broten, Furber, Morin, Iwanchuk, Taylor, 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 provide funding to assist Seniors' Recreation Centres to remain open and active in their communities.

(Sessional Paper No. 620)

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 commit to upgrade and repair Highway 915.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 80)

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 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 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)

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 the programs offered by SIAST campuses.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 619)

The Assembly recessed from 2:10 p.m. until 2:44 p.m.

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE ECONOMY

Mr. Hickie, Chair of the Standing Committee on the Economy, presented the Seventh 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 Agriculture	\$382,925,000
For Energy and Resources	\$43,974,000
For Enterprise and Innovation Programs	\$9,547,000
For Enterprise Saskatchewan.....	\$37,036,000
For Environment	\$185,793,000
For Highways and Infrastructure	\$301,025,000
For Innovation Saskatchewan	\$1,318,000
For Saskatchewan Research Council.....	\$16,633,000

Lending and Investing Activities

For Enterprise and Innovation Programs	\$4,000,000
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Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2011, the following sums, which to the extent that they remain unexpended for that fiscal year are also granted for the fiscal year ending on March 31, 2012:

Major Capital Expenditure

For Highways and Infrastructure Capital	\$250,300,000
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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 Enterprise and Innovation Programs	\$1,100,000
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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. 621)

On motion of Mr. Hickie:

Ordered, That the Seventh Report of the Standing Committee on the Economy be now concurred in.

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

Mr. Ottenbreit, Chair of the Standing Committee on Human Services, 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 Advanced Education, Employment and Labour.....	\$851,669,000
For Education.....	\$1,163,345,000
For Health	\$4,201,955,000
For Social Services	\$757,289,000

Lending and Investing Activities

For Advanced Education, Employment and Labour.....	\$42,000,000
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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 Advanced Education, Employment and Labour.....	\$28,315,000
For Social Services	\$13,388,000

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. 622)

On motion of Mr. Ottenbreit:

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

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON CROWN AND CENTRAL AGENCIES

The following Bill was reported without amendment and consideration in Committee of the Whole having been waived, by leave of the Assembly, it was read the third time and passed:

Bill No. 105 – The SaskEnergy Amendment Act, 2009

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. Iwanchuk, “That this Assembly do now adjourn.”

The question being put, it was negatived.

The debate continuing, the Assembly recessed from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

STATEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

Members, shortly before 5:00 p.m. the member for Saskatoon Fairview moved adjournment of the Assembly. The motion was defeated on a voice vote. The member was inadvertently allowed to continue in debate.

Rule 62(3) classifies a motion to adjourn the Assembly as a dilatory motion. Rule 62(5) states, “A member who has moved a dilatory motion that is defeated is precluded from continuing in debate on the question presently before the Assembly.”

Consequently the member may not continue his remarks on this debate. I have advised the Opposition House Leader of this oversight.

The debate continuing on Second Reading of Bill No. 132 – The Wildlife Habitat Protection (Land Designation) Amendment Act, 2009, the Acting Speaker interrupted proceedings and adjourned the Assembly without question put, pursuant to Rule 6(6).

The Assembly adjourned at 10:30 p.m. until Tuesday at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Don Toth
Speaker

NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

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?