



No. 24

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

FOURTH SESSION – TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

Wednesday, December 8, 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, Junor, Forbes, Vermette, Broten, Morin and Wotherspoon.

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

According to Order, the following Petitions were favourably examined and pursuant to Rule 16(7) read and received:

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to develop a poverty elimination strategy.

(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 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.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 6)

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. 18)

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.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 27)

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE ECONOMY

Mr. Stewart, Chair of the Standing Committee on the Economy, presented the Eighth Report of the said committee, which is as follows:

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

Supplementary Estimates, 2010/11 (November):

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.....	\$144,000,000
For Energy and Resources	\$600,000
For Enterprise and Innovation Programs	\$14,053,000
For Environment	\$8,000,000

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. 60)

On motion of Mr. Stewart:

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

The following Bill was reported with 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. 148 – The Animal Protection Amendment Act, 2010

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. 156 – The Freehold Oil and Gas Production Tax Act, 2010

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON CROWN AND CENTRAL AGENCIES

Mr. Kirsch, Chair of the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies, presented the Eleventh Report of the said committee, which is as follows:

Your committee considered the Supplementary Estimates of the following government agency and adopted the following resolution:

Supplementary Estimates, 2010/11 (November):

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

Executive Branch of Government

For Information Technology Office \$5,144,000

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

Supplementary Estimates, 2010/11 (November):

Fund Transfers

For Growth and Financial Security Fund (Statutory)

Lending and Investing Activities

For Saskatchewan Water Corporation (Statutory)

For SaskEnergy Incorporated (Statutory)

Debt Redemption, Sinking Fund and Interest Payments

For Finance – Sinking Fund Payments – Government Share (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. 61)

On motion of Mr. Kirsch:

Ordered, That the Eleventh Report of the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies be now concurred in.

STATEMENT BY THE SPEAKER
(Same Question – Bill Nos. 148 and 617)

I would like to draw to the attention of Members that this Assembly had under consideration two bills, which through the process of amendments, ended up with provisions of substantially the same purpose: Bill No. 148 – The Animal Protection Amendment Act, 2010 in the name of the Minister of Agriculture and Bill No. 617 – The Protection of Service Animals Act in the name of the Member for Saskatoon Centre. Both bills propose means to protect service animals from abuse.

According to *Erskine May Parliamentary Practice*, Twenty-third Edition, p. 578:

“There is no rule or custom which restrains the presentation of two or more bills relating to the same subject, and containing similar provisions. But if a decision of the House has already been taken on one such bill ... the other is not proceeded with if it contains substantially the same provisions ...”

This Legislative Assembly has numerous precedents on the subject of the "same question rule" with respect to bills. Speakers have consistently ruled that if the Assembly has agreed to one bill that contains similar provisions in another bill, the Speaker must then prevent any further consideration of the second bill.

Today Bill No. 148, The Animal Protection Amendment Act, 2010 was reported back to the Assembly with amendments. The Assembly agreed to the amendments and third reading. Given the decision by the Assembly to adopt the amended bill, it is my duty to ensure that the Assembly does not come to two different decisions on the same question. For this reason it is necessary that I order that Item No. 4 under Private Members' Public Bills and Orders, Second Readings, Bill No. 617 – The Protection of Service Animals Act be removed from the Order Paper.

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 633 and 634, they were answered. (See Appendix)

COMMITTEE OF FINANCE

Summary of Resolutions adopted:

GENERAL REVENUE FUND

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES 2010/11

EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT

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

BUDGETARY EXPENSES

1.	For Advanced Education, Employment and Immigration	11,250,000
2.	For Agriculture	144,000,000

3.	For Corrections, Public Safety and Policing	26,001,000
4.	For Education	9,380,000
5.	For Energy and Resources.....	600,000
6.	For Enterprise and Innovation Programs.....	14,053,000
7.	For Environment.....	8,000,000
8.	For Health.....	202,550,000
9.	For Information Technology Office	5,144,000
10.	For Justice and Attorney General.....	7,486,000
11.	For Social Services.....	10,410,000

LENDING AND INVESTING ACTIVITIES

12.	For Advanced Education, Employment and Immigration.....	\$4,000,000
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LEGISLATIVE BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT

13.	For Children's Advocate.....	\$76,000
14.	For Conflict of Interest Commissioner	100,000
15.	For Information and Privacy Commissioner.....	50,000
16.	For Ombudsman.....	73,000

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Krawetz:

Resolved, That towards making good the supply granted to Her Majesty on account of certain charges and expenses of the public service for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2011, the sum of four hundred forty-three million, one hundred seventy-three thousand dollars be granted out of the general revenue fund.

The said Resolution was reported, read twice and agreed to, and the Committee given leave to sit again.

THE APPROPRIATION ACT, 2010 (No. 2)

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Krawetz, by leave of the Assembly: That Bill No. 163 – The Appropriation Act, 2010 (No. 2) – be introduced and read the first time.

The question being put, it was agreed to and the said Bill was, accordingly, read the first time.

By leave of the Assembly and pursuant to Rule 72(2), the said Bill was then read a second time and third time and passed under its title.

ADJOURNED DEBATES**Bill No. 161 – The Election Amendment Act, 2010**

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Morgan: That Bill No. 161 – The Election Amendment Act, 2010 – be now read a second time.

The debate continuing, it was on motion of Ms. Morin, adjourned.

Bill No. 162 – The Local Government Election Amendment Act, 2010

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Hickie: That Bill No. 162 – The Local Government Election Amendment Act, 2010 – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 159 – The University of Regina Amendment Act, 2010

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Norris: That Bill No. 159 – The University of Regina Amendment Act, 2010 – 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).

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

Hon. Don Toth
Speaker

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Ms. Higgins asked the Government the following Question No. 633, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: What costs were incurred by Saskatchewan Power Corporation for the trade mission trip to China in January and February 2010? (Please provide an itemized breakdown of these costs.)

Answer:

The cost to Saskatchewan Power Corporation for the trade mission trip

Accommodations:	\$8,979.82
Air Fare & Travel Agency Fees:	\$16,306.51
Meals:	\$5,662.20
Taxis:	\$720.43
Other Transportation:	\$1,368.04
Other Incidental Expenses:	\$1,590.75

*Cost-share reimbursement to Energy and Resources is captured within the above items.

Ms. Higgins asked the Government the following Question No. 634, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Norris:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: What was Saskatchewan Power Corporation's role in the trade mission trip to China in January and February 2010?

Answer:

The principle role of the Saskatchewan Power Corporation during this mission was to help foster and facilitate business relations between the Saskatchewan delegation and various Chinese and Japanese entities.

NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The following Questions were given notice on day no. 23 and are to be answered by day no. 28:

Ms. Atkinson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 658:

To the Minister of Government Services: What was the facility fee, or other fees, paid to Parkridge Nursing Home for the purposes of enabling Parkridge to recover the capital cost of the project in 2009/10?

Ms. Atkinson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 659:

To the Minister of Government Services: What was the facility fee, or other fees, paid to Parkridge Nursing Home for the purposes of enabling Parkridge to recover the capital cost of the project in 2008/09?

Ms. Atkinson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 660:

To the Minister of Government Services: What was the facility fee, or other fees, paid to Parkridge Nursing Home for the purposes of enabling Parkridge to recover the capital cost of the project in 2007/08?

Ms. Atkinson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 661:

To the Minister of Government Services: What was the facility fee, or other fees, paid to Parkridge Nursing Home for the purposes of enabling Parkridge to recover the capital cost of the project in 2006/07?

Ms. Atkinson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 662:

To the Minister of Government Services: What was the facility fee, or other fees, paid to Parkridge Nursing Home for the purposes of enabling Parkridge to recover the capital cost of the project in 2005/06?

Ms. Atkinson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 663:

To the Minister of Government Services: What was the facility fee, or other fees, paid to Parkridge Nursing Home for the purposes of enabling Parkridge to recover the capital cost of the project in 2004/05?

Ms. Atkinson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 664:

To the Minister of Government Services: What was the facility fee, or other fees, paid to Parkridge Nursing Home for the purposes of enabling Parkridge to recover the capital cost of the project in 2003/04?

Ms. Atkinson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 665:

To the Minister of Government Services: What was the facility fee, or other fees, paid to Parkridge Nursing Home for the purposes of enabling Parkridge to recover the capital cost of the project in 2002/03?

Ms. Atkinson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 666:

To the Minister of Government Services: What was the facility fee, or other fees, paid to Parkridge Nursing Home for the purposes of enabling Parkridge to recover the capital cost of the project in 2001/02?

Ms. Atkinson, to ask the Government the following Question No. 667:

To the Minister of Government Services: What was the facility fee, or other fees, paid to Parkridge Nursing Home for the purposes of enabling Parkridge to recover the capital cost of the project in 2000/01?