



No. 48

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

FOURTH SESSION – TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

Wednesday, April 13, 2011

1:30 p.m.

PRAYERS

ABSENCE OF THE SPEAKER

The Clerk advised the Assembly that the Speaker would not be present to open the sitting. Thereupon, the Deputy Speaker took the chair.

PRESENTING PETITIONS

Petitions of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan were presented and laid upon the Table by the following members: Higgins, Forbes, Broten, Furber, Quennell 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 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 enact some form of rent control to protect Saskatchewan renters from unreasonable increases in rent.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 29)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to devote the necessary resources for the construction of an elementary school in Hampton Village.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 77)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to withdraw Bill No. 160 and hold public consultations.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 78)

Of the citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to address the funding inequity between Regina Catholic Schools and Regina Public Schools.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 85)

Of the citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to commit to maintaining quality health care services through retention and recruitment.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 87)

Of the citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to begin a comprehensive, transparent and public review of Saskatchewan's potash royalty system.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 125)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bill was received, read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time at the next sitting:

Bill No. 624 – The Contracts, Lease Agreements and Tenders Accountability and Transparency Act
(Ms. Higgins)

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 1030 and 1031, they were answered. (See Appendix)

ADJOURNED DEBATES

Bill No. 169 – The Saskatchewan Financial Services Commission Amendment Act, 2011

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Morgan: That Bill No. 169 – The Saskatchewan Financial Services Commission Amendment Act, 2011 – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 167 – The Saskatchewan Grain Car Corporation Amendment Act, 2011

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Reiter: That Bill No. 167 – The Saskatchewan Grain Car Corporation Amendment Act, 2011 – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 168 – The Teachers Superannuation and Disability Benefits Amendment Act, 2011

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Ms. Harpauer: That Bill No. 168 – The Teachers Superannuation and Disability Benefits Amendment Act, 2011 – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 155 – The Natural Resources Amendment Act, 2010

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Duncan: That Bill No. 155 – The Natural Resources Amendment Act, 2010 – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 164 – The Police Amendment Act, 2011

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Huyghebaert: That Bill No. 164 – The Police Amendment Act, 2011 – be now read a second time.

The debate continuing, the Acting 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

RETURNS, REPORTS AND PAPERS TABLED

The following papers were laid upon the Table:

By the Hon. Mr. Reiter:

Annual Report and Financial Statements for Saskatchewan Transportation Company for the year ended December 31, 2010

(Sessional Paper No. 150)

By the Hon. Mr. Hickie:

Financial Statements for Municipal Potash Tax Sharing Administration Board for the year ended December 31, 2010

(Sessional Paper No. 151)

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Mr. Belanger asked the Government the following Question No. 1030, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Duncan:

To the Minister Responsible for SaskEnergy Incorporated: (1) Have any underground line services including, but not limited to, locating, trenching, installing, or removing been contracted to a private company? (2) If yes, what is the name of the company/individual that has been awarded the contract for line servicing? (3) Was this contract awarded through an open tendering process?

Answer:

- (1) Yes.
- (2) For over 20 years, SaskEnergy has regularly engaged various private sector companies to supplement our own resources related to services required for installation, integrity, maintenance and removal of pipeline infrastructure. Currently, SaskEnergy is collaborating with SaskTel on a joint line locating project for Regina, Saskatoon and the major areas around these two centres. The contractor selected through a competitive tender process is Magna Electric Corporation – a significant Saskatchewan-based contractor. This contractor is experienced with line locating requirements in Saskatchewan and has provided this service to SaskTel in the past.
- (3) Yes.

Mr. Yates asked the Government the following Question No. 1031, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Boyd:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Telecommunications Corporation: (1) Have any underground line services including, but not limited to, locating, trenching, installing, or removing been contracted to a private company? (2) If yes, what is the name of the company/individual that has been awarded the contract for line servicing? (3) Was this contract awarded through an open tendering process?

Answer:

- (1) Yes.
- (2) Since 1997, SaskTel has been contracting out its cable locate functions. The contractors for cable locates are Magna Electric Corporation and Vantek Line Locating Ltd. As of May 1, 2011, Magna Electric Corporation will be the contractor.
- (3) Yes.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS FOR FIRST READING OF BILLS

On Monday:

Hon. Mr. Krawetz to move First Reading of Bill No. 170 – The Corporation Capital Tax Amendment Act, 2011

Hon. Mr. Krawetz to move First Reading of Bill No. 171 – The Income Tax Amendment Act, 2011 (No. 2)

Mr. Forbes to move First Reading of Bill No. 625 – The Saskatchewan Respectful Language Act

NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The following Questions were given notice on day no. 48 and are to be answered by day no. 53:

Mr. Belanger, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1032:

To the Minister Responsible for SaskEnergy Incorporated: (1) For emergency gas leaks, what is the maximum response time for urban calls for SaskEnergy in 2011? (2) 2010? (3) 2009? (4) 2008? (5) 2007? (6) 2006?

Mr. Belanger, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1033:

To the Minister Responsible for SaskEnergy Incorporated: (1) For emergency gas leaks, what is the average response time for urban calls for SaskEnergy in 2011? (2) 2010? (3) 2009? (4) 2008? (5) 2007? (6) 2006?

Mr. Belanger, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1034:

To the Minister Responsible for SaskEnergy Incorporated: (1) For emergency gas leaks, what is the longest response time for urban calls for SaskEnergy in 2011? (2) 2010? (3) 2009? (4) 2008? (5) 2007? (6) 2006?

Mr. Belanger, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1035:

To the Minister Responsible for SaskEnergy Incorporated: (1) What is the total number of staff who deal with emergency gas leaks for SaskEnergy in 2011? (2) 2010? (3) 2009? (4) 2008? (5) 2007? (6) 2006?

Mr. Belanger, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1036:

To the Minister Responsible for SaskEnergy Incorporated: (1) How many fewer positions were there at SaskEnergy when compared to the previous year in 2011? (2) 2010? (3) 2009? (4) 2008? (5) 2007? (6) 2006?

Mr. Belanger, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1037:

To the Minister Responsible for SaskEnergy Incorporated: (1) How many calls were there at SaskEnergy for line services in 2011? (2) 2010? (3) 2009? (4) 2008? (5) 2007? (6) 2006?

Mr. Belanger, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1038:

To the Minister Responsible for SaskEnergy Incorporated: (1) What is the longest single wait time for service for a residential customer of SaskEnergy in 2011? (2) 2010? (3) 2009? (4) 2008? (5) 2007? (6) 2006?

Mr. Belanger, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1039:

To the Minister Responsible for SaskEnergy Incorporated: (1) What is the average wait time for urban service calls for residential customers of SaskEnergy in 2011? (2) 2010? (3) 2009? (4) 2008? (5) 2007? (6) 2006?

Mr. Belanger, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1040:

To the Minister Responsible for SaskEnergy Incorporated: Where has the direction to reduce staffing levels at SaskEnergy come from?

Mr. Belanger, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1041:

To the Minister Responsible for SaskEnergy Incorporated: (1) How many SaskEnergy urban calls have exceeded one hour in response time in 2011? (2) 2010? (3) 2009? (4) 2008? (5) 2007? (6) 2006?

Mr. Belanger, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1042:

To the Minister Responsible for SaskEnergy Incorporated: (1) How many SaskEnergy rural calls have exceeded one hour in response time in 2011? (2) 2010? (3) 2009? (4) 2008? (5) 2007? (6) 2006?

Mr. Belanger, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1043:

To the Minister Responsible for SaskEnergy Incorporated: (1) What is the average wait time for rural service calls for residential customers of SaskEnergy in 2011? (2) 2010? (3) 2009? (4) 2008? (5) 2007? (6) 2006?

Mr. Belanger, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1044:

To the Minister Responsible for SaskEnergy Incorporated: (1) For emergency gas leaks, what is the maximum response time for rural calls for SaskEnergy in 2011? (2) 2010? (3) 2009? (4) 2008? (5) 2007? (6) 2006?

Mr. Belanger, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1045:

To the Minister Responsible for SaskEnergy Incorporated: (1) For emergency gas leaks, what is the average response time for rural calls for SaskEnergy in 2011? (2) 2010? (3) 2009? (4) 2008? (5) 2007? (6) 2006?

Mr. Belanger, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1046:

To the Minister Responsible for SaskEnergy Incorporated: (1) For emergency gas leaks, what is the longest response time for rural calls for SaskEnergy in 2011? (2) 2010? (3) 2009? (4) 2008? (5) 2007? (6) 2006?

Mr. McCall, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1047:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Power Corporation: (1) Have any underground line services including, but not limited to, locating, trenching, installing or removing been contracted to a private company? (2) If yes, what is the name of the company or individual that has been awarded the contract for line servicing? (3) Was this contract awarded through an open tendering process?