



No. 51

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

FOURTH SESSION – TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

Tuesday, April 19, 2011

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: Higgins, Junor, Vermette, Furber, Broten, 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 provide funding for the National School of Dental Therapy.

(Sessional Paper No. 161)

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 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 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 Saskatchewan Northern Trappers Association and reinstate funding.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 82)

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)

NAMING OF MEMBER

During Oral Question Period, the Speaker requested Mr. Trew to withdraw unparliamentary language. Mr. Trew refused to withdraw the words after the Speaker asked him to do so repeatedly.

Whereupon, Mr. Trew was finally named by the Speaker as follows:

“Mr. Trew, I name you pursuant to Rule 55.”

Mr. Trew then withdrew from the Chamber.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS / DÉPÔT DE PROJETS DE LOI

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

Le projet de loi suivant est reçu, lu une première fois, et la deuxième lecture en est fixée à la prochaine séance:

Bill No. 172 – The Victims of Crime Amendment Act, 2011

Projet de loi n° 172 – Loi de 2011 modifiant la Loi de 1995 sur les victimes d’actes criminels

(Hon. M. / L’hon. M. Morgan)

**REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS AND JUSTICE
RAPPORT DU COMITÉ PERMANENT DES AFFAIRES INTERGOUVERNEMENTALES ET DE LA JUSTICE**

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

Les projets de loi suivants sont rapportés sans amendement et avec la permission de l'Assemblée de passer outre au renvoi au Comité plénier, sont lus une troisième fois et adoptés:

Bill No. 153 – The Provincial Court Amendment Act, 2010

Bill No. 154 – The Provincial Court Consequential Amendment Act, 2010

Projet de loi n° 154 – Loi de 2010 portant modification corrélative à la loi intitulée The Provincial Court Amendment Act, 2010

Bill No. 165 – The Adult Guardianship and Co-decision-making Amendment Act, 2011

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. 164 – The Police Amendment Act, 2011

SECOND READINGS

Bill No. 170 – The Corporation Capital Tax Amendment Act, 2011

The Hon. Mr. Krawetz, a member of the Executive Council, having acquainted the Assembly that His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the Bill, recommends it to the consideration of the Assembly, moved: That Bill No. 170 – The Corporation Capital Tax Amendment Act, 2011 – be now read a second time.

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

By designation of the Hon. Mr. Harrison, in accordance with Rule 81, Bill No. 170 – The Corporation Capital Tax Amendment Act, 2011 – was committed to the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies.

Bill No. 171 – The Income Tax Amendment Act, 2011 (No. 2)

The Hon. Mr. Krawetz, a member of the Executive Council, having acquainted the Assembly that His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the Bill, recommends it to the consideration of the Assembly, moved: That Bill No. 171 – The Income Tax Amendment Act, 2011 (No. 2) – be now read a second time.

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

By designation of the Hon. Mr. Harrison, in accordance with Rule 81, Bill No. 171 – The Income Tax Amendment Act, 2011 (No. 2) – was committed to the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies.

ADJOURNED DEBATES**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. Quennell, 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. Vermette, adjourned.

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. Atkinson, adjourned.

On motion of Mr. D'Autremont:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 4:59 p.m. until Wednesday at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Don Toth
Speaker

RETURNS, REPORTS AND PAPERS TABLED

The following papers were laid upon the Table:

By the Hon. Mr. Duncan:

Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements for SaskEnergy Incorporated for the year ended December 31, 2010

(Sessional Paper No. 169)

Financial Statements for SaskEnergy Incorporated – Consolidated; TransGas Limited; Bayhurst Gas Limited – Consolidated; SaskEnergy International Incorporated – Consolidated; for the year ended December 31, 2010

(Sessional Paper No. 170)

By the Hon. Mr. Krawetz:

Annual Report and Financial Statements for Extended Health Care Plan for Certain Other Retired Employees for the year ended December 31, 2010

(Sessional Paper No. 171)

Annual Report and Financial Statements for Municipal Financing Corporation of Saskatchewan for the year ended December 31, 2010

(Sessional Paper No. 172)

Annual Report and Financial Statements for Extended Health Care Plan for Certain Other Employees for the year ended December 31, 2010

(Sessional Paper No. 173)

NOTICE OF MOTION FOR A SEVENTY-FIVE MINUTE DEBATE

On Thursday:

Mr. Wotherspoon to move the following motion:

That this Assembly condemns the provincial government for its unwillingness to grant the public the transparency they desire and deserve, including when it comes to reporting the government's actual debt; and,

That this Assembly urges the government to adopt public sector accounting standards and begin reporting the provincial government's actual debt to the public, as opposed to its current practice.

NOTICE OF PRIORITY ITEMS

On Thursday:

No. 1 (Government)

Not submitted – Item of business determined pursuant to Rule 23(3)

No. 2 (Opposition)

ADJOURNED DEBATE

On the proposed motion moved by Ms. Higgins:

That Bill No. 624 – The Contracts, Lease Agreements and Tenders Accountability and Transparency Act – be now read a second time.

Adjourned Once

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?

The following Question was given notice on day no. 50 and is to be answered by day no. 55:

Mr. Forbes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1048:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) Which housing authorities serve the north through its northern operations (Treeline Region)? (2) How many rental units does each authority administer? (3) How much rent has each authority collected in January 2011? (4) February 2011? (5) March 2011?

The following Questions were given notice on day no. 51 and are to be answered by day no. 56:

Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1049:

To the Minister Responsible for Crown Investments Corporation: For the payment to Dilawri BMW of Regina listed in the 2009 annual Payee Disclosure Report, if the payment(s) was provided for service(s), which department, ministry, or individual was the contact person/agency that oversaw the delivery of the service(s)?

Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1050:

To the Minister Responsible for Crown Investments Corporation: For the payment to Dilawri BMW of Regina listed in the 2009 annual Payee Disclosure Report, if an item or items were involved in this transaction or transactions, which department, ministry, or individual took possession of this/these items from the payee?

Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1051:

To the Minister Responsible for Crown Investments Corporation: For the \$111,692 payment to Dilawri BMW of Regina listed in the 2009 annual Payee Disclosure Report, what item or items exactly were provided to account for this expense?

Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1052:

To the Minister Responsible for Crown Investments Corporation: For the \$111,692 payment to Dilawri BMW of Regina listed in the 2009 annual Payee Disclosure Report, what service or services exactly were provided to account for this expense?

Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1053:

To the Minister Responsible for Crown Investments Corporation: If the \$111,692 payment to Dilawri BMW of Regina listed in the 2009 annual Payee Disclosure Report was not paid for a single item or service, how many items and/or services were involved in the transaction(s)?

Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1054:

To the Minister Responsible for Crown Investments Corporation: Was the \$111,692 payment to Dilawri BMW of Regina listed in the 2009 annual Payee Disclosure Report paid for a single item or service?

Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1055:

To the Minister Responsible for Crown Investments Corporation: If the \$111,692 payment to Dilawri BMW of Regina listed in the 2009 annual Payee Disclosure Report was not paid as a single lump sum, how many payments were made to meet this payment total?

Mr. Yates, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1056:

To the Minister Responsible for Crown Investments Corporation: Was the \$111,692 payment to Dilawri BMW of Regina listed in the 2009 annual Payee Disclosure Report paid as a single lump sum?

Ms. Junor, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1057:

To the Office of the Provincial Secretary: (1) How many names of nominees were submitted for the Volunteer Medal? (2) What is the number of nominees per provincial constituency? (3) What are the names of the members of the selection committee who determines the recipients of the Volunteer Medal?