



No. 60

# **VOTES and PROCEEDINGS**

OF THE

**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

**FOURTH SESSION – TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE**

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**Wednesday, May 11, 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: McCall, Higgins, Forbes, Broten, Furber, Morin, Iwanchuk, 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 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 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 provide funding for educational assistants for special needs students.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 32)

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 address the funding inequity between Regina Catholic Schools and Regina Public Schools.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 85)

Of 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)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to provide a subsidy to personal care homes for senior citizens.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 210)

#### **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. 147 – The Public Interest Disclosure Act

#### **REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE ECONOMY**

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. 167 – The Saskatchewan Grain Car Corporation Amendment Act, 2011

#### **REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES**

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. 159 – The University of Regina Amendment Act, 2010

**SECOND READINGS**

**Bill No. 174 – The Workers’ Compensation Amendment Act, 2011**

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Morgan: That Bill No. 174 – The Workers’ Compensation Amendment Act, 2011 – be now read a second time.

A debate arising and the question being put, it was agreed to and the said Bill was, accordingly, read a second time, and by leave of the Assembly and pursuant to Rule 72(1), referred to a Committee of the Whole later this day.

**Bill No. 173 – The Automobile Accident Insurance Amendment Act, 2011**

Moved by the Hon. Mr. McMillan: That Bill No. 173 – The Automobile Accident Insurance Amendment Act, 2011 – be now read a second time.

A debate arising and the question being put, it was agreed to and the said Bill was, accordingly, read a second time, and by leave of the Assembly and pursuant to Rule 72(1), referred to a Committee of the Whole later this day.

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

The Assembly, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

The following Bills were reported without amendment, read the third time and passed:

Bill No. 174 – The Workers’ Compensation Amendment Act, 2011

Bill No. 173 – The Automobile Accident Insurance Amendment Act, 2011

The Committee was given leave to sit again.

**ADJOURNED DEBATES**

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

By designation of the Hon. Mr. Hickie, in accordance with Rule 81, Bill No. 162 – The Local Government Election Amendment Act, 2010 – was committed to the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice.

On motion of Mr. D'Autremont:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

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The Assembly adjourned at 3:56 p.m. until Thursday at 10:00 a.m.

*Hon. Don Toth*  
*Speaker*

## NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

**The following Questions were given notice on day no. 57 and are to be answered by day no. 62:**

Mr. Forbes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1058:

To the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing: (1) How many youth while under the responsibility of Corrections and Public Safety attempted suicide in 2000? (2) 2001? (3) 2002? (4) 2003? (5) 2004? (6) 2005? (7) 2006? (8) 2007? (9) 2008? (10) 2009? (11) 2010?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1059:

To the Minister of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing: (1) How many youth while under the responsibility of Corrections and Public Safety committed suicide in 2000? (2) 2001? (3) 2002? (4) 2003? (5) 2004? (6) 2005? (7) 2006? (8) 2007? (9) 2008? (10) 2009? (11) 2010?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1060:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many youth while under the responsibility of Social Services attempted suicide in 2000? (2) 2001? (3) 2002? (4) 2003? (5) 2004? (6) 2005? (7) 2006? (8) 2007? (9) 2008? (10) 2009? (11) 2010?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1061:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many youth while under the responsibility of Social Services committed suicide in 2000? (2) 2001? (3) 2002? (4) 2003? (5) 2004? (6) 2005? (7) 2006? (8) 2007? (9) 2008? (10) 2009? (11) 2010?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1062:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many people with disabilities who are clients of the Saskatchewan Assured Income for Disability (SAID) program and the Saskatchewan Assistance Program (SAP) benefited from an increase to earnings exemptions, effective February 1, 2011 in February 2011? (2) March 2011? (3) April 2011?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1063:

To the Minister of Social Services: On May 3, 2011 during Question Period, the Minister of Social Services claimed "the fact that the number of seniors living in poverty under the NDP tripled in their last 10 years of government. The number of seniors living in poverty under the NDP went from 7,000 to 23,000 people in 10 years." What are the ministry's sources for these claims?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1064:

To the Minister of Social Services: On May 3, 2011 during Question Period, the Minister of Social Services claimed "We have 436 new units for seniors that are under construction at this time right now, under construction or completed." What are the ministry's sources for these claims?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1065:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) What was the paid attendance to the housing summit held in April 2011? (2) What was the cost of the summit? (3) How many Social Services employees attended the summit? (4) How many non-profit representatives attended the summit and paid their own registration fees? (5) How many non-profit representatives attended the summit and had their registration fees paid by the government?

Ms. Higgins, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1066:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Gaming Corporation: What were or are the uses of the 2008 BMW Z4 Roadster and the 2009 BMW Coupe purchased for \$111,692 according to the 2009 annual Payee Disclosure Report?

**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. 1067:

To the Premier: (1) How much money was spent on producing and paying for time for all tv commercials made by the Saskatchewan government that include the voice and/or image of Premier Brad Wall in 2011? (2) 2010? (3) 2009? (4) 2008?

Ms. Higgins, to ask the Government the following Question No. 1068:

To the Minister of Environment: (1) The *Big Game Draw and Spring Hunting Guide* states that Canadian resident "hunters must complete an online application form and select one wildlife zone of their choice from a list of available zones. There will be no priority pool system or limited quotas for 2011." Will licenses available in specific zones to Saskatchewan residents be reduced by the number applied for by Canadian residents? (2) Are Canadian resident licenses over and above the quotas available to Saskatchewan resident applicants? (3) Why are there no quotas applicable to Canadian resident licenses, but reduced quotas available to Saskatchewan residents in the big game draws for 2011?