



No. 27

# VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

FIRST SESSION – TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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Wednesday, April 4, 2012

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: Forbes, Belanger, Wotherspoon, and Broten.

## 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 devote the necessary resources for the construction of an elementary school in Hampton Village.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 26)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to review the current legislation and regulations with respect to trapping and firearms.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 27)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to immediately enact Bill No. 601 – The Jimmy's Law Act, to ensure greater safety for retail workers who work late night hours.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 37)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to make education a top priority.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 40)

### ADJOURNED DEBATES

#### **Bill No. 36 – The Constituency Boundaries Amendment Act, 2011**

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Morgan: That Bill No. 36 – The Constituency Boundaries Amendment Act, 2011 – be now read a second time.

The debate continuing, it was moved by Mr. Vermette, in amendment thereto:

That all the words after the word “That” be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

“this House declines to give second reading to Bill No. 36, An Act to amend *The Constituency Boundaries Act, 1993*, because:

- The Bill excludes, in determining the constituency boundaries, the counting of the young people of Saskatchewan, who deserve to be counted to determine the representation within this Legislative Assembly; and further,
- The Bill increases the number of Members of this Legislative Assembly by three, which is an unnecessary increase of politicians to represent the people of Saskatchewan.”

The debate continuing on the motion and the amendment, the Speaker interrupted proceedings and adjourned the Assembly without question put, pursuant to Rule 6(6).

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

***Hon. Dan D’Autremont***  
***Speaker***

**RETURNS, REPORTS AND PAPERS TABLED**

The following papers were laid upon the Table:

By the Hon. Mr. Hickie:

Annual Report and Financial Statements for Saskatchewan Assessment Management Agency for the year ended December 31, 2011.

(Sessional Paper No. 53)

By the Hon. Mr. Norris:

Financial Statements for NorthPoint Energy Solutions Inc. for the year ended December 31, 2011.

(Sessional Paper No. 54)

Annual Report and Financial Statements for Power Corporation Superannuation Plan for the year ended December 31, 2011.

(Sessional Paper No. 55)

Financial Statements for Power Greenhouses Inc. (SaskPower Shand Greenhouse) for the year ended December 31, 2011.

(Sessional Paper No. 56)

Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements for Saskatchewan Power Corporation for the year ended December 31, 2011.

(Sessional Paper No. 57)

By the Hon. Mr. Duncan:

Annual Report and Financial Statements for Saskatchewan Water Corporation for the year ended December 31, 2011, including the *2011 Water Quality Report*.

(Sessional Paper No. 58)

## NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

**The following Questions were given notice on day no. 25 and are to be answered by day no. 30:**

Mr. Broten, to ask the Government the following Question No. 298:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Immigration: What is the current wait time for the skilled workers category of the Saskatchewan Immigrant Nominee Program?

Mr. Broten, to ask the Government the following Question No. 299:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Immigration: What is the current wait time for the entrepreneur category of the Saskatchewan Immigrant Nominee Program?

Mr. Broten, to ask the Government the following Question No. 300:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Immigration: What is the current wait time for the family members category of the Saskatchewan Immigrant Nominee Program?

Mr. Broten, to ask the Government the following Question No. 301:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Immigration: What is the current wait time for the health professions category of the Saskatchewan Immigrant Nominee Program?

Mr. Broten, to ask the Government the following Question No. 302:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Immigration: What is the current wait time for the farm owners/operators category of the Saskatchewan Immigrant Nominee Program?

Mr. Broten, to ask the Government the following Question No. 303:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Immigration: What is the current wait time for the hospitality sector category of the Saskatchewan Immigrant Nominee Program?

Mr. Broten, to ask the Government the following Question No. 304:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Immigration: What is the current wait time for the long haul truck drivers category of the Saskatchewan Immigrant Nominee Program?

Mr. Broten, to ask the Government the following Question No. 305:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Immigration: What is the current wait time for the students category of the Saskatchewan Immigrant Nominee Program?

Mr. Broten, to ask the Government the following Question No. 306:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Immigration: How many applications are currently waiting to be processed in the skilled workers category of the Saskatchewan Immigrant Nominee Program?

Mr. Broten, to ask the Government the following Question No. 307:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Immigration: How many applications are currently waiting to be processed in the entrepreneurs category of the Saskatchewan Immigrant Nominee Program?

Mr. Broten, to ask the Government the following Question No. 308:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Immigration: How many applications are currently waiting to be processed in the family members category of the Saskatchewan Immigrant Nominee Program?

Mr. Broten, to ask the Government the following Question No. 309:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Immigration: How many applications are currently waiting to be processed in the farm owners/operators category of the Saskatchewan Immigrant Nominee Program?

Mr. Broten, to ask the Government the following Question No. 310:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Immigration: How many applications are currently waiting to be processed in the health professions category of the Saskatchewan Immigrant Nominee Program?

Mr. Broten, to ask the Government the following Question No. 311:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Immigration: How many applications are currently waiting to be processed in the hospitality sector category of the Saskatchewan Immigrant Nominee Program?

Mr. Broten, to ask the Government the following Question No. 312:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Immigration: How many applications are currently waiting to be processed in the long haul truck drivers category of the Saskatchewan Immigrant Nominee Program?

Mr. Broten, to ask the Government the following Question No. 313:

To the Minister of Advanced Education, Employment and Immigration: How many applications are currently waiting to be processed in the students category of the Saskatchewan Immigrant Nominee Program?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the Government the following Question No. 314:

To the Minister of Education: (1) How many children received child care subsidies in each month of 2007? (2) 2008? (3) 2009? (4) 2010? (5) 2011?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the Government the following Question No. 315:

To the Minister of Education: (1) What is the maximum child care subsidy available for families with one child? (2) Two children? (3) Three children?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the Government the following Question No. 316:

To the Minister of Education: (1) How many families received the maximum subsidy in each month of 2007? (2) 2008? (3) 2009? (4) 2010? (5) 2011?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the Government the following Question No. 317:

To the Minister of Education: (1) What is the exit threshold for childcare subsidies for families with one child? (2) Two children? (3) Three children?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the Government the following Question No. 318:

To the Minister of Education: (1) What is/was the average amount paid out in child care subsidies to families with one child, in 2011? (2) One child, in 2010? (3) One child, in 2009? (4) One child, in 2008? (5) One child, in 2007? (6) Two children, in 2011? (7) Two children, in 2010? (8) Two children, in 2009? (9) Two children, in 2008? (10) Two children, in 2007? (11) Three children, in 2011? (12) Three children in 2010? (13) Three children, in 2009? (14) Three children, in 2008? (15) Three children, in 2007?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the Government the following Question No. 319:

To the Minister of Education: (1) How many families received the minimum subsidy in 2007? (2) 2008? (3) 2009? (4) 2010? (5) 2011?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the Government the following Question No. 320:

To the Minister of Education: What was the range of subsidy paid in 2011?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the Government the following Question No. 321:

To the Minister of Education: How many staff are currently employed in the childcare subsidy unit as of March 2012?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the Government the following Question No. 322:

To the Minister of Education: (1) How many staff were employed in the childcare subsidy unit in 2007? (2) 2008? (3) 2009? (4) 2010? (5) 2011?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the Government the following Question No. 323:

To the Minister of Education: How many managers are currently employed in the childcare subsidy unit as of March 2012?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the Government the following Question No. 324:

To the Minister of Education: (1) How many managers were employed in the childcare subsidy unit as of March 2007? (2) March 2008? (3) March 2009? (4) March 2010? (5) March 2011?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the Government the following Question No. 325:

To the Minister of Education: How many out of scope staff are currently employed in the childcare subsidy unit as of March 2012?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the Government the following Question No. 326:

To the Minister of Education: (1) How many out of scope staff were employed in the childcare subsidy unit as of March 2007? (2) March 2008? (3) March 2009? (4) March 2010? (5) March 2011?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the Government the following Question No. 327:

To the Minister of Education: (1) What was the caseload for subsidy workers (how many families are assigned to each staff person on average), in 2007? (2) 2008? (3) 2009? (4) 2010? (5) 2011?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the Government the following Question No. 328:

To the Minister of Education: (1) How many childcare consultants are/were employed in the Ministry of Education as of March 2007? (2) March 2008? (3) March 2009? (4) March 2010? (5) March 2011? (6) March 2012?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the Government the following Question No. 329:

To the Minister of Education: (1) What was the total spent on childcare subsidies to families in 2007? (2) 2008? (3) 2009? (4) 2010? (5) 2011?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the Government the following Question No. 330:

To the Minister of Education: When was the last increase to the maximum income eligibility point for childcare subsidies?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the Government the following Question No. 331:

To the Minister of Education: (1) On March 1, 2011, how many children were in foster care where parental rights have been terminated and the children became permanent wards of the state in the Central Region of Saskatchewan? (2) South Region? (3) Northeast Region? (4) Northwest Region(s)?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the Government the following Question No. 332:

To the Minister of Education: (1) On March 1, 2010, how many children were in foster care where parental rights have been terminated and the children became permanent wards of the state in the Central Region of Saskatchewan? (2) South Region? (3) Northeast Region? (4) Northwest Region(s)?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the Government the following Question No. 333:

To the Minister of Education: (1) On March 1, 2009, how many children were in foster care where parental rights have been terminated and the children became permanent wards of the state in the Central Region of Saskatchewan? (2) South Region? (3) Northeast Region? (4) Northwest Region(s)?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the Government the following Question No. 334:

To the Minister of Education: (1) On March 1, 2008, how many children were in foster care where parental rights have been terminated and the children became permanent wards of the state in the Central Region of Saskatchewan? (2) South Region? (3) Northeast Region? (4) Northwest Region(s)?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the Government the following Question No. 335:

To the Minister of Education: (1) On March 1, 2007, how many children were in foster care where parental rights have been terminated and the children became permanent wards of the state in the Central Region of Saskatchewan? (2) South Region? (3) Northeast Region? (4) Northwest Region(s)?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the Government the following Question No. 336:

To the Minister of Education: (1) On March 1, 2006, how many children were in foster care where parental rights have been terminated and the children became permanent wards of the state in the Central Region of Saskatchewan? (2) South Region? (3) Northeast Region? (4) Northwest Region(s)?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the Government the following Question No. 337:

To the Minister of Education: Does the Ministry of Social Services lay out a prescribed time where children should move from being permanent wards to finding a permanent home – either family reunification or adoption?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the Government the following Question No. 338:

To the Minister of Education: As of March 1, 2012, what was the average length of time a child spent as a ward of the state before a permanent home was found?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the Government the following Question No. 339:

To the Minister of Education: As of March 1, 2011, what was the average length of time a child spent as a ward of the state before a permanent home was found?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the Government the following Question No. 340:

To the Minister of Education: As of March 1, 2010, what was the average length of time a child spent as a ward of the state before a permanent home was found?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the Government the following Question No. 341:

To the Minister of Education: As of March 1, 2009, what was the average length of time a child spent as a ward of the state before a permanent home was found?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the Government the following Question No. 342:

To the Minister of Education: As of March 1, 2008, what was the average length of time a child spent as a ward of the state before a permanent home was found?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the Government the following Question No. 343:

To the Minister of Education: As of March 1, 2007, what was the average length of time a child spent as a ward of the state before a permanent home was found?



Ms. Sproule, to ask the Government the following Question No. 344:

To the Minister of Justice and Attorney General: What are the names of the outside lawyers and law firms contracted to provide legal advice to Saskatchewan Human Rights Commission (SHRC) staff on complaint files?

Ms. Sproule, to ask the Government the following Question No. 345:

To the Minister of Justice and Attorney General: (1) Have any of the outside counsel contracted by the SHRC acted for respondents in the past? (2) If so, have they declared this information to the Chief Commissioner?

Ms. Sproule, to ask the Government the following Question No. 346:

To the Minister of Justice and Attorney General: Has the Chief Commissioner done an analysis of the possibility of conflict of interest or bias if the outside counsel has represented respondents in previous hearings?

Ms. Sproule, to ask the Government the following Question No. 347:

To the Minister of Justice and Attorney General: What is the hourly rate being paid to outside lawyers/law firms?

Ms. Sproule, to ask the Government the following Question No. 348:

To the Minister of Justice and Attorney General: (1) How much money was paid to outside lawyers/law firms in 2007? (2) 2008? (3) 2009? (4) 2010? (5) 2011?

Ms. Sproule, to ask the Government the following Question No. 349:

To the Minister of Justice and Attorney General: (1) How many files have been assigned to outside counsel in 2007? (2) 2008? (3) 2009? (4) 2010? (5) 2011?

Ms. Sproule, to ask the Government the following Question No. 350:

To the Minister of Justice and Attorney General: (1) How much money has been spent on outside contracts since Chief Commissioner Arnot began? (2) How does this compare to all past Chief Commissioners?