



No. 34

# VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

FIRST SESSION – TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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**Tuesday, April 24, 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: Wotherspoon and Vermette.

## 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 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 provide Saskatchewan people with a fair statement of the province's finances and provide trustworthy financial management.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 38)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to enact a Saskatchewan Seniors' Bill of Rights.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 41)

## **SECOND READINGS**

### **Bill No. 42 – The Graduate Retention Program Amendment Act, 2012**

The Hon. Mr. Norris, a member of the Executive Council, having acquainted the Assembly that Her 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. 42 – The Graduate Retention Program Amendment Act, 2012 – be now read a second time.

A debate arising, it was on motion of Mr. Belanger, adjourned.

### **Bill No. 43 – The Income Tax Amendment Act, 2012**

The Hon. Mr. Krawetz, a member of the Executive Council, having acquainted the Assembly that Her 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. 43 – The Income Tax Amendment Act, 2012 – be now read a second time.

A debate arising, it was on motion of Mr. Belanger, adjourned.

## **ADJOURNED DEBATES / DÉBATS AJOURNÉS**

### **Bill No. 37 – The Tourism Saskatchewan Act**

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Hutchinson: That Bill No. 37 – The Tourism Saskatchewan Act – be now read a second time.

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

### **Bill No. 38 – The Active Families Benefit Amendment Act, 2012**

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Hutchinson: That Bill No. 38 – The Active Families Benefit Amendment Act, 2012 – 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. Harrison, in accordance with Rule 81, Bill No. 38 – The Active Families Benefit Amendment Act, 2012 – was committed to the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice.

**Bill No. 39 – The Financial and Consumer Affairs Authority of Saskatchewan Act**

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Morgan: That Bill No. 39 – The Financial and Consumer Affairs Authority of Saskatchewan Act – 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. Harrison, in accordance with Rule 81, Bill No. 39 – The Financial and Consumer Affairs Authority of Saskatchewan Act – was committed to the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice.

**Bill No. 40 – The Financial and Consumer Affairs Authority of Saskatchewan Consequential Amendment Act, 2012****Projet de loi n° 40 – Loi de 2012 portant modification corrélative à la loi intitulée The Financial and Consumer Affairs Authority of Saskatchewan Act**

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Morgan: That Bill No. 40 – The Financial and Consumer Affairs Authority of Saskatchewan Consequential Amendment Act, 2012 – be now read a second time.

L'Assemblée reprend le débat ajourné sur la motion de l'hon. M. Morgan: Que le projet de loi n° 40 – Loi de 2012 portant modification corrélative à la loi intitulée The Financial and Consumer Affairs Authority of Saskatchewan Act – soit maintenant lu une deuxième fois.

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

Le débat se poursuit et la motion, mise aux voix, est adoptée et, en conséquence, ledit projet de loi est lu une deuxième fois.

By designation of the Hon. Mr. Harrison, in accordance with Rule 81, Bill No. 40 – The Financial and Consumer Affairs Authority of Saskatchewan Consequential Amendment Act, 2012 – was committed to the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice.

Selon la désignation de l'hon. M. Harrison, conformément au règlement 81, le projet de loi n° 40 – Loi de 2012 portant modification corrélative à la loi intitulée The Financial and Consumer Affairs Authority of Saskatchewan Act – est renvoyé au Comité permanent des affaires intergouvernementales et de la justice.

**Bill No. 41 – The Miscellaneous Statutes (Municipal Affairs – Municipal Taxation) Amendment Act, 2012**

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Hickie: That Bill No. 41 – The Miscellaneous Statutes (Municipal Affairs – Municipal Taxation) Amendment Act, 2012 – be now read a second time.

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

**Bill No. 9 – The Saskatchewan Gaming Corporation Amendment Act, 2011**

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Hutchinson: That Bill No. 9 – The Saskatchewan Gaming Corporation Amendment Act, 2011 – 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. Harrison, in accordance with Rule 81, Bill No. 9 – The Saskatchewan Gaming Corporation Amendment Act, 2011 – was committed to the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice.

**Bill No. 34 – The Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Corporation Act**

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Bjornerud: That Bill No. 34 – The Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Corporation Act – 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. Harrison, in accordance with Rule 81, Bill No. 34 – The Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Corporation Act – was committed to the Standing Committee on the Economy.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Harrison:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

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The Assembly adjourned at 4:58 p.m. until Wednesday at 1:30 p.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 Extended Health Care Plan for the year ended December 31, 2011.

(Sessional Paper No. 84)

Annual Report and Financial Statements for Extended Health Care Plan for Retired Employees for the year ended December 31, 2011.

(Sessional Paper No. 85)

Annual Report and Financial Statements for Extended Health Care Plan for Certain Other Employees for the year ended December 31, 2011.

(Sessional Paper No. 86)

Annual Report and Financial Statements for Extended Health Care Plan for Certain Other Retired Employees for the year ended December 31, 2011.

(Sessional Paper No. 87)

Annual Report and Financial Statements for Public Employees Deferred Salary Leave Fund for the year ended December 31, 2011.

(Sessional Paper No. 88)

Annual Report and Financial Statements for Municipal Employees' Pension Plan for the year ended December 31, 2011.

(Sessional Paper No. 89)

Annual Report and Financial Statements for Public Employees Disability Income Fund for the year ended December 31, 2011.

(Sessional Paper No. 92)

Annual Report and Financial Statements for SaskEnergy Retiring Allowance Plan for the year ended December 31, 2011.

(Sessional Paper No. 93)

Annual Report and Financial Statements for Saskatchewan Pension Plan for the year ended December 31, 2011, including Supplementary Payment Information.

(Sessional Paper No. 95)

Annual Report and Financial Statements for Northern Municipal Trust Account for the year ended December 31, 2011.

(Sessional Paper No. 96)

Annual Report and Financial Statements for Municipal Financing Corporation of Saskatchewan for the year ended December 31, 2011.

(Sessional Paper No. 97)

By the Hon. Mr. Norris:

Annual Report and Financial Statements for Saskatchewan Research Council Employees' Pension Plan for the year ended December 31, 2011.

(Sessional Paper No. 90)

By the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

Annual Report and Financial Statements for Pension Plan for the Employees of the Saskatchewan Workers' Compensation Board for the year ended December 31, 2011.

(Sessional Paper No. 91)

By the Hon. Mr. Duncan:

Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements, including Supplementary Information, for SaskEnergy Incorporated for the year ended December 31, 2011.

(Sessional Paper No. 94)

By the Hon. Ms. Harpauer:

Financial Statements for SaskEnergy Incorporated – Consolidated; TransGas Limited; Bayhurst Gas Limited – Consolidated; SaskEnergy International Incorporated – Consolidated; for the year ended December 31, 2011.

(Sessional Paper No. 98)

By the Hon. Ms. Draude:

Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements for Saskatchewan Housing Corporation for the year ended December 31, 2011, including Supplier, Grant and Other Payments for 2011, and Consolidation Schedule, Corporate and Housing Authority Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2011.

(Sessional Paper No. 99)

## NOTICE OF MOTION FOR A SEVENTY-FIVE MINUTE DEBATE

On Thursday:

Mr. Steinley to move the following motion:

That this Assembly commends the Saskatchewan Party government for passing the only balanced budget in Canada.

## NOTICE OF PRIORITY ITEMS

### No. 1 (Opposition)

#### ADJOURNED DEBATES

Adjourned debate on the proposed motion of Mr. Forbes:

That *Bill No. 601 – The Jimmy's Law Act* – be now read a second time.

*Adjourned Once*

### No. 2 (Government)

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

### No. 3 (Opposition)

#### ADJOURNED DEBATES

Adjourned debate on the proposed **Motion No. 2** of Mr. Vermette:

That this Assembly urge the government to stop ignoring First Nations communities, Métis communities and northern Saskatchewan as a whole to ensure opportunity and prosperity are shared more widely by all Saskatchewan residents, and enable everyone to fully participate and contribute to our economy and our society, in order for Saskatchewan to meet its full potential.

*Adjourned Once*

### No. 4 (Government)

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

## NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

**The following Questions were given notice on day no. 31 and are to be answered by day no. 36:**

Ms. Chartier, to ask the Government the following Question No. 351:

To the Minister of Social Services: (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. 352:

To the Minister of Social Services: (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. 353:

To the Minister of Social Services: (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. 354:

To the Minister of Social Services: (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. 355:

To the Minister of Social Services: (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. 356:

To the Minister of Social Services: (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. 357:

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

Ms. Chartier, to ask the Government the following Question No. 358:

To the Minister of Social Services: 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. 359:

To the Minister of Social Services: (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. 360:

To the Minister of Social Services: 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. 361:

To the Minister of Social Services: (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. 362:

To the Minister of Social Services: 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. 363:

To the Minister of Social Services: (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. 364:

To the Minister of Social Services: (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. 365:

To the Minister of Social Services: (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. 366:

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

Ms. Chartier, to ask the Government the following Question No. 367:

To the Minister of Social Services: (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. 368:

To the Minister of Social Services: (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. 369:

To the Minister of Social Services: (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. 370:

To the Minister of Social Services: (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. 371:

To the Minister of Social Services: (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. 372:

To the Minister of Social Services: (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. 373:

To the Minister of Social Services: 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. 374:

To the Minister of Social Services: 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. 375:

To the Minister of Social Services: 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. 376:

To the Minister of Social Services: 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. 377:

To the Minister of Social Services: 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. 378:

To the Minister of Social Services: 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. 379:

To the Minister of Social Services: 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?