



No. 38

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

FIRST SESSION – TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Tuesday, May 1, 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, Broten, 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 upgrade the section of highway 165 between Beauval and the English River First Nation.

(Sessional Paper No. 107)

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)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Government to continue to provide tax incentives for the film, video and television sector.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 44)

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS AND 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:

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

Bill No. 10 – The Parks Amendment Act, 2011

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

REFERRAL OF BILL NO. 23 TO THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Harrison, by leave of the Assembly:

Ordered, That Bill No. 23 – The Occupational Health and Safety Amendment Act, 2011, be withdrawn from the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice and committed to the Standing Committee on Human Services.

ADJOURNED DEBATES / DÉBATS AJOURNÉS

Bill No. 27 – The Education Amendment Act, 2011 Projet de loi n° 27 – Loi de 2011 modifiant la Loi de 1995 sur l'éducation

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Ms. Harpauer: That Bill No. 27 – The Education 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. 27 – The Education Amendment Act, 2011 – was committed to the Standing Committee on Human Services.

L'Assemblée reprend le débat ajourné sur la motion de l'hon. Mme Harpauer: Que le projet de loi n° 27 – Loi de 2011 modifiant la Loi de 1995 sur l'éducation – soit maintenant lu une deuxième fois.

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

Selon la désignation de l'hon. M. Harrison, conformément au règlement 81, le projet de loi n° 27 – Loi de 2011 modifiant la Loi de 1995 sur l'éducation – est renvoyé au Comité permanent des services à la personne.

Bill No. 28 – The Education Consequential Amendments Act, 2011

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Ms. Harpauer: That Bill No. 28 – The Education Consequential Amendments 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. 28 – The Education Consequential Amendments Act, 2011 – was committed to the Standing Committee on Human Services.

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 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. 37 – The Tourism Saskatchewan Act – was committed to the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Harrison:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 3:06 p.m. until Wednesday at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Dan D’Autremont
Speaker

RETURNS, REPORTS AND PAPERS TABLED

The following Returns, which were Ordered by the Assembly on December 15, 2011, were laid upon the Table:

Return Nos. 1 to 12 by Mr. Broten.

(Sessional Paper Nos. 116 to 127)

NOTICE OF MOTION FOR A SEVENTY-FIVE MINUTE DEBATE

On Thursday:

Mr. Broten to move the following motion:

That this Assembly condemns the government for its willingness to spend millions of public dollars on more politicians while increasing prescription drug expenses for seniors, eliminating the property tax rebate on early payments, raising tuition, short-changing the Western Development Museum, eliminating the film and television tax credit and gutting funding to the Go Green program.

NOTICE OF PRIORITY ITEMS

No. 1 (Government)

ADJOURNED DEBATES

Adjourned debate on the proposed **Motion No. 1** of Mr. Stewart:

That this Assembly calls upon all parties in the federal Parliament of Canada to unite in support of the Keystone XL pipeline project without further delay.

(Ms. Wilson)

To Be Voted

No. 2 (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.

(Mr. McCall)

Adjourned Twice

No. 3 (Government)

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

No. 4 (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

NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The following Questions were given notice on day no. 37 and are to be answered by day no. 42:

Mr. Forbes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 380:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many Saskatchewan Housing corporation affordable rental housing units were chronically vacant on March 1, 2012? (2) Which housing authorities had chronically vacant affordable rental housing units as of March 1, 2012? (3) How many chronically vacant affordable rental housing units did the Housing Authority have as of March 1, 2012?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 381:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many Saskatchewan Housing corporation seniors rental housing units were chronically vacant on March 1, 2012? (2) Which housing authorities had chronically vacant seniors rental housing units as of March 1, 2012? (3) How many chronically vacant seniors rental housing units did the Housing Authority have as of March 1, 2012?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 382:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) How many Saskatchewan Housing corporation social rental housing units were chronically vacant on March 1, 2012? (2) Which housing authorities had chronically vacant social rental housing units as of March 1, 2012? (3) How many chronically vacant social rental housing units did the Housing Authority have as of March 1, 2012?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the Government the following Question No. 383:

To the Minister of Education: How many teacher pensions exist in the Saskatchewan Teachers Superannuation fund that cannot be claimed because the teacher has not taught 20 days?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the Government the following Question No. 384:

To the Minister of Social Services: In what year was the last increase to the childcare subsidy turning point – the point at which the childcare subsidy begins to diminish?

The following Questions were given notice on day no. 38 and are to be answered by day no. 43:

Ms. Sproule, to ask the Government the following Question No. 385:

To the Minister of Government Services: (1) What is the highest rent per square foot the government has paid/will pay for commercial office space in 2006? (2) 2007? (3) 2008? (4) 2009? (5) 2010? (6) 2011? (7) 2012?

Ms. Sproule, to ask the Government the following Question No. 386:

To the Minister of Government Services: (1) What is the lowest rent per square foot the government has paid/will pay for commercial office space in 2006? (2) 2007? (3) 2008? (4) 2009? (5) 2010? (6) 2011? (7) 2012?

Ms. Sproule, to ask the Government the following Question No. 387:

To the Minister of Government Services: (1) What is the average rent per square foot the government has paid/will pay for commercial office space in 2006? (2) 2007? (3) 2008? (4) 2009? (5) 2010? (6) 2011? (7) 2012?

Ms. Sproule, to ask the Government the following Question No. 388:

To the Minister of Government Services: (1) What is the longest term of lease the government has signed in 2006? (2) 2007? (3) 2008? (4) 2009? (5) 2010? (6) 2011? (7) 2012?

Ms. Sproule, to ask the Government the following Question No. 389:

To the Minister of Government Services: (1) What is the shortest term of lease the government has signed in 2006? (2) 2007? (3) 2008? (4) 2009? (5) 2010? (6) 2011? (7) 2012?

Ms. Sproule, to ask the Government the following Question No. 390:

To the Minister of Government Services: (1) What is the average term of lease the government has signed in 2006? (2) 2007? (3) 2008? (4) 2009? (5) 2010? (6) 2011? (7) 2012?

Ms. Sproule, to ask the Government the following Question No. 391:

To the Minister of Justice and Attorney General: (1) As a government agency, are the staff and consultants of the Human Rights commission required to follow any guidelines for travel and accommodation? (2) If yes, which guidelines does it follow?

Ms. Sproule, to ask the Government the following Question No. 392:

To the Minister of Justice and Attorney General: (1) How much did the government spend on travel and accommodation on the following individuals: David Arnot, Rebecca McLellan, Sue Lake, and Brenda Rorke in 2008? (2) 2009? (3) 2010 (4) 2011? (5) 2012?

Ms. Sproule, to ask the Government the following Question No. 393:

To the Minister of Justice and Attorney General: The following individuals travelled for HRC: David Arnot, Rebecca McLellan, Sue Lake, and Brenda Rorke. (1) At which hotels did each of them stay when on travel in 2008? (2) 2009? (3) 2010 (4) 2011? (5) 2012?