



No. 40

# **VOTES and PROCEEDINGS**

OF THE

**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

**FIRST SESSION – TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE**

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**Thursday, May 3, 2012**

10:00 a.m.

*PRAYERS*

## **PRESENTING PETITIONS**

Petitions of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan were presented and laid upon the Table by the following members: Belanger, Nilson, 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 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)

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.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 107)

### APPOINTMENT OF PUBLIC INTEREST DISCLOSURE COMMISSIONER

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

Ordered, That pursuant to subsections 27(3), (4) and (6) of *The Public Interest Disclosure Act*, the Ombudsman, Kevin Fenwick, Q.C. be appointed the Public Interest Disclosure Commissioner.

### SEVENTY-FIVE MINUTE DEBATE

The Order of the Day being called for the following Motion for a Seventy-five Minute Debate, it was moved by Mr. Broten:

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.

A debate arising and the period of seventy-five minutes having expired, pursuant to Rule 24(4), the Deputy Speaker interrupted proceedings.

### PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTIONS

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed **Motion No. 1** moved by 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.

The debate continuing, the Speaker interrupted proceedings pursuant to Rule 26(4) and put the question, which was agreed to on the following Recorded Division:

#### YEAS – 37

Wall	Morgan	Bjornerud	Krawetz	McMorris
Cheveldayoff	Bradshaw	Reiter	Ross	McMillan
Harpauer	Harrison	Wyant	Hickie	Elhard
Hart	Tell	Brkich	Stewart	Ottenbreit
Weekes	Heppner	Wilson	Michelson	Kirsch
Merriman	Doke	Makowsky	Jurgens	Steinley
Doherty	Lawrence	Tochor	Moe	Marchuk
Phillips	Docherty			

#### NAYS – 6

Nilson	Belanger	Wotherspoon	Broten	Sproule
McCall				

The Speaker adjourned the Assembly without question put, pursuant to Rule 6(6).

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The Assembly adjourned at 1:08 p.m. until Monday at 1:30 p.m.

***Hon. Dan D'Autremont***  
***Speaker***

## 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?

**The following Questions were given notice on day no. 39 and are to be answered by day no. 44:**

Ms. Chartier, to ask the Government the following Question No. 394:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) As per the Canada Revenue Agency children's special allowances calculation sheet, is the federal government remitting the maximum basic amount of the Child Tax Benefit plus the national child benefit supplement amount for one dependent to the province for eligible children who are living with persons of sufficient interest? (2) What is the current amount the federal government is remitting to the province per eligible child for this combined benefit?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the Government the following Question No. 395:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) As per the Canada Revenue Agency children's special allowances calculation sheet, is the federal government remitting the full child disability benefit to the province for eligible children who are living with persons of sufficient interest? (2) What is the current amount the federal government is remitting to the province per eligible child for this benefit?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the Government the following Question No. 396:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) As per the Canada Revenue Agency children's special allowances calculation sheet, is the federal government remitting the full special allowance supplement to the province for eligible children – those under six – who are living with persons of sufficient interest? (2) What is the current amount the federal government is remitting to the province per eligible child for this benefit?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the Government the following Question No. 397:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) Will those the minister has committed to grandfathering in to the former benefits under the children's special allowances be receiving back pay for lost benefits? (2) If so, by what date can those impacted by these changes expect to receive their back pay? (3) How long will these grandfathered rates continue?

**The following Question was given notice on day no. 40 and is to be answered by day no. 45:**

Ms. Sproule, to ask the Government the following Question No. 398:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) How many individuals accessed the Victims Services program in 2007? (2) 2008? (3) 2009? (4) 2010? (5) 2011? (6) What was each individual's race? (7) What was each individual's age? (8) What was each individual's gender? (9) What was each individual's type of injury?