



No. 23

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

THIRD SESSION – TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Tuesday, December 3, 2013

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, Vermette, and McCall.

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 make highway repair and maintenance a priority, specifically, Highway No. 220 from Bulyea to Rowan's Ravine.

(Sessional Paper No. 602)

Of citizens of the province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to immediately invest in a long-term care facility in the La Ronge area.

(Sessional Paper No. 603)

Of citizens of the province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to replace the gymnasium of Sacred Heart Community School.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 11)

Of citizens of the province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to take immediate and meaningful action to protect Saskatchewan's children from bullying.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 595)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The Minister, 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, the following bill was received, read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time at the next sitting:

Bill No. 127 – The Mental Health Services Amendment Act, 2013

(Hon. Mr. Duncan)

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE ECONOMY

Mr. Toth, Chair of the Standing Committee on the Economy, presented the Fourth Report of the said committee, which is as follows:

Your committee considered the Supplementary Estimates of the following government ministry and adopted the following resolution:

Supplementary Estimates, 2013-2014 (November):

Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2014, the following sums:

Executive Branch of Government

For Agriculture..... \$31,000,000

Your committee recommends that upon concurrence of its report by the Assembly, the sums as reported and approved shall be included in the Appropriation bill for consideration by the Legislative Assembly.

(Sessional Paper No. 604)

On motion of Mr. Toth:

Ordered, That the Fourth Report of the Standing Committee on the Economy be now concurred in.

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

Mr. Kirsch, Chair of the Standing Committee on Human Services, presented the Fourth Report of the said committee, which is as follows:

Your committee considered the Supplementary Estimates of the following government ministry and adopted the following resolution:

Supplementary Estimates, 2013-2014 (November):

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2014, the following sums:

Executive Branch of Government

For Social Services.....\$39,000,000

Your committee recommends that upon concurrence of its report by the Assembly, the sums as reported and approved shall be included in the Appropriation bill for consideration by the Legislative Assembly.
(Sessional Paper No. 605)

On motion of Mr. Kirsch:

Ordered, That the Fourth Report of the Standing Committee on Human Services be now concurred in.

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON CROWN AND CENTRAL AGENCIES

Mr. Brkich, Chair of the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies, presented the Fourth Report of the said committee, which is as follows:

Your committee considered the Supplementary Estimates of the following crown corporations for which no funds were requested or required to be voted:

Supplementary Estimates, 2013-2014 (November):**Lending and Investing Activities**

For Saskatchewan Power Corporation (Statutory)

For Saskatchewan Telecommunications Holding Corporation (Statutory)
(Sessional Paper No. 606)

On motion of Mr. Brkich:

Ordered, That the Fourth Report of the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies be now concurred in.

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS AND JUSTICE

Mr. Michelson, Chair of the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice, presented the Fifth Report of the said committee, which is as follows:

Your committee considered the Supplementary Estimates of the following government ministry and adopted the following resolution:

Supplementary Estimates, 2013-2014 (November):

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2014, the following sums:

Executive Branch of Government

For Government Relations\$43,586,000

Your committee recommends that upon concurrence of its report by the Assembly, the sums as reported and approved shall be included in the Appropriation bill for consideration by the Legislative Assembly.
(Sessional Paper No. 607)

On motion of Mr. Michelson:

Ordered, That the Fifth Report of the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs and Justice be now concurred in.

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON HOUSE SERVICES

Mr. McCall, Deputy Chair of the Standing Committee on House Services, presented the Sixth Report of the said committee, which is as follows:

Your committee considered the Supplementary Estimates of the Legislative Branch of Government and adopted the following resolutions:

Supplementary Estimates, 2013-2014 (November):

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2014, the following sums:

Legislative Branch of Government

For Advocate for Children and Youth.....\$261,000

Your committee reviewed the following Supplementary Estimates for which no funds were requested or required to be voted:

For Legislative Assembly (Statutory)

For Provincial Auditor (Statutory)

Your committee recommends that upon concurrence of its report by the Assembly, the sums as reported and approved shall be included in the Appropriation bill for consideration by the Legislative Assembly.
(Sessional Paper No. 608)

On motion of Mr. McCall:

Ordered, That the Sixth Report of the Standing Committee on House Services be now concurred in.

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 210 to 215, they were answered. (See Appendix)

COMMITTEE OF FINANCE

Summary of resolutions adopted:

GENERAL REVENUE FUND**SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES 2013-2014****EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT**

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ended March 31, 2014 the following sums:

BUDGETARY EXPENSES

1.	For Agriculture	\$31,000,000
2.	For Government Relations	43,586,000
3.	For Social Services	39,000,000

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT

4.	For Advocate for Children and Youth	\$261,000
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On motion of the Hon. Mr. Krawetz:

Resolved, That towards making good the supply granted to Her Majesty on account of certain charges and expenses of the public service for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2014, the sum of one hundred thirteen million, eight hundred forty-seven thousand dollars be granted out of the general revenue fund.

The said resolution was reported, read twice and agreed to, and the Committee given leave to sit again.

THE APPROPRIATION ACT, 2013 (No. 2)

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Krawetz: That Bill No. 131 – The Appropriation Act, 2013 (No. 2) – be introduced and read the first time.

The question being put, it was agreed to and the said bill was, accordingly, read the first time.

By leave of the Assembly and pursuant to Rule 75(2), the said bill was then read a second and third time and passed under its title.

SECOND READINGS

Bill No. 126 – The Seizure of Criminal Property Amendment Act, 2013 (No. 2)

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Harrison: That Bill No. 126 – The Seizure of Criminal Property Amendment Act, 2013 (No. 2) – be now read a second time.

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

ADJOURNED DEBATES

Bill No. 121 – The Election Amendment Act, 2013

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Wyant: That Bill No. 121 – The Election Amendment Act, 2013 – be now read a second time.

The question being put, it was agreed to and the said bill was, accordingly, read a second time and referred to a Committee of the Whole on Bills later this day.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ON BILLS

The Assembly resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bills to consider Bill No. 121 – The Election Amendment Act, 2013.

The question being put on clauses 1 to 5, they were agreed to.

During consideration of clause 6, it was moved by the Hon. Mr. Harrison:

Clause 6 of the printed Bill

Amend subsection 277.1(1) of *The Election Act, 1996*, as being enacted by Clause 6 of the printed Bill, by striking out “28-day” and substituting “27-day”.

The question being put on the amendment, it was agreed to.

The question being put on clause 6, as amended, it was agreed to.

The question being put on clause 7, it was agreed to.

The following bill was reported with amendment, considered as amended, and by leave of the Assembly and pursuant to Rule 75(1), it was read the third time and passed:

Bill No. 121 – The Election Amendment Act, 2013

The Committee was given leave to sit again.

ADJOURNED DEBATES

Bill No. 107 – The Wildfire Act

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff: That Bill No. 107 – The Wildfire 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 85, Bill No. 107 – The Wildfire Act – was committed to the Standing Committee on the Economy.

Bill No. 111 – The Personal Care Homes Amendment Act, 2013

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Duncan: That Bill No. 111 – The Personal Care Homes Amendment Act, 2013 – 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 85, Bill No. 111 – The Personal Care Homes Amendment Act, 2013 – was committed to the Standing Committee on Human Services.

Bill No. 112 – The Accounting Profession Act

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Krawetz: That Bill No. 112 – The Accounting Profession 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 85, Bill No. 112 – The Accounting Profession Act – was committed to the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies.

Bill No. 109 – The Labour-sponsored Venture Capital Corporations Amendment Act, 2013

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Boyd: That Bill No. 109 – The Labour-sponsored Venture Capital Corporations Amendment Act, 2013 – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 108 – The Athletics Commission Act

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Doherty: That Bill No. 108 – The Athletics Commission Act – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 102 – The Builders' Lien Amendment Act, 2013

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Wyant: That Bill No. 102 – The Builders' Lien Amendment Act, 2013 – be now read a second time.

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

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Harrison:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 4:58 p.m. until Wednesday at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Dan D'Autremont
Speaker

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Mr. Vermette asked the government the following Question No. 210, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:

To the Minister of Highways and Infrastructure: When is the repaving planned for the 30 kilometres of Highway No. 102 north of La Ronge?

Answer:

Repaving of Highway No. 102 for the 30 kilometres north of La Ronge is not on the Five-Year Capital plan.

Mr. Vermette asked the government the following Question No. 211, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Duncan:

To the Minister of Health: How many people in the Mamawetan Churchill River Health region are on a wait-list for long-term care?

Answer:

Mamawetan Churchill River Health Region reported that as of November 25, 2013, 44 people were on the wait list for long-term care.

Mr. Vermette asked the government the following Question No. 212, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Duncan:

To the Minister of Health: Where does the Mamawetan Churchill River Health Region rank on the department's priority list for new capital projects for long-term care facilities?

Answer:

There is no formal ranking system; however the LTC replacement at the La Ronge Health Centre is a priority project for the Ministry of Health. Every year we assess priorities for new capital funding, and for maintaining our current infrastructure, and available resources are allocated accordingly.

Mr. Vermette asked the government the following Question No. 213, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Draude:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) What grants are available for seniors who own their own homes but do not have access to the financial resources to make repairs and renovations? (2) Of these grants, how much of each is available for this fiscal year for seniors to apply to for assistance?

Answer:

(1) The Saskatchewan Home Repair Program - Homeowner Repair, Adaptation for Independence and Emergency Repair programs are available to all low- to moderate-income households, including seniors.

(2) Funding under these repair programs is not allocated specifically to seniors. It is available to all low- to moderate-income households.

Mr. Vermette asked the government the following Question No. 214, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:

To the Minister of Highways and Infrastructure: What was the cost of the new Pelican Narrows Bridge?

Answer:

South Bridge: \$2,849,660. North Bridge: \$2,137,570.

Mr. Vermette asked the government the following Question No. 215, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. McMorris:

To the Minister of Highways and Infrastructure: When is the completion date for the remaining seven kilometres of paving of highway into Pelican Narrows?

Answer:

The remaining seven kilometres into Pelican Narrows is not on the Five-Year Capital Plan.

NOTICE OF MOTION FOR A SEVENTY-FIVE MINUTE DEBATE

On Thursday:

Mr. Hickie to move the following motion:

That this Assembly supports the government's actions and investment in post-secondary education across the province so that Saskatchewan is prepared for growth by continuing to be a leader in research, innovation, and support for students.

NOTICE OF PRIORITY ITEMS

No. 1 (Opposition)

ADJOURNED DEBATES

On the proposed motion of Mr. Wotherspoon:

That **Bill No. 605 – *The Public-Private Partnerships Transparency and Accountability Act*** – be now read a second time.

(Mr. Belanger)
To be voted

No. 2 (Government)

Not submitted – Item of business determined pursuant to Rule 24(4).

NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The following questions were given notice on day no. 20 and are to be answered by day no. 25:

Mr. McCall, to ask the government the following Question No. 216:

To the Minister of Central Services: (1) What was the cost of contracts with First4DB in 2010? (2) 2011? (3) 2012? (4) 2013?

Mr. McCall, to ask the government the following Question No. 217:

To the Minister of Central Services: When were contracts with First4DB first awarded?

Mr. McCall, to ask the government the following Question No. 218:

To the Minister of Central Services: (1) What was the cost of contracts with Raven Bay in 2010? (2) 2011? (3) 2012? (4) 2013?

Mr. McCall, to ask the government the following Question No. 219:

To the Minister of Central Services: When were contracts with Raven Bay first awarded?

Mr. McCall, to ask the government the following Question No. 220:

To the Minister of Central Services: (1) What was the cost of migrating databases for the Ministry of Advanced Education from Oracle to AIX in 2010? (2) 2011? (3) 2012? (4) 2013?

Mr. McCall, to ask the government the following Question No. 221:

To the Minister of Central Services: (1) What was the cost of developing AIX-based databases for the Ministry of Justice in 2010? (2) 2011? (3) 2012? (4) 2013?

Mr. McCall, to ask the government the following Question No. 222:

To the Minister of Central Services: (1) What was the cost of developing AIX-based databases for the Ministry of Social Services in 2010? (2) 2011? (3) 2012? (4) 2013?