

No. 47

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

THIRD SESSION – TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Tuesday, April 8, 2014

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, Wotherspoon, Vermette, Belanger, Sproule, and Steinley.

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 immediately prioritize education.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 591)

Of citizens of the province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to enact legislation requiring parental consent for abortion.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 657)

Of citizens of the province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to take action to repair the damage caused by heavy haul traffic on Dewdney Avenue in the city of Regina.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 660)

Of citizens of the province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to commit to repairing and upgrading Highway 918.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 665)

Of citizens of the province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to commit to enact a plan and allocate funding to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and help families transition to energy efficient homes.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 668)

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON CROWN AND CENTRAL AGENCIES RAPPORT DU COMITÉ PERMANENT DES SOCIÉTÉS D'ÉTAT ET DES ORGANISMES CENTRAUX

The following bill was reported without amendment and consideration in Committee of the Whole on Bills having been waived, by leave of the Assembly, it was read the third time and passed:

Le projet de loi suivant est rapporté sans amendement et avec la permission de l'Assemblée de passer outre au renvoi au Comité plénier sur les projets de loi, est lu une troisième fois et adopté:

Bill No. 122 – The Alcohol and Gaming Regulation Amendment Act, 2013 (No. 2) Projet de loi nº 122 – Loi nº 2 de 2013 modifiant la Loi de 1997 sur la réglementation des boissons alcoolisées et des jeux de hasard

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 326 to 330, they were answered. (See Appendix)

SECOND READINGS / DEUXIÈME LECTURE

Bill No. 132 – The Public Guardian and Trustee Amendment Act, 2014 (No. 2)

The Hon. Mr. Wyant, 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. 132 – The Public Guardian and Trustee Amendment Act, 2014 (No. 2) – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 133 – The Queen's Bench Amendment Act, 2014 Projet de loi nº 133 – Loi de 2014 modifiant la Loi de 1998 sur la Cour du Banc de la Reine

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Wyant: That Bill No. 133 – The Queen's Bench Amendment Act, 2014 – be now read a second time.

L'hon. M. Wyant propose: Que le projet de loi n° 133 – Loi de 2014 modifiant la Loi de 1998 sur la Cour du Banc de la Reine – soit maintenant lu une deuxième fois.

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

Il s'élève un débat et sur motion de M. Belanger, le débat est ajourné.

Bill No. 134 – The Financial Administration Amendment Act, 2014

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Krawetz: That Bill No. 134 – The Financial Administration Amendment Act, 2014 – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 135 – The Income Tax Amendment Act, 2014

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. 135 – The Income Tax Amendment Act, 2014 – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 136 – The Oil and Gas Conservation Amendment Act, 2014

The Hon. Mr. McMillan, 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. 136 – The Oil and Gas Conservation Amendment Act, 2014 – be now read a second time.

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

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Wyant:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 3:17 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. Ms. Harpauer:

Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements for Saskatchewan Opportunities Corporation for the year ended December 31, 2013

(Sessional Paper No. 679)

Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements for SGI Canada for the year ended December 31, 2013

(Sessional Paper No. 680)

Annual Report and Financial Statements for Saskatchewan Auto Fund for the year ended December 31, 2013

(Sessional Paper No. 681)

Annual Report and Financial Statements for Saskatchewan Government Insurance Superannuation Plan for the year ended December 31, 2013

(Sessional Paper No. 682)

Annual Report and Financial Statements for Insurance Company of Prince Edward Island for the year ended December 31, 2013

(Sessional Paper No. 683)

Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements for SGI Canada Insurance Services Ltd. for the year ended December 31, 2013

(Sessional Paper No. 684)

Annual Report and Financial Statements for Coachman Insurance Company for the year ended December 31, 2013

(Sessional Paper No. 685)

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Mr. Forbes asked the government the following Question No. 326, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Education: Is the Saskatchewan teachers' retirement plan listed by the Saskatchewan government a defined purchase plan or a defined benefit plan?

Answer:

The Saskatchewan teachers' retirement plan is listed as a defined benefit plan. The employer's contribution rate is limited to the rate established through collective bargaining.

Mr. Forbes asked the government the following Question No. 327, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety: Are substitute teachers employed by Saskatchewan school divisions excluded by regulations (Order in Council 84/2014) from the provisions of *The Worker's Compensation Act*, 2013?

Answer:

No, substitute teachers are now entitled to workers' compensation coverage.

Mr. Forbes asked the government the following Question No. 328, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety: (1) Was the late night robbery of the Shell service station at Hague, Saskatchewan (4:00 a.m., Friday, February 14, 2014) investigated by occupational health and safety officials? (2) If so, was the workplace in compliance with occupational health and safety regulations section 37.1?

Answer:

- (1) No, robberies are a criminal matter and would be investigated by the appropriate police agency. Occupational health and safety investigates when they are notified of a serious workplace injury or fatality.
- (2) N/A

Mr. Forbes asked the government the following Question No. 329, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety: (1) Was the late night robbery of a business in the 300 block of Idylwyld Drive North, Saskatoon (3:50 a.m., Sunday, March 23, 2014) investigated by occupational health and safety officials? (2) If so, was the workplace in compliance with occupational health and safety regulations section 37.1?

Answer:

- (1) No, robberies are a criminal matter and would be investigated by the appropriate police agency. Occupational health and safety investigates when they are notified of a serious workplace injury or fatality.
- (2) N/A

Mr. Forbes asked the government the following Question No. 330, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Morgan:

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety: (1) How many late night retail businesses have been investigated by occupational health and safety officials? (2) If any, were the workplaces in compliance with occupational health and safety regulations section 37.1?

Answer:

- (1) 41
- (2) Yes.

NOTICE OF MOTION FOR A SEVENTY-FIVE MINUTE DEBATE

On Thursday:

Mr. Docherty to move the following motion:

That this Assembly commend the government's initiatives to make Saskatchewan the best place in Canada for someone with a disability to live, work, and raise a family.

NOTICE OF PRIORITY ITEMS

No. 1 (Opposition)

ADJOURNED DEBATES

On the proposed motion of Ms. Chartier:

That Bill No. 606 – The Residents-in-care Bill of Rights Act, 2014 – be now read a second time.

(Mr. McCall)

Adjourned once

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. 44 and are to be answered by day no. 49:

Mr. Forbes, to ask the government the following Question No. 331:

To the Minister of Education: (1) What were all of the expenses incurred by the Ministry of Education in the 2013-14 fiscal year for the government's bullying initiative? (2) What was the amount spent on each?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the government the following Question No. 332:

To the Minister of Education: (1) What are all of the expenses expected to be incurred by the Ministry of Education in the 2014-15 fiscal year for the government's bullying initiative concerning online reporting? (2) What was the amount allocated to each?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the government the following Question No. 333:

To the Minister of Education: (1) What are all of the expenses incurred or planned to be incurred by the Ministry of Education in its partnership with the SaskTel I Am Stronger campaign to house anti-bullying resources in conjunction with the government's bullying initiative? (2) What was the amount allocated to each?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the government the following Question No. 334:

To the Minister of Education: (1) What are all of the expenses incurred or planned to be incurred by the Ministry of Education to develop an anonymous reporting tool in conjunction with the government's bullying initiative? (2) What was the amount allocated to each?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the government the following Question No. 335:

To the Minister of Education: (1) What are all of the expenses incurred or planned to be incurred by the Ministry of Education to develop an anonymous smartphone-friendly internet reporting tool in conjunction with the government's bullying initiative? (2) What was the amount allocated to each?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the government the following Question No. 336:

To the Minister of Education: (1) What are all of the expenses incurred or planned to be incurred by the Ministry of Education to develop and to distribute a handout which promotes the establishment of gay-straight alliances and understanding of LGBTQ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and/or questioning) students, in conjunction with the government's bullying initiative? (2) What was the amount allocated to each?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the government the following Question No. 337:

To the Minister of Education: (1) What are all of the expenses incurred or planned to be incurred by the Ministry of Education to strike a provincial advisory body to establish consistent policies and protocols across school divisions, in conjunction with the government's bullying initiative? (2) What was the amount allocated to each?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the government the following Question No. 338:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) What were all of the occupational health and safety prosecutions successfully concluded since November 7, 2012? (2) What was the specific regulation or legislation violated in each of these successful prosecutions that triggered each of those prosecutions? (3) What was the resulting penalty of each of those prosecutions?

Mr. Forbes, to ask the government the following Question No. 339:

To the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety: (1) What were all of the occupational health and safety prosecutions successfully concluded since November 7, 2012? (2) What was the specific regulation or legislation violated in each of these successful prosecutions that triggered each of those prosecutions? (3) What was the resulting penalty of each of those prosecutions?