



No. 25

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

FOURTH SESSION – TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Monday, December 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, and Vermette.

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 stop its plan to scale back health care services in Craik.

(Sessional Paper No. 56)

Of citizens of the province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to reverse its policy of allowing private developers to default on fixed-price contracts for affordable housing projects.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 6)

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. 7)

Of citizens of the province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to take responsibility for its failure to act on readily available information about safety concerns with its smart meter program.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 29)

Of citizens of the province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to increase staffing levels to match the level of needs of residents in long-term care facilities.

(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 build a residential and day program for persons with intellectual disabilities in the Creighton/Denare Beach region.

(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 cancel privatization in the corrections and young offender facilities.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 41)

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 585, 587 to 589, and 591 to 606, they were answered. (See Appendix)

The Order of the Day being called for Question No. 586, the answer was tabled and, by reason of its length, converted by the Clerk to Return No. 426 pursuant to Rule 21(7).

(Sessional Paper No. 58)

The Order of the Day being called for Question No. 590, pursuant to Rule 21(6), the question was converted and an Order for Return was issued:

Mr. Belanger, for Return No. 427 showing:

To the Minister of Highways and Infrastructure: The cost of the studies on the Highway 1 southeast bypass that was paid to the consultants.

ADJOURNED DEBATES

Bill No. 171 – The Saskatchewan Human Rights Code Amendment Act, 2014

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Wyant: That Bill No. 171 – The Saskatchewan Human Rights Code Amendment Act, 2014 – 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. Wyant, in accordance with Rule 85, Bill No. 171 – The Saskatchewan Human Rights Code Amendment Act, 2014 – was committed to a Committee of the Whole on Bills.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ON BILLS

The Assembly resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bills to consider Bill No. 171 – The Saskatchewan Human Rights Code Amendment Act, 2014.

The following bill was reported without amendment:

Bill No. 171 – The Saskatchewan Human Rights Code Amendment Act, 2014

The committee was given leave to sit again.

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Wyant: That Bill No. 171 – The Saskatchewan Human Rights Code Amendment Act, 2014 – be now read a third time and passed under its title.

The question being put, it was agreed to on the following Recorded Division:

YEAS – 53

Wall	Morgan	Stewart	Wyant	Duncan
Krawetz	Boyd	Eagles	McMorris	Reiter
Harpauer	Doherty	Moe	Docherty	Campeau
Heppner	Cheveldayoff	Harrison	Tell	Ottenbreit
Norris	Hart	Kirsch	Bjornerud	Makowsky
Weekes	Cox	Draude	Wilson	Marchuk
Ross	Bradshaw	Michelson	Merriman	Hutchinson
Young	Jurgens	Steinley	Hickie	Lawrence
Tochor	Parent	Phillips	Doke	Broten
Forbes	Wotherspoon	Vermette	Belanger	Chartier
McCall	Nilson	Sproule		

NAYS – NIL

The said bill was, accordingly, read the third time and passed.

ROYAL ASSENT

2:46 p.m.

Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, having entered the Chamber, took her seat upon the Throne.

The Speaker addressed Her Honour:

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

This Legislative Assembly at its present Session has passed a bill which, in the name of the Assembly, I present to Your Honour and to which bill I respectfully request Your Honour's Assent.

The Clerk of the Assembly then read the title of the bill that had been passed as follows:

Bill No. 171 – The Saskatchewan Human Rights Code Amendment Act, 2014

Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor then replied: “In Her Majesty’s name, I assent to this bill.”

The Speaker then said:

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

This Legislative Assembly has voted the supplies required to enable the Government to defray the expenses of the Public Service. In the name of the Assembly I present to Your Honour the following bill, to which bill I respectfully request Your Honour’s Assent:

Bill No. 173 – The Appropriation Act, 2014 (No. 2)

Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor then replied: “In Her Majesty’s name, I thank the Legislative Assembly, accept their benevolence, and assent to this bill”.

Her Honour then retired from the Chamber.

2:49 p.m.

SECOND READINGS / DEUXIÈME LECTURE

Bill No. 174 – The Registered Teachers Act

The Hon. Mr. Morgan, 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. 174 – The Registered Teachers Act – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 175 – The Registered Teachers Consequential Amendments Act, 2014 **Projet de loi n° 175 – Loi de 2014 portant modifications corrélatives à la loi intitulée The Registered Teachers Act**

The Hon. Mr. Morgan, 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. 175 – The Registered Teachers Consequential Amendments Act, 2014 – be now read a second time.

L’hon. M. Morgan, membre du Conseil exécutif, fait savoir à l’Assemblée que Son Honneur la Lieutenant-gouverneure, ayant été informé de l’objet du projet de loi, le recommande à la considération de l’Assemblée et propose: Que le projet de loi n° 175 – Loi de 2014 portant modifications corrélatives à la loi intitulée The Registered Teachers Act – 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. 176 – The Traffic Safety Amendment Act, 2014 (No. 2)

Moved by the Hon. Mr. McMorris: That Bill No. 176 – The Traffic Safety Amendment Act, 2014 (No. 2) – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 177 – The Insurance Act

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Wyant: That Bill No. 177 – The Insurance Act – be now read a second time.

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

ADJOURNED DEBATES / DÉBATS AJOURNÉS**Bill No. 172 – The Naturopathic Medicine Act**

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Duncan: That Bill No. 172 – The Naturopathic Medicine Act – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 170 – The Fire Safety Act

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Reiter: That Bill No. 170 – The Fire Safety Act – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 145 – The Fee Waiver Act

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Wyant: That Bill No. 145 – The Fee Waiver Act – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 146 – The Fee Waiver Consequential Amendments Act, 2014**Projet de loi n° 146 – Loi de 2014 portant modifications corrélatives à la loi intitulée The Fee Waiver Act**

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Wyant: That Bill No. 146 – The Fee Waiver Consequential Amendments Act, 2014 – be now read a second time.

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

L'Assemblée reprend le débat ajourné sur la motion de l'hon. M. Wyant propose: Que le projet de loi n° 146 – Loi de 2014 portant modifications corrélatives à la loi intitulée The Fee Waiver Act – soit maintenant lu une deuxième fois.

Le débat se poursuit et sur motion de M. Vermette, il est ajourné.

Bill No. 144 – The Victims of Domestic Violence Amendment Act, 2014

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Wyant: That Bill No. 144 – The Victims of Domestic Violence Amendment Act, 2014 – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 152 – The Victims of Domestic Violence Consequential Amendment Act, 2014
Projet de loi n° 152 – Loi de 2014 portant modification corrélative à la loi intitulée The Victims of Domestic Violence Consequential Amendment Act, 2014

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Wyant: That Bill No. 152 – The Victims of Domestic Violence Consequential Amendment Act, 2014 – be now read a second time.

L'Assemblée reprend le débat ajourné sur la motion de l'hon. M. Wyant: Que le projet de loi n° 152 – Loi de 2014 portant modification corrélative à la loi intitulée The Victims of Domestic Violence Consequential Amendment Act, 2014 – soit maintenant lu une deuxième fois.

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

Le débat se poursuit et sur motion de M. Vermette, il est ajourné.

Bill No. 141 – The Archives and Public Records Management Act

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Docherty: That Bill No. 141 – The Archives and Public Records Management Act – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 142 – The Archives and Public Records Management Consequential Amendments Act, 2014
Projet de loi n° 142 – Loi de 2014 portant modifications corrélatives à la loi intitulée The Archives and Public Records Management Act

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Docherty: That Bill No. 142 – The Archives and Public Records Management Consequential Amendments Act, 2014 – be now read a second time.

L'Assemblée reprend le débat ajourné sur la motion de l'hon. M. Docherty: Que le projet de loi n° 142 – Loi de 2014 portant modifications corrélatives à la loi intitulée The Archives and Public Records Management Act – soit maintenant lu une deuxième fois.

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

Le débat se poursuit et sur motion de M. Wotherspoon, il est ajourné.

Bill No. 147 – The Class Actions Amendment Act, 2014
Projet de loi n° 147 – Loi de 2014 modifiant la Loi sur les recours collectifs

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Wyant: That Bill No. 147 – The Class Actions Amendment Act, 2014 – be now read a second time.

L'Assemblée reprend le débat ajourné sur la motion de l'hon. M. Wyant propose: Que le projet de loi n° 147 – Loi de 2014 modifiant la Loi sur les recours collectifs – soit maintenant lu une deuxième fois.

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

Le débat se poursuit et sur motion de Mme Chartier, il est ajourné.

Bill No. 143 – The Degree Authorization Amendment Act, 2014

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Doherty: That Bill No. 143 – The Degree Authorization Amendment Act, 2014 – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 151 – The Pharmacy Amendment Act, 2014

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Duncan: That Bill No. 151 – The Pharmacy Amendment Act, 2014 – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 150 – The Residential Tenancies Amendment Act, 2014

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Wyant: That Bill No. 150 – The Residential Tenancies Amendment Act, 2014 – be now read a second time.

The debate continuing, the Assembly recessed from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

The debate being resumed on Second Reading of Bill No. 150 – The Residential Tenancies Amendment Act, 2014, it was on motion of Ms. Sproule, adjourned.

Bill No. 153 – The Statute Law Amendment Act, 2014

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Wyant: That Bill No. 153 – The Statute Law Amendment Act, 2014 – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 154 – The Statute Law Amendment Act, 2014 (No. 2)
Projet de loi n° 154 – Loi no 2 de 2014 modifiant le droit législatif

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Wyant: That Bill No. 154 – The Statute Law Amendment Act, 2014 (No. 2) – be now read a second time.

L'Assemblée reprend le débat ajourné sur la motion de l'hon. M. Wyant: Que le projet de loi n° 154 – Loi no 2 de 2014 modifiant le droit législatif – soit maintenant lu une deuxième fois.

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

Le débat se poursuit et sur motion de M. Wotherspoon, il est ajourné.

Bill No. 157 – The Human Tissue Gift Act, 2014

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Duncan: That Bill No. 157 – The Human Tissue Gift Act, 2014 – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 155 – The Health Care Directives and Substitute Health Care Decision Makers Act, 2014
Projet de loi n° 155 – Loi de 2014 sur les directives et les subrogés en matière de soins de santé

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Wyant: That Bill No. 155 – The Health Care Directives and Substitute Health Care Decision Makers Act, 2014 – be now read a second time.

L'Assemblée reprend le débat ajourné sur la motion de l'hon. M. Wyant: Que le projet de loi n° 155 – Loi de 2014 sur les directives et les subrogés en matière de soins de santé – soit maintenant lu une deuxième fois.

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

Le débat se poursuit et sur motion de M. Forbes, il est ajourné.

**Bill No. 156 – The Health Care Directives and Substitute Health Care Decision Makers
Consequential Amendments Act, 2014**

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Wyant: That Bill No. 156 – The Health Care Directives and Substitute Health Care Decision Makers Consequential Amendments Act, 2014 – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 159 – The Family Farm Credit Repeal Act

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Stewart: That Bill No. 159 – The Family Farm Credit Repeal Act – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 149 – The Health Administration Amendment Act, 2014

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Duncan: That Bill No. 149 – The Health Administration Amendment Act, 2014 – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 148 – The Vital Statistics Amendment Act, 2014**Projet de loi n° 148 – Loi de 2014 modifiant la Loi de 2009 sur les services de l'état civil**

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Duncan: That Bill No. 148 – The Vital Statistics Amendment Act, 2014 – be now read a second time.

L'Assemblée reprend le débat ajourné sur la motion de l'hon. M. Duncan: Que le projet de loi n° 148 – Loi de 2014 modifiant la Loi de 2009 sur les services de l'état civil – soit maintenant lu une deuxième fois.

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

Le débat se poursuit et sur motion de M. Wotherspoon, il est ajourné.

Bill No. 158 – The Saskatchewan Pension Plan Amendment Act, 2014

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Krawetz: That Bill No. 158 – The Saskatchewan Pension Plan Amendment Act, 2014 – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 162 – The Enforcement of Money Judgments Amendment Act, 2014

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Wyant: That Bill No. 162 – The Enforcement of Money Judgments Amendment Act, 2014 – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 161 – The Wildlife Amendment Act, 2014**Projet de loi n° 161 – Loi de 2014 modifiant la Loi de 1998 sur la faune**

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Moe: That Bill No. 161 – The Wildlife Amendment Act, 2014 – be now read a second time.

L'Assemblée reprend le débat ajourné sur la motion de l'hon. M. Moe: Que le projet de loi n° 161 – Loi de 2014 modifiant la Loi de 1998 sur la faune – soit maintenant lu une deuxième fois.

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

Le débat se poursuit et sur motion de M. Wotherspoon, il est ajourné.

Bill No. 163 – The Education Amendment Act, 2014
Projet de loi n° 163 – Loi de 2014 modifiant la Loi de 1995 sur l'éducation

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Morgan: That Bill No. 163 – The Education Amendment Act, 2014 – 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° 163 – Loi de 2014 modifiant la Loi de 1995 sur l'éducation – soit maintenant lu une deuxième fois.

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

Le débat se poursuit et sur motion de Mme Chartier, il est ajourné.

Bill No. 164 – The Health Information Protection Amendment Act, 2014

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Duncan: That Bill No. 164 – The Health Information Protection Amendment Act, 2014 – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 165 – The Alcohol and Gaming Regulation Amendment Act, 2014 (No. 2)
Projet de loi n° 165 – Loi n° 2 de 2014 modifiant la Loi de 1997 sur la réglementation des boissons alcoolisées et des jeux de hasard

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. McMorris: That Bill No. 165 – The Alcohol and Gaming Regulation Amendment Act, 2014 (No. 2) – be now read a second time.

L'Assemblée reprend le débat ajourné sur la motion de l'hon. M. McMorris: Que le projet de loi n° 165 – Loi n° 2 de 2014 modifiant la Loi de 1997 sur la réglementation des boissons alcoolisées et des jeux de hasard – soit maintenant lu une deuxième fois.

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

Le débat se poursuit et sur motion de M. McCall, il est ajourné.

Bill No. 166 – The Local Government Election Act, 2014

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Reiter: That Bill No. 166 – The Local Government Election Act, 2014 – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 167 – The Local Government Election Consequential Amendments Act, 2014
Projet de loi n° 167 – Loi de 2014 portant modifications corrélatives à la loi intitulée The Local Government Election Act, 2014

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Reiter: That Bill No. 167 – The Local Government Election Consequential Amendments Act, 2014 – be now read a second time.

L'Assemblée reprend le débat ajourné sur la motion de l'hon. M. Reiter: Que le projet de loi n° 167 – Loi de 2014 portant modifications corrélatives à la loi intitulée The Local Government Election Act, 2014 – soit maintenant lu une deuxième fois.

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

Le débat se poursuit et sur motion de Mme Sproule, il est ajourné.

Bill No. 168 – The Government Relations Administration Act

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Reiter: That Bill No. 168 – The Government Relations Administration Act – be now read a second time.

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

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 8:52 p.m. until Monday, March 2, 2015 at 1:30 p.m. pursuant to Rule 3(1).

Hon. Dan D'Autremont
Speaker

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Mr. Belanger asked the government the following Question No. 585, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Heppner:

To the Minister of Highways and Infrastructure: Why was the location of the no. 1 bypass at Tower road the best location to serve the community for 50 years as stated by the ministry of Highways?

Answer:

This location was deemed to be the best option as it took into consideration several criteria:

- Generally accepted engineering principals and the Transportation Association of Canada Standards were used in multiple studies and functional design reports.
- Traffic safety.
- Project cost.
- Proximity to other planned interchanges.
- Planning for future northeast connector.
- Environmental criteria.

As well, significant municipal involvement and public engagement took place during the selection process.

Mr. Belanger asked the government the following Question No. 587, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Heppner:

To the Minister of Highways and Infrastructure: Is the complete Regina Highway 1 bypass functional study available to the public?

Answer:

Numerous studies for the Regina Highway 1 bypass have been completed. Results of the studies outlined in Written Question No. 586 have been shared with the public through open houses.

Mr. Belanger asked the government the following Question No. 588, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Heppner:

To the Minister of Highways and Infrastructure: (1) Did the study for the bypass in 2012/13 look at all options for the no. 1 bypass including Pilot Butte road, Gravel Pit road, and Tower road? (2) Are these studies publicly available?

Answer:

- (1) Yes.
- (2) Yes.

Mr. Belanger asked the government the following Question No. 589, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Heppner:

To the Minister of Highways and Infrastructure: (1) Considering the bypass is intended to best serve the community for 50 years, did the study look at routes from Balgonie going south and/or Highway 46? (2) What would be the functionality, long-term benefits, and cost differences of these choices compared to the route announced?

Answer:

- (1) Yes.
- (2) An engineering performance evaluation takes a number of factors into consideration and assigns a 'weight' to each. The outcomes of the 2012 performance evaluation place the selected route ahead of other potential routes.

Mr. Belanger asked the government the following Question No. 591, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Heppner:

To the Minister of Highways and Infrastructure: (1) What per cent of the vehicle traffic coming into Regina does the ministry anticipate will use the bypass? (2) What per cent of the truck traffic coming into Regina does the ministry anticipate will use the bypass?

Answer:

- (1) The per cent of all vehicles on Highway 1 East, Highway 1 West, and Highway 6 South that are anticipated to use the bypass is approximately 40 per cent. For Highway 33 and Highway 11, this percentage is approximately 30 per cent.
- (2) The per cent of trucks on Highway 1 East that are anticipated to use the bypass is approximately 70 per cent.

Mr. Belanger asked the government the following Question No. 592, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Heppner:

To the Minister of Highways and Infrastructure: (1) How many people are losing their homes and businesses to the Regina Highway 1 bypass at Tower road? (2) How many people would lose their homes and businesses if the bypass was at Gravel Pit road?

Answer:

- (1) Two homes, two businesses, and one ball field facility.
- (2) Two to three homes, three to four businesses. Additionally, Pilot Butte and area (including Ochapowace) would lose direct access to Highway 1.

Mr. Belanger asked the government the following Question No. 593, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Heppner:

To the Minister of Highways and Infrastructure: Why was the proposed location of Highway 1 bypass moved from Tower road to 400 meters east of Tower road?

Answer:

- Allows a broader turn radius to maintain 110 km/hour, free-flow operation for traffic on Highway 1.
- Provides a high level of service for traffic destined to Victoria Avenue.
- Provides a buffer between the Southeast Regina bypass and existing urban development.
- Can provide a connection to the future Northeast Regina bypass if required.
- Moves Highway 33 interchange away from Chuka Creek and meets long term traffic volumes.
- Provides flexibility for future infrastructure at the Tower road and Victoria Avenue intersection, should it be required.
- Ability to keep all lanes on existing Highway 1 open during construction.

Mr. Belanger asked the government the following Question No. 594, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Heppner:

To the Minister of Highways and Infrastructure: Why is the diverging diamond interchange proposed the best interchange to build at Pilot Butte road?

Answer:

The diverging diamond interchange (DDI) has several advantages including:

- Fewer conflict points.
- Better sight distance at turns.
- Ease of left and right turn movements.
- Increased capacity.
- Shorter traffic signal times required.
- Can synchronize traffic signals at ramp terminals to minimize delays.
- U-turns can be easily accommodated.

- Typically requires less right-of-way.
- Construction time reduced.
- The vast majority of open house attendees preferred the DDI.

Mr. Belanger asked the government the following Question No. 595, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Heppner:

To the Minister of Highways and Infrastructure: (1) Has the diverging diamond interchange ever been built in Canada? (2) What studies were completed? (3) What was the rationale to support the diverging diamond interchange at Pilot Butte?

Answer:

- (1) No. However, there are a growing number of diverging diamond interchanges in operation in the United States (US) and Europe.
- (2) Following the implementation of diverging diamond interchanges in the US, surveys have been conducted by transportation officials seeking feedback as to the ease of travel, perceived operations and safety benefits, as well as general comments. Some of the subjective feedback noted through the course of this survey follows:
 - Cost savings may be in the range of 50 to 75 per cent compared to other designs when retrofitting an existing interchange site.
 - Construction time is typically reduced.
 - 97 per cent of drivers felt safer compared to the previous diamond interchange (Missouri DOT survey).
 - Crash data showed a 60 per cent reduction in collisions in a five-month comparison of the old interchange configuration (Missouri DOT).
 - Only 11 reported minor crashes were reported within a five-year time span of implementation (Versailles, France).
 - 95 per cent of drivers felt that there was less congestion compared to the previous diamond interchange (Missouri DOT survey).
 - Mile long queues were eliminated.
- (3) Advantages of the diverging diamond interchange (DDI)
 - Fewer conflict points.
 - Better sight distance at turns.
 - Wrong way entry to ramps difficult.
 - Ease of left and right turn movements.
 - Increased capacity.
 - Better vehicle storage between ramp and terminals.
 - Shorter signal times required.
 - Can synchronize signals at ramp terminals to minimize delays.
 - U-turns can be easily accommodated.
 - Typically requires less right-of-way.
 - Construction time reduced.
 - DDI design is cost effective and performs at an acceptable level of service.

Mr. Belanger asked the government the following Question No. 596, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Heppner:

To the Minister of Highways and Infrastructure: (1) What is the timeline to build the bypass between Highway 48 to Tower road? (2) Between Tower road to Arcola Avenue? (3) Arcola Avenue to Pinkie road?

Answer:

- (1) Three and a half years.
- (2) Three and a half years.
- (3) Three and a half years.

Ms. Sproule asked the government the following Question No. 597, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Moe:

To the Minister Responsible for the Water Security Agency: (1) How much of the \$4 million provided to the Water Security Agency by Environment Canada for the protection of Lenore Lake has been spent to date? (2) What specific improvements, protections, products, or services have been paid for? (3) How much for each individual item?

Answer:

- (1) None of the \$4 million has been spent since it was received.
- (2) N/A
- (3) N/A

Ms. Sproule asked the government the following Question No. 598, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Moe:

To the Minister Responsible for the Water Security Agency: If the full \$4 million provided to the Saskatchewan Water Security Agency from Environment Canada in 2013 for the protection of Lake Lenore has not been spent, what is the planned usage, including amounts, for the remaining funds?

Answer:

The payment was meant to share past and future costs of preventing outflow of saline water from Houghton Lake to Lenore Lake. Water Security Agency continues to prevent overflow of saline water from Houghton Lake to Lenore Lake and has, since 2010, spent in excess of \$4 million on costs related to preventing overflow from Houghton Lake. Due to rising water levels Water Security Agency is currently negotiating with several landowners on additional compensation for flooded lands.

Ms. Sproule asked the government the following Question No. 599, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Moe:

To the Minister Responsible for the Water Security Agency: Prior to the Saskatchewan Watershed Authority blocking the water flow through grid 777 at the outlet from Houghton Lake on May 11, 2010, what was the total number of flooded acres in the RM of Humboldt No. 370?

Answer:

Water Security Agency does not track total flooded acres in any rural municipality.

Ms. Sproule asked the government the following Question No. 600, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Moe:

To the Minister Responsible for the Water Security Agency: Prior to the Saskatchewan Watershed Authority blocking the water flow through grid 777 at the outlet from Houghton Lake on May 11, 2010, as it relates to filed claims through the prairie disaster assistance program (PDAP), what are the names, including amounts, of those receiving PDAP monies in the RM of Humboldt No. 370?

Answer:

The Provincial Disaster Assistance Program (PDAP) is administered by the Ministry of Government Relations.

Ms. Sproule asked the government the following Question No. 601, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Moe:

To the Minister Responsible for the Water Security Agency: Since the Saskatchewan Watershed Authority blocked the water flow through grid 777 at the outlet from Houghton Lake on May 11, 2010, what is the total number of flooded acres in the RM of Humboldt No. 370?

Answer:

Water Security Agency does not track total flooded acres in any rural municipality.

Ms. Sproule asked the government the following Question No. 602, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Moe:

To the Minister Responsible for the Water Security Agency: Since the Saskatchewan Watershed Authority blocked the water flow through grid 777 at the outlet from Houghton Lake on May 11, 2010, as it relates to filed claims through the PDAP, what are the names including amounts, of those receiving PDAP monies in the RM of Humboldt No. 370?

Answer:

The Provincial Disaster Assistance Program (PDAP) is administered by the Ministry of Government Relations.

Ms. Sproule asked the government the following Question No. 603, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Moe:

To the Minister Responsible for the Water Security Agency: Prior to the Saskatchewan Watershed Authority blocking the water flow through grid 777 at the outlet from Houghton Lake on May 11, 2010, what was the total number of flooded acres in the RM of Lake Lenore No. 399?

Answer:

Water Security Agency does not track total flooded acres in any rural municipality.

Ms. Sproule asked the government the following Question No. 604, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Moe:

To the Minister Responsible for the Water Security Agency: Prior to the Saskatchewan Watershed Authority blocking the water flow through grid 777 at the outlet from Houghton Lake on May 11, 2010, as it relates to filed claims through the PDAP, what are the names, including amounts, of those receiving PDAP monies in the RM of Lake Lenore No. 399?

Answer:

The Provincial Disaster Assistance Program (PDAP) is administered by the Ministry of Government Relations.

Ms. Sproule asked the government the following Question No. 605, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Moe:

To the Minister Responsible for the Water Security Agency: Since the Saskatchewan Watershed Authority blocked the water flow through grid 777 at the outlet from Houghton Lake on May 11, 2010, what is the total number of flooded acres in the RM of Lake Lenore No. 399?

Answer:

Water Security Agency does not track total flooded acres in any rural municipality.

Ms. Sproule asked the government the following Question No. 606, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Moe:

To the Minister Responsible for the Water Security Agency: Since the Saskatchewan Watershed Authority blocked the water flow through grid 777 at the outlet from Houghton Lake on May 11, 2010, as it relates to filed claims through the PDAP, what are the names including amounts, of those receiving PDAP monies in the RM of Lake Lenore No. 399?

Answer:

The Provincial Disaster Assistance Program (PDAP) is administered by the Ministry of Government Relations.

NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The following questions were given notice on day no. 25 and are to be answered by day no. 30:

Ms. Chartier, to ask the government the following Question No. 607:

To the Minister of Health: (1) How many personal care homes were operating in the province in 2007? (2) 2008? (3) 2009? (4) 2010? (5) 2011? (6) 2012? (7) 2013? (8) 2014 (to date)?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the government the following Question No. 608:

To the Minister of Health: (1) How many personal care homes were opened in the province in 2007? (2) 2008? (3) 2009? (4) 2010? (5) 2011? (6) 2012? (7) 2013? (8) 2014 (to date)?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the government the following Question No. 609:

To the Minister of Health: (1) What are the names of the personal care homes that were opened in the province in 2007? (2) 2008? (3) 2009? (4) 2010? (5) 2011? (6) 2012? (7) 2013? (8) 2014 (to date)?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the government the following Question No. 610:

To the Minister of Health: (1) Who owned the personal care homes that were opened in the province in 2007? (2) 2008? (3) 2009? (4) 2010? (5) 2011? (6) 2012? (7) 2013? (8) 2014 (to date)?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the government the following Question No. 611:

To the Minister of Health: (1) How many personal care home beds were operating in the province in 2007? (2) 2008? (3) 2009? (4) 2010? (5) 2011? (6) 2012? (7) 2013? (8) 2014 (to date)?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the government the following Question No. 612:

To the Minister of Health: (1) How many special care home beds were operating in the province in 2007? (2) 2008? (3) 2009? (4) 2010? (5) 2011? (6) 2012? (7) 2013? (8) 2014 (to date)?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the government the following Question No. 613:

To the Minister of Health: (1) How many long-term care dementia beds were there in special care homes in 2007? (2) 2008? (3) 2009? (4) 2010? (5) 2011? (6) 2012? (7) 2013? (8) 2014 (to date)?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the government the following Question No. 614:

To the Minister of Health: (1) How many long-term care respite beds were there in special care homes in 2007? (2) 2008? (3) 2009? (4) 2010? (5) 2011? (6) 2012? (7) 2013? (8) 2014 (to date)?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the government the following Question No. 615:

To the Minister of Health: (1) How many long-term care stroke beds were there in special care homes in 2007? (2) 2008? (3) 2009? (4) 2010? (5) 2011? (6) 2012? (7) 2013? (8) 2014 (to date)?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the government the following Question No. 616:

To the Minister of Health: (1) How many long-term care transition beds were there in special care homes in 2007? (2) 2008? (3) 2009? (4) 2010? (5) 2011? (6) 2012? (7) 2013? (8) 2014 (to date)?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the government the following Question No. 617:

To the Minister of Health: (1) What was the long-term care bed ratio in 2007? (2) 2008? (3) 2009? (4) 2010? (5) 2011? (6) 2012? (7) 2013? (8) 2014 (to date)?

Ms. Chartier, to ask the government the following Question No. 618:

To the Minister of Health: (1) What is the projected long-term care bed ratio in 2015? (2) 2016? (3) 2017? (4) 2018?