



No. 87

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

FOURTH SESSION – TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Monday, November 23, 2015

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, Belanger, Chartier, and Nilson.

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 undertake meaningful steps to improve the quality of seniors care.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 30)

Of citizens of the province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to stop ignoring schools and start prioritizing students.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 153)

Of citizens of the province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to improve cellular coverage in northern communities.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 224)

Of citizens of the province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to pass *The Respect for Diversity – Student Bill of Rights Act*.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 987)

Of citizens of the province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to immediately increase funding for post-secondary education.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 989)

CONDOLENCE MOTIONS

Moved by the Hon. Mr. McMorris, by leave of the Assembly:

That this Assembly records with sorrow and regret the passing of a former Member of this Assembly and expresses its grateful appreciation of the contribution he made to his community, his constituency and to the province.

Adolph Sylvester Matsalla, who passed away on May 18, 2015 at the age of 89, was a Member of this Legislative Assembly from 1967 until 1982, representing the constituency of Canora for the New Democratic Party. He served as the Minister of Tourism and Renewable Resources.

Mr. Matsalla was born on March 22, 1926 on a small farm in the Rama district. From 1943-52, Mr. Matsalla taught in a number of rural schools. After marrying his first wife, Anne, he worked as the secretary-treasurer for the R.M. of Buchanan for 23 years. Once elected, he continued to hold that position until 1975 when he was appointed to cabinet.

Mr. Matsalla is survived and sadly missed by his second wife, Marcella; and her children, as well as his four children, Les, Marianne, Ronald, and Cheryl and their families; and his stepchildren.

In recording its own deep sense of loss and bereavement, this Assembly expresses its most sincere sympathy to members of the bereaved family.

Moved by the Hon. Mr. McMorris, by leave of the Assembly:

That this Assembly records with sorrow and regret the passing of a former Member of this Assembly and expresses its grateful appreciation of the contribution he made to his community, his constituency and to the province.

Robert “Bob” Pickering, who passed away on June 24, 2015, at the age of 82, was a Member of this Legislative Assembly from 1978 until 1991, representing the constituency of Bengough-Milestone for the Progressive Conservative Party. He served on many committees including the Agriculture, Privileges and Elections, Public Accounts and Crown Corporations committees. Bob also served as the Minister of Rural Affairs, Minister of Rural Development, and Minister of Parks and Renewable Resources.

Mr. Pickering was born on September 19, 1932 in Wilcox, Saskatchewan. He was a grain farmer and a skilled curler. He was inducted into the Canadian Curling Hall of Fame in 1974 for his participation in six Briers.

Mr. Pickering is survived and sadly missed by his wife, Dorothy, and his daughters Laurie, Pattie, and Sheri as well as their families.

In recording its own deep sense of loss and bereavement, this Assembly expresses its most sincere sympathy to members of the bereaved family.

Moved by the Hon. Mr. McMorris, by leave of the Assembly:

That this Assembly records with sorrow and regret the passing of a former Member of this Assembly and expresses its grateful appreciation of the contribution she made to her community, her constituency and to the province.

Joan Duncan who passed away on September 23, 2015, was a Member of this Legislative Assembly from 1978 until 1991, representing the constituency of Maple Creek for the Progressive Conservative Party. Ms. Duncan, along with one other member, were the first female cabinet ministers appointed in Saskatchewan history. Ms. Duncan held many ministerial positions during her term such as, Minister of Government Services, Consumer and Commercial Affairs, Co-operation and Co-operative Development, and Economic Development and Tourism.

Ms. Duncan was born on October 30, 1941 in Cudworth, Saskatchewan. She attended primary and secondary school in Wakaw and then studied pharmacy at the University of Saskatchewan. She and her husband, John, owned and operated Duncan's Drugs in Maple Creek.

Ms. Duncan is survived and sadly missed by her husband, John; their four children, William, Heather, Richard, and Michael and their families.

In recording its own deep sense of loss and bereavement, this Assembly expresses its most sincere sympathy to members of the bereaved family.

Moved by the Hon. Mr. McMorris, by leave of the Assembly:

That this Assembly records with sorrow and regret the passing of a former Member of this Assembly and expresses its grateful appreciation of the contribution she made to her community, her constituency and to the province.

Mary John Batten, who passed away on October 9, 2015, was a Member of this Legislative Assembly from 1956 until 1964, representing the constituency of Humboldt for the Liberal Party.

Ms. Batten was born in Sifton, Manitoba in 1921. She attended the University of Saskatchewan and earned a Bachelor of Arts and a Bachelor of Law degree in 1941 and 1942, respectively. She articulated at the firm of Diefenbaker and Cuelenaere in Prince Albert and was called to the bar in 1944. After her departure from the Legislative Assembly, she was appointed to the District Court in Saskatoon. She was the first woman to hold a federal judicial appointment in Saskatchewan. From 1966 to 1968 she chaired two Royal Commissions, the Prairie Provinces Cost Study Commission and the Public Accountancy Commission. In 1980, Ms. Batten was appointed to the Court of Queen's Bench for Saskatchewan. She was appointed the first female Chief Justice on June 30, 1983. She held that appointment until her retirement in 1989.

The Honourable Mary Batten is survived and sadly missed by her four children, Dick, Justine, Trish, and Jyll, as well as many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

In recording its own deep sense of loss and bereavement, this Assembly expresses its most sincere sympathy to members of the bereaved family.

Moved by the Hon. Mr. McMorris, by leave of the Assembly:

That this Assembly records with sorrow and regret the passing of a former Member of this Assembly and expresses its grateful appreciation of the contribution he made to his community, his constituency and to the province.

Norman Vickar, who passed away on October 17, 2015, at the age of 98, was a Member of this Legislative Assembly from 1975 until 1982, representing the constituency of Melfort for the New Democratic Party. He served as the Minister of Industry and Commerce.

Mr. Vickar was born in 1917 in the farming community of Edenbridge. Prior to becoming a Member of the Legislative Assembly, Mr. Vickar owned a car dealership with his two brothers. He was deeply involved in his community serving as town councillor and Mayor of Melfort.

Mr. Vickar is survived and sadly missed by his wife of 68 years, Florence, their children, Larry, Reva and Faye, their spouses, their many grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

In recording its own deep sense of loss and bereavement, this Assembly expresses its most sincere sympathy to members of the bereaved family.

TRANSMITTAL MOTION

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

Ordered, That notwithstanding Rule 8(2) of *The Rules and Procedures of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan*, the Speaker on behalf of the Legislative Assembly transmit an audio-video record of the tributes, together with the verbatim record, and the *Votes and Proceedings* to the bereaved families in memory of the deceased Members.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Cheveldayoff:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 3:57 p.m. until Tuesday at 1:30 p.m.

Hon. Dan D'Autremont
Speaker

NOTICE OF WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The following questions were given notice on day no. 84 and are to be answered by day no. 89:

Ms. Sproule, to ask the government the following Question No. 1095:

To the Minister of Agriculture: (1) What revenue was generated from the leased land that is currently being offered for sale under the new agricultural Crown land sale incentive program for 2011? (2) 2012? (3) 2013? (4) 2014? (5) 2015 (to date)?

Mr. Belanger, to ask the government the following Question No. 1096:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Government Insurance: For the Meadow Lake area, how many times were tow-truck services contracted by SGI (Saskatchewan Government Insurance) from January 2014 to date?

Mr. Belanger, to ask the government the following Question No. 1097:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Government Insurance: For the Meadow Lake area, what are the names of each company utilized for tow-truck services contracted by SGI from January 2014 to date?

Mr. Belanger, to ask the government the following Question No. 1098:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Government Insurance: For the Meadow Lake area, how often was each company used for tow-truck services contracted by SGI from January 2014 to date?

The following questions were given notice on day no. 85 and are to be answered by day no. 90:

Ms. Sproule, to ask the government the following Question No. 1099:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority: For each government liquor store identified for conversion, what was the identified value for capital investments required?

Ms. Sproule, to ask the government the following Question No. 1100:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority: (1) For each government liquor store identified for conversion, what was the cost of salaries and benefits for 2012? (2) 2013? (3) 2014? (4) 2015 (to date)?

Ms. Sproule, to ask the government the following Question No. 1101:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority: (1) For each government liquor store identified for conversion, what was the cost of rent for 2012? (2) 2013? (3) 2014? (4) 2015 (to date)?

Ms. Sproule, to ask the government the following Question No. 1102:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority: (1) For each government liquor store identified for conversion, what was the cost of inventory for 2012? (2) 2013? (3) 2014? (4) 2015 (to date)?

Ms. Sproule, to ask the government the following Question No. 1103:

To the Minister Responsible for Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority: (1) For each government liquor store identified for conversion, what were the head office and warehouse costs as a percentage of sales for 2012? (2) 2013? (3) 2014? (4) 2015 (to date)?