



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF SASKATCHEWAN

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF SASKATCHEWAN

Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan:	Honourable John E.N. Wiebe ¹
Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan:	Honourable Lynda M. Haverstock ²
Speaker:	Hon. Ron Osika ³
Speaker:	Hon. Myron Kowalsky ⁴
Premier:	Hon. Roy Romanow ⁵
Premier:	Hon. Lorne Calvert ⁶
Leader of the Opposition:	Elwin Hermanson
Leader of the Liberal Caucus:	Hon. Jim Melenchuk
Deputy Speaker / Chair of Committee of the Whole:	Kim Trew ⁷
Deputy Chair of Committees:	Peter Prebble
Government House Leader:	Hon. Dwain Lingenfelter ⁸
Government House Leader:	Hon. Eldon Lautermilch ⁹
Deputy Government House Leader:	Hon. Harry Van Mulligen ¹⁰
Deputy Government House Leader:	Hon. Patricia Atkinson ¹¹
Opposition House Leader:	Dan D'Autremont
Government Whip:	Myron Kowalsky
Deputy Government Whip:	Kevin Yates
Opposition Whip:	Bob Bjornerud
Deputy Opposition Whip:	Don Toth
Clerk:	Gwenn Ronyk
Deputy Clerk:	Gregory Putz
Clerk Assistant:	Margaret A. Woods
Sergeant-at-Arms:	Patrick Shaw
Legislative Counsel and Law Clerk:	Kenneth Ring
Clerk Assistant (Journals):	Marilyn Kotylak
Assistant Journals Clerk:	Pamela Scott

¹ Until February 21, 2000

² Installed February 21, 2000

³ Resigned February 6, 2001

⁴ Elected March 20, 2001

⁵ Until February 8, 2001

⁶ Appointed February 8, 2001

⁷ Until February 8, 2001

⁸ Until July 10, 2000

⁹ Appointed February 8, 2001

¹⁰ Until February 8, 2001

¹¹ Appointed February 8, 2001

MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF SASKATCHEWAN
First Session of the Twenty-fourth Legislature

Name of Member	Constituency	Political Affiliation
Addley, Graham	Saskatoon Sutherland	NDP
Allchurch, Denis	Shellbrook-Spiritwood	SP
Atkinson, Hon. Pat	Saskatoon Nutana	NDP
Axworthy, Hon. Chris	Saskatoon Fairview	NDP
Bakken, Brenda	Weyburn-Big Muddy	SP
Belanger, Hon. Buckley	Athabasca	NDP
Bjornerud, Bob	Saltcoats	SP
Boyd, Bill	Kindersley	SP
Brkich, Greg P.	Arm River	SP
Calvert, Hon. Lorne ¹	Saskatoon Riversdale	NDP
Cline, Hon. Eric	Saskatoon Mount Royal	NDP
Crofford, Hon. Joanne	Regina Centre	NDP
D'Autremont, Dan	Cannington	SP
Draude, June	Kelvington-Wadena	SP
Eagles, Doreen	Estevan	SP
Elhard, Wayne	Cypress Hills	SP
Gantefoer, Rod	Melfort-Tisdale	SP
Goulet, Hon. Keith	Cumberland	NDP
Hagel, Hon. Glenn	Moose Jaw North	NDP
Hamilton, Hon. Doreen	Regina Wascana Plains	NDP
Harpauer, Donna	Watrous	SP
Harper, Ron	Regina Northeast	NDP
Hart, Glen	Last Mountain-Touchwood	SP
Heppner, Ben	Rosthern	SP
Hermanson, Elwin	Rosetown-Biggar	SP
Higgins, Debbie	Moose Jaw Wakamow	NDP
Hillson, Hon. Jack ²	North Battleford	Lib / Ind ²
Huyghebaert, D.F. (Yogi) ³	Wood River	SP
Jones, Carolyn	Saskatoon Meewasin	NDP
Julé, Arlene	Humboldt	SP
Junor, Hon. Judy	Saskatoon Eastview	NDP
Kasperski, Lindy	Regina Sherwood	NDP

¹ Elected March 19, 2001

² Resigned from Cabinet on February 3, 2001, to take seat as an Independent Member

³ Elected June 26, 2000

Name of Member	Constituency	Political Affiliation
Kowalsky, Myron	Prince Albert Carlton	NDP
Krawetz, Ken	Canora-Pelly	SP
Kwiatkowski, Carl	Carrot River Valley	SP
Lautermilch, Hon. Eldon	Prince Albert Northcote	NDP
Lingenfelter, Hon. Dwain ¹	Regina Elphinstone	NDP
Lorjé, Pat	Saskatoon Southeast	NDP
MacKinnon, Hon. Janice	Saskatoon Idylwyld	NDP
McCall, Warren ²	Regina Elphinstone	NDP
McMorris, Don	Indian Head-Milestone	SP
McPherson, Glen ³	Wood River ³	Lib
Melenchuk, Hon. Jim	Saskatoon Northwest	Lib
Nilson, Hon. John	Regina Lakeview	NDP
Osika, Hon. Ron	Melville	Lib
Peters, Rudi	Battleford-Cut Knife	SP
Prebble, Peter	Saskatoon Greystone	NDP
Romanow, Hon. Roy J. ⁴	Saskatoon Riversdale	NDP
Serby, Hon. Clay	Yorkton	NDP
Sonntag, Hon. Maynard	Meadow Lake	NDP
Stewart, Lyle	Thunder Creek	SP
Thomson, Andrew	Regina South	NDP
Toth, Don	Moosomin	SP
Trew, Kim	Regina Coronation Park	NDP
Van Mulligen, Hon. Harry	Regina Victoria	NDP
Wakefield, Milton	Lloydminster	SP
Wall, Brad	Swift Current	SP
Wartman, Mark	Regina Qu'Appelle Valley	NDP
Weekes, Randy	Redberry Lake	SP
Wiberg, Daryl	Saskatchewan Rivers	SP
Yates, Kevin	Regina Dewdney	NDP

¹ Resigned as Member of the Legislative Assembly August 31, 2000

² Elected February 26, 2001

³ Vacancy pursuant to *The Controverted Elections Act*

⁴ Resigned as Member of the Legislative Assembly February 19, 2001

NDP	New Democratic Party
SP	Saskatchewan Party
Lib	Liberal
Ind	Independent

CONSTITUENCIES REPRESENTED IN THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
SHOWING MEMBERS AND PARTY AFFILIATIONS

Constituency	Name of Member	Political Affiliation
Arm River	Brkich, Greg P.	SP
Athabasca	Belanger, Hon. Buckley	NDP
Battleford-Cut Knife	Peters, Rudi	SP
Cannington	D'Autremont, Dan	SP
Canora-Pelly	Krawetz, Ken	SP
Carrot River Valley	Kwiatkowski, Carl	SP
Cumberland	Goulet, Hon. Keith	NDP
Cypress Hills	Elhard, Wayne	SP
Estevan	Eagles, Doreen	SP
Humboldt	Julé, Arlene	SP
Indian Head-Milestone	McMorris, Don	SP
Kelvington-Wadena	Draude, June	SP
Kindersley	Boyd, Bill	SP
Last Mountain-Touchwood	Hart, Glen	SP
Lloydminster	Wakefield, Milton	SP
Meadow Lake	Sonntag, Hon. Maynard	NDP
Melfort-Tisdale	Gantfoer, Rod	SP
Melville	Osika, Hon. Ron	Lib
Moose Jaw North	Hagel, Hon. Glenn	NDP
Moose Jaw Wakamow	Higgins, Debbie	NDP
Moosomin	Toth, Don	SP
North Battleford	Hillson, Hon. Jack ¹	Lib / Ind ¹
Prince Albert Carlton	Kowalsky, Myron	NDP
Prince Albert Northcote	Lautermilch, Hon. Eldon	NDP
Redberry Lake	Weekes, Randy	SP
Regina Centre	Crofford, Hon. Joanne	NDP
Regina Coronation Park	Trew, Kim	NDP
Regina Dewdney	Yates, Kevin	NDP
Regina Elphinstone ²	Lingenfelter, Hon. Dwain	NDP
Regina Elphinstone	McCall, Warren ³	NDP
Regina Lakeview	Nilson, Hon. John	NDP

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² Vacant August 31, 2000

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Constituency	Name of Member	Political Affiliation
Regina Northeast	Harper, Ron	NDP
Regina Qu'Appelle Valley	Wartman, Mark	NDP
Regina Sherwood	Kasperski, Lindy	NDP
Regina South	Thomson, Andrew	NDP
Regina Victoria	Van Mulligen, Hon. Harry	NDP
Regina Wascana Plains	Hamilton, Hon. Doreen	NDP
Rosetown-Biggan	Hermanson, Elwin	SP
Rosthern	Heppner, Ben	SP
Saltcoats	Bjornerud, Bob	SP
Saskatchewan Rivers	Wiberg, Daryl	SP
Saskatoon Eastview	Junor, Hon. Judy	NDP
Saskatoon Fairview	Axworthy, Hon. Chris	NDP
Saskatoon Greystone	Prebble, Peter	NDP
Saskatoon Idylwyld	MacKinnon, Hon. Janice	NDP
Saskatoon Meewasin	Jones, Carolyn	NDP
Saskatoon Mount Royal	Cline, Hon. Eric	NDP
Saskatoon Northwest	Melenchuk, Hon. Jim	Lib
Saskatoon Nutana	Atkinson, Hon. Pat	NDP
Saskatoon Riversdale ¹	Romanow, Hon. Roy J.	NDP
Saskatoon Riversdale ²	Calvert, Hon. Lorne ²	NDP
Saskatoon Southeast	Lorjé, Pat	NDP
Saskatoon Sutherland	Addley, Graham	NDP
Shellbrook-Spiritwood	Allchurch, Denis	SP
Swift Current	Wall, Brad	SP
Thunder Creek	Stewart, Lyle	SP
Watrous	Harpauer, Donna	SP
Weyburn-Big Muddy	Bakken, Brenda	SP
Wood River	Huyghebaert, D.F. (Yogi) ³	SP
Wood River ⁴	McPherson, Glen	Lib
Yorkton	Serby, Hon. Clay	NDP

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² Elected March 19, 2001

³ Elected June 26, 2000

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CABINET MINISTERS

Portfolio	Minister (Sept. 30/99 to July 10/00)	Minister (July 10/00 to Feb. 8/01)	Minister (Feb. 8/01)
Premier	Hon. Roy Romanow	Hon. Roy Romanow	Hon. Lorne Calvert
Deputy Premier	Hon. Dwain Lingenfelter		Hon. Clay Serby
Aboriginal Affairs			Hon. Pat Lorjé
Agriculture and Food	Hon. Dwain Lingenfelter	Hon. Clay Serby	Hon. Clay Serby
Crown Investments Corporation	Hon. John Nilson	Hon. John Nilson	Hon. Janice MacKinnon ¹
Culture, Youth and Recreation			Hon. Joanne Crofford
Disability Issues	Hon. Harry Van Mulligen	Hon. Harry Van Mulligen	Hon. Harry Van Mulligen
Economic and Co-operative Development	Hon. Janice MacKinnon	Hon. Janice MacKinnon	Hon. Eldon Lautermilch
Education	Hon. Jim Melenchuk	Hon. Jim Melenchuk	Hon. Jim Melenchuk
Energy and Mines	Hon. Eldon Lautermilch	Hon. Eldon Lautermilch	Hon. Maynard Sonntag
Environment and Resource Management	Hon. Buckley Belanger	Hon. Buckley Belanger	Hon. Buckley Belanger
Finance	Hon. Eric Cline	Hon. Eric Cline	Hon. Eric Cline
Gaming	Hon. Joanne Crofford	Hon. Joanne Crofford	Hon. Kim Trew
Health	Hon. Patricia Atkinson	Hon. Patricia Atkinson	Hon. John Nilson
Health (Associate)	Hon. Judy Junor	Hon. Judy Junor	
Highways and Transportation	Hon. Maynard Sonntag	Hon. Maynard Sonntag	Hon. Patricia Atkinson
Information Highway	Hon. Janice MacKinnon	Hon. Janice MacKinnon	Hon. Joanne Crofford
Intergovernmental Affairs			Hon. Chris Axworthy
Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs	Hon. Jack Hillson	Hon. Jack Hillson ²	
Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs (Associate)	Hon. Buckley Belanger	Hon. Buckley Belanger	
Justice and Attorney General	Hon. Chris Axworthy	Hon. Chris Axworthy	Hon. Chris Axworthy
Labour	Hon. Joanne Crofford	Hon. Joanne Crofford	Hon. Kim Trew
Municipal Affairs and Housing			Hon. Ron Osika
Municipal Affairs, Culture and Housing	Hon. Clay Serby	Hon. Jack Hillson ²	
Northern Affairs	Hon. Keith Goulet	Hon. Keith Goulet	Hon. Keith Goulet
Post-Secondary Education and Skills Training	Hon. Glenn Hagel	Hon. Glenn Hagel	Hon. Glenn Hagel
Provincial Secretary	Hon. Jack Hillson	Hon. Jack Hillson ²	Hon. Pat Lorjé
Rural Revitalization			Hon. Patricia Atkinson
Saskatchewan Property Management Corporation	Hon. Doreen Hamilton	Hon. Doreen Hamilton	Hon. Doreen Hamilton
Seniors	Hon. Judy Junor	Hon. Judy Junor	Hon. John Nilson
Social Services	Hon. Harry Van Mulligen	Hon. Harry Van Mulligen	Hon. Harry Van Mulligen
Status of Women	Hon. Joanne Crofford	Hon. Joanne Crofford	Hon. Doreen Hamilton

¹ Resigned from Cabinet on March 2, 2001. Hon. Mr. Sonntag assumed responsibility for this portfolio on March 2, 2001.

² Resigned from Cabinet on February 3, 2001, to take seat as an Independent Member. Between February 3 to 8, 2001, Hon. Roy Romanow assumed Hon. Jack Hillson's responsibilities.

STANDING, SELECT, AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES
for the
First Session of the Twenty-fourth Legislature

STANDING COMMITTEES

Agriculture

Boyd
 Bjornerud
 Harpauer
 Harper
 Lingenfelter
 Melenchuk
 Serby
 Wartman
 Weekes
(Membership – 9)

Communication

Speaker Osika (Chair)
 D’Autremont
 Eagles
 Gantefoer
 Jones
 Prebble
 Thomson
 Trew
 Wall
(Membership – 9)

Constitutional Affairs

Addley
 Bakken
 Julé
 Kasperski
 Thomson
 Trew
 Wall
(Membership – 7)

Crown Corporations

Addley
 Brkich
 Elhard
 Harper
 Heppner
 Kasperski
 McMorris
 Prebble
 Thomson
 Yates
(Membership – 10)

Education

Draude
 Hart
 Higgins
 Kowalsky
 Peters
 Prebble
 Thomson
(Membership – 7)

Environment

Elhard
 Harper
 Hart
 Jones
 Kwiatkowski
 Prebble
 Wartman
(Membership – 7)

STANDING COMMITTEES – continued

Estimates

Addley
 Harpauer
 Harper
 Jones
 Krawetz
 Prebble
 Wakefield
 Wiberg
 Yates
 (Membership – 9)

Non-Controversial Bills

Addley
 Draude
 Eagles
 Higgins
 Kowalsky
 Peters
 Weekes
 (Membership – 7)

Privileges and Elections

Cline
 Hillson
 Kasperski
 Kowalsky
 Krawetz
 Nilson
 Stewart
 Toth
 Wakefield
 (Membership – 9)

Municipal Law

Addley
 Bjornerud
 McMorris
 Trew
 Wartman
 Wiberg
 Yates
 (Membership – 7)

Private Members' Bills

Allchurch
 Boyd
 Brkich
 Higgins
 Julé
 Kasperski
 Kowalsky
 Wartman
 Yates
 (Membership – 9)

Public Accounts

Gantefoer
 Higgins
 Jones
 Kowalsky (until May 2/00)
 Krawetz
 Kwiatkowski
 Lorjé (appointed May 2/00)
 Stewart
 Trew
 Wakefield
 Wartman
 (Membership – 10)

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Nominating

Lingenfelter
 Bjornerud
 D'Autremont
 Kasperski
 Van Mulligen
 (Membership – 5)

***To Prevent the Abuse and Exploitation
of Children Through the Sex Trade***

Julé
 Prebble
 Harper
 Jones
 Yates
 Toth
 Draude
 (Membership – 7)

Regulations

Allchurch
 Bakken
 Harper
 Hart
 Higgins
 Jones
 Thomson
 Toth
 Yates
 (Membership – 9)

Rules and Procedures

Speaker Osika (Chair)
 D'Autremont
 Higgins
 Hillson
 Kowalsky
 Krawetz (until April 28/00)
 Kwiatkowski
 McMorris (appointed April 28/00)
 Thomson
 (Membership – 8)

Tobacco Control

Addley
 Bakken
 Bjornerud
 Eagles
 Higgins
 Kowalsky
 Wartman
 (Membership – 7)

SELECT COMMITTEE

Continuing Select

Bakken
 Boyd
 D'Autremont
 Kasperski
 Kowalsky
 Lingenfelter
 Melenchuk
 Trew
 Weekes
 (Membership – 9)

John E. N. Wiebe
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

CANADA

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

ELIZABETH THE SECOND, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom, Canada and Her other Realms and Territories QUEEN, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith.

To all to whom these Presents shall come, GREETING:

A PROCLAMATION

Darryl Bogdasavich
A / Deputy Attorney General

TO OUR FAITHFUL THE MEMBERS elected to serve in the Legislative Assembly by Our Province of Saskatchewan and to every one of you GREETING;

WHEREAS it is expedient for causes and considerations to convene the First Session of the Twenty-Fourth Legislative Assembly of our Province of Saskatchewan,

AND WHEREAS our proclamation of the Thirtieth day of November, 1999, did fix MONDAY, the SIXTH day of DECEMBER, 1999 at 2:00 P.M. as the day and time for the First Session of the Twenty-Fourth Legislative Assembly of our Province of Saskatchewan,

AND WHEREAS our Executive Council has now recommended that the First Session of the Twenty-Fourth Legislative Assembly of our Province of Saskatchewan do convene on MONDAY, the SIXTH day of DECEMBER, 1999 at 10:00 A.M.

NOW KNOW YE THAT WE DO WILL that you and each of you and all others in this behalf interested on MONDAY, the SIXTH day of DECEMBER, 1999 at 10:00 A.M. at our City of Regina, personally be and appear for the DESPATCH OF BUSINESS, there to take into consideration the state and welfare of our said Province of Saskatchewan and thereby to do as may seem necessary, HEREIN FAIL NOT.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF we have caused the Great Seal of Our Province of Saskatchewan to be hereunto affixed.

WITNESS: Our right trusty and well beloved the Honourable John Edward Neil Wiebe, Lieutenant Governor of our Province of Saskatchewan.

AT OUR CAPITAL CITY OF REGINA, in Our said Province, this second day of December, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and NINETY-NINE and in the FORTY-EIGHTH year of Our Reign.

By Command,
Paul Osborne
A / Deputy Provincial Secretary

J O U R N A L S
of the
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
of the
PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

First Session

Twenty-Fourth Legislature

MONDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1999
(1ST DAY)

10:00 a.m.

This being the first day of the meeting of the First Session of the Twenty-fourth Legislature of the Province of Saskatchewan for the despatch of business, pursuant to a Proclamation of His Honour the Honourable John E.N. Wiebe, Lieutenant Governor of the province, dated the second day of December, 1999, Jan Baker, Chief Electoral Officer, delivered to Gwenn Ronyk, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, a Roll containing a list of names of such Members as had been returned to serve in this Legislature, as follows:

Regina, Saskatchewan
October 12, 1999

To: Gwenn Ronyk
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan

This is to certify that by reason of the dissolution of the Twenty-third Legislative Assembly of the Province of Saskatchewan and by virtue of the writ of election dated the nineteenth day of August last, and addressed to the hereinafter mentioned persons as returning officers for the provincial constituencies set opposite their respective names for the election of Members to represent the said provincial constituencies in the Legislative Assembly; those persons named hereinbelow have been duly elected to represent the provincial constituency set opposite their respective names as appear by the returns of the said writs deposited on record in my office, *viz.*:

PROVINCIAL CONSTITUENCY	MEMBER ELECTED	RETURNING OFFICER
Arm River	Greg P. Brkich	Patricia L. Adams
Athabasca	Harold (Buckley) Belanger	Robert Desjarlais
Battleford-Cut Knife	Rudi Peters	Elaine J. Jamieson
Cannington	Dan D'Autremont	Anita L. Thornton
Canora-Pelly	Ken Krawetz	Lois Person
Carrot River Valley	Carl Kwiatkowski	Bonnie E. Haveroen
Cumberland	Keith Goulet	Lorance J. Chrispen
Cypress Hills	Wayne Elhard	Kim M. White
Estevan	Doreen Eagles	Mabel G. Young
Humboldt	Arlene Julé	Janette Kelly
Indian Head-Milestone	Don McMorris	Michelle Ecartot

Kelvington-Wadena	June Draude	Carol A. Lowndes
Kindersley	Bill Boyd	Dorothy Arthurs
Last Mountain-Touchwood	Glen Hart	Donna A. Hawes
Lloydminster	Milton Wakefield	William Rekrutiak
Meadow Lake	Maynard Sonntag	R.W. (Bob) Lockwood
Melfort-Tisdale	Rod Gantefoer	Harry Broudy
Melville	Ron Osika	Ralph Wardle
Moose Jaw North	Glenn Hagel	Dale McBain
Moose Jaw Wakamow	Deb Higgins	Jo-Anne Dusel
Moosomin	Don Toth	Norma Jeanne Miller
North Battleford	Jack Hillson	Laura M. Lawson
Prince Albert Carlton	Myron Kowalsky	J.E. Morley Harrison
Prince Albert Northcote	Eldon Lautermilch	Derrick D. Furber
Redberry Lake	Randy Weekes	Raymond Ewanchuk
Regina Centre	Joanne Crofford	Kate Bissell
Regina Coronation Park	Kim Trew	Lawrence B. Adams
Regina Dewdney	Kevin Yates	Lynn E. Scott
Regina Elphinstone	Dwain Lingenfelter	Joe McKeown
Regina Lakeview	John Nilson	Margery E. Schutzman
Regina Northeast	Ron Harper	Nester Detz
Regina Qu'Appelle Valley	Mark Wartman	Linda Weimer
Regina Sherwood	Lindy Kasperski	Lois Buck
Regina South	Andrew Thomson	Martin Weichel
Regina Victoria	Harry Van Mulligen	Shirley M. Sebastian
Regina Wascana Plains	Doreen E. Hamilton	Jeannette D. Martin
Rosetown-Biggar	Elwin Hermanson	Brenda G. Kempainen
Rosthern	Ben Heppner	Maurice Janex
Saltcoats	Bob Bjornerud	Peter Woznesensky
Saskatchewan Rivers	Daryl Wiberg	Don Bendig
Saskatoon Eastview	Judy Junor	Joyce E. O'Keeffe
Saskatoon Fairview	Chris Axworthy	Colette Schreiner-Steernberg
Saskatoon Greystone	Peter Prebble	Eileen Anne Ritter
Saskatoon Idylwyld	Janice MacKinnon	Wilma Groenen
Saskatoon Meewasin	Carolyn Jones	Ivy C. Hubble
Saskatoon Mount Royal	Eric Cline	Shirley D. McDade
Saskatoon Northwest	Jim Melenchuk	Robert A. Jamison
Saskatoon Nutana	Pat Atkinson	Thelma A. Cvek
Saskatoon Riversdale	Roy Romanow	Kay Burkhart
Saskatoon Sutherland	Graham Addley	Eleanore D. Macdonald
Shellbrook-Spiritwood	Denis Allchurch	P. Jean Boddy
Swift Current	Brad Wall	James B. Roberts
Thunder Creek	Lyle Stewart	George D. Dyck
Watrous	Donna Harpauer	Evelyn R. Edwards
Weyburn-Big Muddy	Brenda Bakken	Wanda Lee Edwards
Yorkton	Clay Serby	Shirley Dereniski

The Members, having previously taken the Oath and having subscribed the Roll containing the Oath, took their seats in the Assembly at 10:00 a.m.

The Clerk of the Legislative Assembly informed the Assembly that she had received a communication from the Private Secretary to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, stating that His Honour would open the Session at 10:00 a.m. today, Monday, the Sixth day of December, 1999.

10:01 a.m.

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor entered the Chamber and took his seat upon the Throne.

The Hon. Mr. Hillson, Provincial Secretary, then said:

I am commanded by His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor, to inform you that he does not see fit to declare the causes of the summoning of the present Legislature until later today, when the Legislative Assembly shall have elected a Speaker according to law.

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor then retired from the Chamber.

10:04 a.m.

ELECTION OF SPEAKER

Pursuant to the provisions of Rules 24, 25, and 26 inclusive, the Assembly proceeded to the election of a Speaker.

The Clerk informed the Assembly that only one candidate had declared his intention to stand for election to the Office of Speaker pursuant to Rule 26(1).

(Sessional Paper No. 2)

Pursuant to Rule 26(3), Mr. Ron Osika, Member for the Constituency of Melville, was declared elected as Speaker.

The Clerk having declared Mr. Ron Osika duly elected, he was conducted to the chair where, standing on the dais, he addressed the Assembly as follows:

I wish to express my grateful thanks and humble acknowledgement of the high honour the Assembly has conferred on me. While I leave the floor of this Assembly to take the Speaker's chair, I leave behind all political partisan feelings in order that I may discharge with impartiality to all and to the best of my ability the various and important duties pertaining to the high office of Speaker.

It will be my aim and duty to uphold the principles and traditions of the Assembly and secure for each Member the right to express his or her opinions within the limits necessary to preserve decorum; to recognize the rights and privileges of the Honourable Members; the political groups and the Assembly itself; to facilitate the transaction of the public business in an orderly manner and; above all, to seek to be fair and impartial in the decisions you entrust to me.

Thereupon he took the chair, and the mace was laid on the Table.

The Assembly recessed from 10:25 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

2:02 p.m.

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor entered the Chamber and took his seat upon the Throne.

The Speaker then addressed His Honour to the following effect:

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

The Legislative Assembly has elected me to the Office of Speaker. If, in the performance of my duties, I should at any time fall into error I pray that the fault may be imputed to me and not to the Assembly, whose servant I am. On behalf of the Assembly and its Members it is my duty to claim all their traditional rights and privileges, especially that they may have freedom of speech in their debates, access to your person at all reasonable times, and that their proceedings may receive from you the most favourable consideration.

The Hon. Mr. Hillson, Provincial Secretary, then said:

I am commanded by His Honour the Lieutenant Governor to declare to you that he freely confides in the duty and attachment of the Assembly to Her Majesty's person and Government. His Honour is confident that the Assembly's proceedings will be conducted with wisdom and prudence and grants the Assembly's claim to its traditional rights and privileges.

I am commanded also to assure you that the Assembly shall have ready access to His Honour upon all reasonable occasions and that their proceedings, as well as your words and actions, will constantly receive from him the most favourable construction.

SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor was then pleased to open the Session with the following Speech:

Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:

It is my pleasure today to welcome you to the First Session of the Twenty-Fourth Legislature of Saskatchewan.

A Brand New Day

Today marks an historic new beginning – a new dawning of optimism and hope.

In September, the citizens of this province decided they wanted a fundamentally new approach to government. They said they want their representatives to stop shouting, to come to this place with open minds, prepared to work together again in the great tradition that built Saskatchewan. A great writer once said, "The real voyage of discovery consists, not in seeing new landscapes, but in having new eyes." Today marks the beginning of just such a voyage, with the new eyes, the new vision, of a fundamentally new government. It is an historic coalition, with a four-year mandate to renew and strengthen our province's government. A coalition founded on a new spirit of co-operation and openness.

It is common in a Speech from the Throne to review past accomplishments. But this is a brand new day. This is a day to talk about what still remains to be done. **And there is much left to be done. Because too many of our families in Saskatchewan are still having a hard time making ends meet.**

Saskatchewan is blessed with strong economic growth and low unemployment. But too many of our children are still growing up poor. Too many of our families have waited far too long for a real increase in their take-home pay, and too many of our farm families are back to depression era incomes. We need to work together to build an economy that works for everyone.

We need to do even more. **Too many of our young people are still concerned about their futures.** We must work to ensure every young person raised in Saskatchewan has fair and equal access to the very best education they can achieve. And we must work to ensure they have bright futures waiting for them – right here at home – when they graduate.

We need to do more. **Too many of our rural families are victims of a vicious trade war.** We must work together for fairness for our farm producers – and we must work together to build a stronger, more diversified and self reliant rural economy, supporting prosperous rural communities with real futures, standing on their own feet.

We need to do more. **Too many seniors and too many families are still worried that our health care system will not be there when they need it.** We must work to protect and enhance our health system. Medicare was pioneered in Saskatchewan by a CCF/NDP provincial government. Medicare was turned into a national program by a Liberal federal government. Now medicare needs to be protected and improved in Saskatchewan by a coalition government uniting both parties and working in partnership with Ottawa.

And still we need to do more. **Too many citizens are alienated from our province's public life.** Citizens want the doors of this Legislature to be opened, and their voices to be heard within. **And too many of our Aboriginal citizens remain excluded from our social, economic and civic life.** First Nations and Metis people want to have the educational, employment and business opportunities they need to be full participants and contributors to our province's economy and society, while observing their traditions and culture. These are the challenges.

HELPING FAMILIES MEET CHALLENGES

The people told my government that its first order of business must be to help families make ends meet. My government is committed to helping build the economy; to reducing taxes; and to helping families.

Building the Economy

The people said to keep working together to build our economy. In the coming weeks, my government will spell out a comprehensive new economic strategy, **Partnership for Prosperity**, that will bring working people, businesses, communities, cooperatives and government together to continue building jobs and growth.

This plan sets out a new roadmap – to build on our strengths; invest in research and development; promote better education and training; strengthen community economic development; improve infrastructure; reduce regulation and other barriers to growth; and streamline and improve services that promote jobs. My government will consult carefully with communities and partners to make sure this plan is right for our province – and then we'll roll up our sleeves and make it happen.

To help us compete in the new economy, my government will introduce *The Electronic Information and Commerce Act* to promote growth in the expanding world of electronic commerce and Internet trade.

Reducing Taxes

The people said they want fair, sensible and sustainable lower taxes. So, my government will introduce a plan to **reduce personal income taxes** in the next budget. Our goal is to remove thousands of low income families from the tax rolls altogether – eliminating an important barrier to work, and promoting dignity and self-reliance in the most direct way possible. Our goal is to give **every** low and middle-income family real help to make ends meet, and to help all Saskatchewan families save for homes, raise their children, save for their educations, and secure good jobs.

Our goal is a tax system that is fairer; that is simple and easy to understand; and that helps our province stay competitive in the world market. And tax reduction will be undertaken as part of a balanced approach, investing future surpluses into lower taxes; better services; and lower debt, always in the context of a balanced budget.

We have heard many good ideas on how to improve our tax system. My government recently received the final report of *The Saskatchewan Personal Income Tax Review Committee*. We will be listening carefully to what the people of Saskatchewan tell us about the ideas contained in that report – leading to a tax reform plan in the next provincial budget.

Helping Families

As part of tax reform, steps will be taken to ensure tax fairness for all families – including those with a single income earner. My government will introduce legislation to implement **family leave**, to help families find time for necessities like a child's medical needs and school visits. My government will work closely with other provinces and the federal government to make a **national children's agenda** a reality. And my government commits today to increase **funds for childcare** in each of the next four years. Amendments will be introduced to *The Child Care Act* to help improve services.

A BRIGHT FUTURE FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

The people also told us to ensure their children can look forward to a bright future – while staying right here in Saskatchewan. So, my government will work to provide opportunity for all, by improving education.

Accessible Post-secondary Education for Families

Everyone in Saskatchewan knows that higher education and job training are key to ensuring a bright future for our children in the 21st century economy. It is time to take the next step towards extending the frontier of accessible public education. My government will therefore act to make **post-secondary education more accessible for families**. The Minister for Post-secondary Education and Skills Training and the Minister of Education will consult closely with students, parents, educators and communities on the best way to implement this commitment in the next provincial budget.

Elementary and High Schools

My government will introduce a plan to place our K-12 education system on a sound and sustainable footing by, over time, **assuming greater direct responsibility for financing education**. To that end, my government commits today to increase its contribution, in steps, as finances permit, until the province funds its historic share of the cost of education. As the provincial contribution increases, education property taxes should be reduced.

My government is committed to early intervention and support to ensure that our most vulnerable children have the opportunity to benefit fully from their schooling. To that end, my government will support and enhance Saskatchewan's award-winning Community Schools program and our Pre-Kindergarten program.

In order for our students to thrive, they must have access to quality school facilities. My government will provide financial support for school construction and renovation projects across the province. We will continue to work with school boards to reduce overlap of resources, through initiatives like joint use facilities. We will work in close partnership with the Labour Force Development Board to ensure students are aware of future career opportunities and trends. And we will continue to review and improve our exemplary curriculum, to ensure students have the basics and more than the basics – the life skills to make a future for themselves right here in Saskatchewan in the 21st century. In support of these goals, my government will introduce *The Post-Secondary Education, Training and Employment Services Act* and introduce amendments to *The Education Act* and *The Student Assistance and Student Aid Fund Act*.

FIGHTING FOR RURAL FAMILIES

People across our province want their government to speak with one voice on behalf of our farm families and our rural communities. Saskatchewan farmers can compete with anyone in the world. Our products are of the highest quality and our practices among the most efficient. In spite of this, many of our province's farm families have hit upon difficult times. They are caught in a battle between two titans – the United States of America and the European Union – who are throwing the might of their treasuries into a fight for control of world markets. As a result, our farm families find themselves once again being squeezed by low commodity prices – the lowest since the 1930's.

The issues are both complex and daunting. And they go beyond the power of a provincial government to solve them alone. The federal government must accept its responsibility to stand up internationally for Saskatchewan farmers. But there are steps my government CAN and WILL take to respond to these issues.

Emergency Debate

Tomorrow, my government will propose an emergency debate, in light of the federal government's response to Saskatchewan's farm delegation a few weeks ago. My government will then move that this Assembly's Standing Committee on Agriculture meet in this Chamber to hear the voices of farmers and rural leaders on this issue, leading to a vote on an emergency resolution.

Provincial Action Committee on the Rural Economy

My government will form a **Provincial Action Committee on the Rural Economy** that will include the rural and farm leaders who made up Saskatchewan's delegation to Ottawa.

World Trade Talks

Clearly, the current round of trade talks will be critical to resolving the problem of international trade distorting subsidies. My government will continue to aggressively press Ottawa to represent the interests of Western farmers at these meetings. My government will also appoint an eminently qualified and respected Special Advisor on Agriculture to support our province at the next round of trade talks and to help the federal government confront the protectionist policies of our trading partners. But success in the trade talks will come too late for some of our farmers. Therefore, we will continue to strongly urge the federal government to treat Saskatchewan farmers equitably, and to live up to its responsibilities by providing an immediate trade equalization payment.

Provincial Steps to Help Farm Families

All parties in this Legislature agree that the Province of Saskatchewan cannot compete with the treasuries of the United States or the European Union. However, my government will marshal its resources to do what it can to deliver a package of initiatives to help farm families cope with the worst effects of the current crisis. We will negotiate with the federal government to withdraw from AIDA, eliminate the federal red tape and put the province's contribution where it belongs – in the hands of farm families. This would provide over \$100 million dollars in immediate relief to Saskatchewan farmers through re-direction of provincial AIDA funds.

My government will work with producers and suppliers to find ways to reduce the high input costs facing farm businesses. My government will pursue steps to reduce the cost of crop insurance and enhance producer coverage. We will introduce a farm input costs monitoring program. And my government will help farm families through this crisis by ensuring that existing programs continue to be available to farmers who have made diligent efforts to meet their commitments.

My government will ensure that farmers are not denied program benefits as a result of the current crisis by extending provincially administered farmland lease backs by three years. We challenge the federal government to do the same for its lease backs. And we will develop extended payment terms for crop insurance and Lands Branch customers having difficulty paying their bills as a result of the current income crisis. My government will also work to build a more prosperous future for the agriculture industry.

In addition to negotiating with the federal government for enhanced farm safety net programs in the short term, my government will pursue a long term safety net program that can actually meet farmers' needs in disastrous situations like the one we currently face.

Saskatchewan is making strides in value added processing, specialty crops and other unique and innovative areas of production. My government will support the long term success of the industry by working to extend availability of equity capital for processing and value-added activity in the agri-food sector.

My government will also introduce amendments to *The Department of Agriculture Act* and *The Farm Financial Stability Act*, which will support increased diversification.

Together, we will find a way for older farmers to retire with dignity and for our sons and daughters to take their place on the land and raise the children who will one day follow in their footsteps.

BETTER HEALTH CARE

The people have told my government they want health care services for their families to be protected and improved.

Better Health Services

My government will introduce steps to strengthen **regional hospitals**. These investments will allow citizens access to better health services closer to home – both taking the pressure off health facilities in Regina and Saskatoon, and making health care services more convenient for patients.

Steps will be taken to improve emergency medical services, particularly in rural and northern Saskatchewan. We will also take steps to standardize ambulance fees. Legislation will be introduced to allow Licensed Practical Nurses to fully use their skills on the health care team. Steps will be taken to reduce waiting times for key health services. My government will work to expand home care services. An emphasis will be placed on the health of children and expectant mothers. My government will work in close co-operation with our partners to train, recruit, and hire more health providers. And we will work to develop clear, measurable, achievable, regularly monitored and regularly reported goals for health services.

Governance

The people have told my government to direct every possible dollar into front line care – and to make sure the health system is being properly run. To that end, my government will ensure that district boards are properly accountable to this Assembly for funds allocated to them by this Assembly. My government will work to clarify the roles and responsibilities of our partners in the health system -- simplifying governance; strengthening accountability; and ensuring that administrative costs are kept to a minimum. And my government will assume greater responsibility for negotiating collective agreements with health providers.

In support of its health system priorities, my government will introduce amendments to *The Health Labour Relations Reorganization Act* and *The Medical Professions Act*, and replace *The Licensed Practical Nurses Act*.

OPEN, ACCOUNTABLE AND RENEWED GOVERNMENT

I said earlier that the people of Saskatchewan want their voices heard. They want to see their business done differently.

Consultations and Legislative Committees

As I have announced, in the weeks to come my government will be consulting citizens about a new economic strategy; tax reform and other budget priorities; accessibility to post-secondary education; and – through a provincial action committee – about the future of our rural communities.

My government will refer a number of important issues to legislative committees for public discussion and consensus building, followed by action.

- This Assembly's Crown Corporations Committee will be asked to review and recommend legislation regarding a **permanent body to review our monopoly utility rates**.
- My government will ask this Assembly to establish a Special All-party Legislative Committee to recommend government, community and police action to address the issue of **sexual abuse of children through prostitution**.
- Also, my government will ask this Assembly to establish a Special All-party Legislative Committee on **Tobacco Control** to consider and report on the impact of tobacco use, especially by children and youth, and to recommend strategies to protect the public from the health risks of smoking.

*Clarifying the Offices of the Ombudsman and the Children's Advocate,
and Updating the Provincial Auditor Act.*

The Ombudsman and Children's Advocate Act will be amended to clarify their powers. My government will also introduce amendments to *The Provincial Auditor Act* to update this legislation.

Government Accountability

Citizens have the right to know more of what their government is trying to accomplish. To that end my government will begin to implement a **comprehensive government accountability project**.

Government departments will clearly spell out their goals and achievements in annual reports to the people of this province. They will be accountable for their performance, and their achievements will be measured against key benchmarks.

DIGNITY AND SELF-RELIANCE FOR ABORIGINAL PEOPLE

My government is committed to working with First Nations and Metis people so that they will be full partners in our province's economy and society – while preserving and building on their own unique heritages and communities.

Our Saskatchewan is inclusive of all people – from the small northern community of Camsell Portage, to the wider Aboriginal community, and to the province as a whole. A real Aboriginal renaissance is occurring in Saskatchewan. Aboriginal people and institutions are building positive partnerships with businesses and governments. Now is the time to recognize, respect, and celebrate this renaissance and its contribution to our great province.

In recognition and respect for Aboriginal institutions, my government will introduce *The Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technologies Act*.

OTHER KEY PRIORITIES

Here are some other important priorities my government will act on in the coming weeks and months:

- My government will provide funding for **additional police officers** to make our communities safer.
- My government will introduce a **forest renewal program**, to plant at least 100 million trees over the next four years, and will increase its assistance to municipalities fighting Dutch Elm disease.
- My government will begin a careful consultation with employers and working people on how *The Labour Standards Act* can be improved and updated – including measures to permit people to choose time off rather than extra pay for overtime – giving workers more choices as they balance work and family.
- And my government will commission a **full, independent review** of SGI's no-fault insurance system. Details of this review will be announced in coming days.

A NEW START

The next provincial election is at least four years away. The people told us on September 16th to set aside the rancour and discord of the election just past; to stop shouting at each other and past each other; and to work together to better serve the people who elected this Legislature. They told us to work together to make it easier for families to meet challenges. They told us to work together to provide a brighter future for our children. They told us to work together to fight for our farm families. They told us to work together to protect and enhance our health system. They told us to open up government, to renew it, and to make it a partner with all of the people of Saskatchewan. And they told us they want First Nations and Metis people to be full partners in our province's economy and society. Working together to move forward, with balance and common sense, a step at a time – into the 21st century.

I know the elected Members of this Assembly heard the people of Saskatchewan. I know the Members will keep faith with the people of Saskatchewan, and with the mandate that the people have given them.

God speed to you all.

God bless Saskatchewan, God bless Canada, and God save the Queen.

His Honour then retired from the Chamber.

2:29 p.m.

PRAYERS

TABLING OF THE RETURN TO THE WRIT

The Speaker informed the Assembly that the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly had received from the Chief Electoral Officer lists of names of such Members as had been returned to serve in the Legislature, as hereinbefore set forth.

(Sessional Paper No. 1)

PRO FORMA BILL

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Romanow, that a Bill respecting the Administration of Oaths of Office be now introduced and read the first time.

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

INTRODUCTION OF PAGES

The Speaker informed the Assembly that Daniel Abramson, Melanie Bratkowski, Jill Fraser, Dean Mulhall, and Tanya Weber would be pages for this portion of the present Session.

TABLING THE SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

The Speaker then informed the Assembly that, in order to prevent mistakes, he had obtained a copy of the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, which was laid upon the Table.

CONSIDERATION OF SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Romanow, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter:

Ordered, That the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor be taken into consideration on Tuesday, December 7, 1999.

PRINTING OF *VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS*

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Romanow, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Melenchuk:

Ordered, That the *Votes and Proceedings* of this Assembly be printed under the authority of the Speaker.

SPECIAL NOMINATING COMMITTEE TO COMPOSE LISTS FOR STANDING COMMITTEES

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Romanow, seconded by the Hon. Ms. MacKinnon, by leave of the Assembly:

Ordered, That Members Lingenfelter, Bjornerud, D'Autremont, Kasperski, and Van Mulligen be constituted a Special Committee to prepare and report, with all convenient speed, lists of Members to compose the Standing Committees of this Assembly, provided under Rule 94;

That the said Standing Committees be severally empowered to examine and inquire into all such matters and things as may be referred to them by this Assembly, and to report from time to time their observations thereon; with power to send for persons, papers and records, and to examine witnesses under oath;

That the said Special Committee consider the size of the Standing Committees and to report thereon with all convenient speed.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

With unanimous consent, the Assembly observed a moment of silence on the occasion of Canada's National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women.

MOTION TO CHANGE HOURS OF SITTING

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Romanow, by leave of the Assembly:

Ordered, That this Assembly, notwithstanding Rule 3(1) of the Rules and Procedures of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan, shall reconvene at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 7, with Routine Proceedings commencing at 1:30 p.m., and further, the sitting day shall continue until the Assembly is adjourned.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Romanow:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 2:44 p.m. until Tuesday at 10:00 a.m., pursuant to an Order of the Assembly made this day.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1999
(2ND DAY)

10:00 a.m.

PRAYERS

ELECTION OF DEPUTY SPEAKER

Pursuant to the provisions of Rule 27, the Assembly proceeded to the election of a Deputy Speaker.

The Clerk informed the Assembly that only one candidate had declared his intention to stand for election of Deputy Speaker pursuant to Rule 27.

(Sessional Paper No. 3)

Pursuant to Rules 27(4) and 26(3), Mr. Kim Trew, Member for the Constituency of Regina Coronation Park, was declared elected as Deputy Speaker and Chair of the Committee of the Whole.

APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY CHAIR OF COMMITTEES

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Romanow, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter, by leave of the Assembly:

Ordered, That Mr. Peter Prebble, Member for the Consistency of Saskatoon Greystone, be appointed to preside as Deputy Chair of Committees of this Assembly.

REFERRAL OF ANNUAL REPORTS TO CROWN CORPORATIONS COMMITTEE

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Romanow, by leave of the Assembly:

Ordered, That the annual reports and financial statements of the various Crown Corporations and related agencies, as were Tabled during the Twenty-Third Legislature and not reported upon by the Standing Committee on Crown Corporations during that Legislature, be referred to the Standing Committee on Crown Corporations.

REFERRAL OF PROVINCIAL AUDITOR REPORTS TO PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Melenchuk, by leave of the Assembly:

Ordered, That the various Reports of the Provincial Auditor, as Tabled during the Twenty-Third Legislature and not reported upon by the Standing Committee on Public Accounts, and as Tabled in the present Session, be referred to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

REFERRAL OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS TO PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter, seconded by the Hon. Ms. MacKinnon, by leave of the Assembly:

Ordered, That the Public Accounts of the Province of Saskatchewan, as Tabled during the Twenty-Third Legislature and not reported upon by the Standing Committee on Public Accounts, as submitted to the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly pursuant to *The Financial Administration Act 1993* (S.S. 1993, c.F-13.4, s.18), and as Tabled in the present Session, be referred to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

**REFERRAL OF ANNUAL REPORT OF LEGISLATIVE LIBRARY
TO COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE**

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen, by leave of the Assembly:

Ordered, That the Annual Report of the Saskatchewan Legislative Library be referred to the Standing Committee on Communication.

**REFERRAL OF RETENTION AND DISPOSAL SCHEDULES
TO COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE**

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Hagel, by leave of the Assembly:

Ordered, That the Retention and Disposal Schedules approved under *The Archives Act* by the Public Documents Committee be referred, as tabled, to the Standing Committee on Communication.

APPOINTMENT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter, seconded by Mr. Krawetz, by leave of the Assembly:

Ordered, That notwithstanding an order of reference dated December 6th, 1999, made pursuant to Rule 94(1) of the *Rules and Procedures of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan*, Members Boyd, Bjornerud, Harpauer, Harper, Lingenfelter, Melenchuk, Serby, Wartman and Weekes be appointed forthwith the Standing Committee on Agriculture, and that the said committee be severally empowered to examine and inquire into all such matters and things as may be referred to it by this Assembly, and to report from time to time their observations thereon; with power to send for persons, papers and records, and to examine witnesses under oath;

And further, that at this present time, the said Committee do specifically receive and report on representations from interested parties and individuals with respect to the farm income crisis now facing western Canadian farmers; and to this purpose, the said Committee be authorised to conduct its proceedings in the Legislative Chamber, except when the Assembly is sitting, and that the Committee proceedings be televised by the Legislative Assembly on the Saskatchewan Legislative Network, and further that the Legislative Assembly do also broadcast the audio of the proceedings on the Internet via the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan web site.

MOTION TO RECESS

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Romanow:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now recess until 1:30 p.m.

The Assembly recessed from 10:15 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.

INTRODUCTION OF PAGE

The Speaker informed the Assembly that Rebecca Fiissel would be a page for this portion of the present Session.

MOTION FOR ADDRESS IN REPLY

The Order of the Day having been called for consideration of the Speech of His Honour at the opening of the Session, Ms. Higgins, seconded by Mr. Addley, moved:

That an Humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor as follows:

TO HIS HONOUR THE HONOURABLE JOHN E. N. WIEBE
Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Saskatchewan

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Saskatchewan, in Session assembled, humbly thank your Honour for the gracious Speech which Your Honour has been pleased to address to us at the opening of the present Session.

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

MOTION PURSUANT TO RULE 46

Leave of the Assembly having been granted, pursuant to Rule 46, it was moved by the Hon. Mr. Romanow, seconded by Mr. Hermanson:

That this Assembly strongly urges the Government of Canada to immediately provide an agricultural trade equalization payment of \$1 billion to Saskatchewan farm families to address the agriculture crisis now facing our farms, our rural communities, our urban communities, and our province.

A debate arising, it was on motion of the Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen, adjourned.

MOTION TO RECESS

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Hagel, by leave of the Assembly:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now recess, to allow the Standing Committee on Agriculture to meet in the Legislative Chamber commencing 15 minutes from the adoption of this motion, and that this Assembly reconvene at the call of the Speaker, by the ringing of the division bells five minutes in advance of reconvening.

The Assembly recessed from 3:40 p.m. until 10:01 p.m.

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter, Chair of the Standing Committee on Agriculture, presented the First Report of the said Committee.

(Sessional Paper No. 8)

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter, seconded by Mr. Boyd:

Ordered, That the First Report of the Standing Committee on Agriculture be now concurred in.

MOTION PURSUANT TO RULE 46 (continued)

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Romanow, moved pursuant to Rule 46:

That this Assembly strongly urges the Government of Canada to immediately provide an agricultural trade equalization payment of \$1 billion to Saskatchewan farm families to address the agriculture crisis now facing our farms, our rural communities, our urban communities, and our province.

The debate continuing, it was agreed to on the following Recorded Division:

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Romanow	Trew	Hagel	Van Mulligen
MacKinnon	Lingenfelter	Melenchuk	Cline
Atkinson	Goulet	Lautermilch	Thomson
Kasperski	Serby	Belanger	Nilson
Crofford	Hillson	Kowalsky	Sonntag
Hamilton	Prebble	Jones	Yates
Higgins	Harper	Axworthy	Junor
Wartman	Addley	Hermanson	Elhard
Heppner	Julé	Krawetz	Draude
Boyd	Gantefoer	Toth	Peters
Eagles	Wall	Bakken	Bjornerud
D'Autremont	McMorris	Weekes	Harpauer
Wakefield	Wiberg	Hart	Stewart
Kwiatkowski			

NAYS – 00

TRANSMITTAL MOTION

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter, seconded by Mr. Boyd, by leave of the Assembly:

Ordered, That the Speaker, on behalf of the Legislative Assembly transmit copies and verbatim transcripts of the Rule 46 motion and debate, with respect to the farm income crisis now facing Saskatchewan farmers, as well as the verbatim transcripts of the hearings of the Standing Committee on Agriculture to the Prime Minister of Canada, the federal Minister of Agriculture, the federal Minister responsible for the Canadian Wheat Board, and all Opposition Party Leaders, and respectfully request that they cause the House of Commons to immediately hold an emergency debate on this matter of urgent public concern.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 10:32 p.m. until Wednesday at 1:30 p.m.

RETURNS, REPORTS AND PAPERS TABLED

The following papers were Tabled with the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly during the intersessional period May 7, 1999 to December 5, 1999:

Public Accounts of the Province of Saskatchewan for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1999 (Volumes 1 and 2)
(Sessional Paper No. 4)

Provincial Auditor's 1999 Fall Report (Volume 1), in accordance with the provisions of section 14 of *The Provincial Auditor Act*
(Sessional Paper No. 5)

Provincial Auditor's Annual Report on Operations, in accordance with the provisions of section 14 of *The Provincial Auditor Act*, for the year ended March 31, 1999
(Sessional Paper No. 6)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Wetland Conservation Corporation for the year ended March 31, 1999
(Sessional Paper No. 7)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1999
(3RD DAY)

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: Julé, Wiberg, McMorris, Toth, and Heppner.

SPEAKER TABLES REPORTS

The Speaker laid before the Assembly the following:

Annual Report of the Saskatchewan Conflict of Interest Commissioner for the year ended December 31, 1998

(Sessional Paper No. 9)

Report of the Chief Electoral Officer respecting actions taken pursuant to section 7 of *The Election Act*, 1999 during the 1999 Provincial General Election

(Sessional Paper No. 10)

MLA's Accountability and Disclosure Reports for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1999 pursuant to Directive No. 22 of the Board of Internal Economy

(Sessional Paper No. 11)

Financial Statements of the New Democratic Party Caucus for the period ended March 31, 1999

(Sessional Paper No. 12)

Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Party Caucus for the period ended March 31, 1999

(Sessional Paper No. 13)

Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Liberal Caucus for the period ended March 31, 1999

(Sessional Paper No. 14)

STATEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

Yesterday the Opposition House Leader (Mr. D'Autremont) raised a point of order concerning the language used by the Deputy Premier (Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter) during Oral Question period. At the time I indicated that I would review the verbatim record and return with a ruling today.

Upon reviewing the record, I can cite two incidents in which the truthfulness of other Members is called into question. On page 20 at the bottom of the first column, the Deputy Premier challenged the truthfulness of the Leader of the Opposition's (Mr. Hermanson) statements and actions. At the time, I did caution all members to choose their words judiciously. Later on page 21, the Leader of the Opposition, in his last question, did himself use language which called into question the veracity of the Minister's answer.

In drawing attention to these incidents, I do not want to suggest that these two Members were alone in using questionable language. They are, however, veteran Parliamentarians and I ask for their cooperation in establishing a positive example for our newer colleagues to follow.

At the start of a new legislature, I want to remind all Members “that the language used in the [Assembly] should be temperate and worthy of the place in which it is spoken.” Speakers have consistently ruled that it is not permissible to accuse or even suggest that another Member intentionally or inadvertently misled the House. Nor is it acceptable to impugn the character or motives of other Members. I direct Members to *Beauchesne*, 6th edition, paragraphs 484(3) and 491.

I encourage all Members to conduct themselves, in their words and in their actions, in a manner that demonstrates their respect for each other and for the institution.

ADDRESS IN REPLY

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of Ms. Higgins, seconded by Mr. Addley:

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Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Saskatchewan

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We, Her Majesty’s dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Saskatchewan, in Session assembled, humbly thank your Honour for the gracious Speech which Your Honour has been pleased to address to us at the opening of the present Session.

The debate continuing, it was moved by Mr. Hermanson, seconded by Mr. Elhard, in amendment thereto:

That the following words be added to the motion:

But regrets that the government has failed to make a firm commitment to provide meaningful tax relief to Saskatchewan residents, has not agreed to put in place a complete value-for-money audit of the deteriorating health care system, has not given any commitment to aid Saskatchewan farmers, and has not put forward a plan to improve Saskatchewan’s deteriorating highways in the Speech from the Throne and further regrets that while the provincial government acknowledges its failures over the past eight years, it appears the NDP government’s deal with the three Liberal MLAs to form a coalition government was done to insure the NDP would not have to keep its promises in the future.

The debate continuing on the motion and the amendment, it was on motion of Mr. Toth, adjourned.

The Speaker adjourned the Assembly without question put.

The Assembly adjourned at 5:00 p.m. until Thursday at 1:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1999
(4TH DAY)

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: Hart, Wakefield, Peters, Stewart, and Draude.

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

According to Order, the Clerk having favourably reported on the same pursuant to Rule 12(7), the following Petition was read and received:

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to repeal the Personal Injury Benefits contained in The Automobile Insurance Act.
(Sessional Paper No. 15)

APPOINTMENT OF A SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON TOBACCO CONTROL

Moved by the Hon. Ms. Junor, seconded by Mr. Gantefoer, by leave of the Assembly:

That the members Kowalsky, Higgins, Wartman, Addley, Eagles, Bjornerud, and Bakken be constituted a Special Committee on Tobacco Control and that the said Special Committee be authorized to consider and report, in the spring of the year 2000, on matters related to:

- a) the impact of tobacco use in Saskatchewan, especially children and youth;
- b) the need for, and content of, provincial tobacco control legislation protecting children and youth;
- c) strategies to protect the public from the health risks of second hand smoke, including consideration of smoke-free public place designations and jurisdictional authority related to tobacco use bylaws;
- d) effective and appropriate strategies related to enforcement, pricing, education and public awareness as may contribute to prevention or reduction of tobacco use, especially by children and youth in Saskatchewan;

And, that the said Special Committee have the authority to sit during the inter-sessional period and during the legislative session except when the Assembly is sitting; that the Committee have the power to send for persons, papers, and records, to examine witnesses under oath; to receive representations from interested parties and individuals; to engage such advisors and assistants as are required for the purposes of the inquiry; and to hold meetings away from the seat of Government in order that the fullest representations may be received without unduly inconveniencing those desiring to be heard.

A debate arising and the question being put, it was agreed to.

ADDRESS IN REPLY

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of Ms. Higgins, seconded by Mr. Addley:

That an Humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor as follows:

TO HIS HONOUR THE HONOURABLE JOHN E. N. WIEBE
Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Saskatchewan

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Saskatchewan, in Session assembled, humbly thank your Honour for the gracious Speech which Your Honour has been pleased to address to us at the opening of the present Session,

and the proposed amendment thereto moved by Mr. Hermanson:

That the following words be added to the motion:

But regrets that the government has failed to make a firm commitment to provide meaningful tax relief to Saskatchewan residents, has not agreed to put in place a complete value-for-money audit of the deteriorating health care system, has not given any commitment to aid Saskatchewan farmers, and has not put forward a plan to improve Saskatchewan's deteriorating highways in the Speech from the Throne and further regrets that while the provincial government acknowledges its failures over the past eight years, it appears the NDP government's deal with the three Liberal MLAs to form a coalition government was done to insure the NDP would not have to keep its promises in the future.

The debate continuing on the motion and the amendment, it was on motion of Mr. Yates, adjourned.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 4:53 p.m. until Friday at 10:00 a.m.

RETURNS, REPORTS AND PAPERS TABLED

The following paper was laid upon the Table:

By the Hon. Mr. Axworthy:

Bylaws, Rules and Regulations of the following Professional Associations and amendments thereto, under provisions of the respective Acts:

Saskatchewan Institute of Agrologists
Saskatchewan Applied Science Technologists and Technicians
Saskatchewan Association of School Business Officials
Certified General Accountants Association of Saskatchewan
Institute of Chartered Accountants of Saskatchewan
Chiropractors' Association of Saskatchewan
Association of Professional Community Planners of Saskatchewan
Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Saskatchewan
Saskatchewan Land Surveyors' Association
Law Society of Saskatchewan
The Society of Management Accountants of Saskatchewan
Saskatchewan Society of Medical Laboratory Technologists
College of Physicians and Surgeons of Saskatchewan
Saskatchewan Pharmaceutical Association
Saskatchewan Psychological Association
Registered Psychiatric Nurses Association of Saskatchewan
Saskatchewan Funeral Service Association
Saskatchewan Association of Social Workers
Saskatchewan Association of Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists
Urban Municipal Administrators Association of Saskatchewan
Saskatchewan Veterinary Medical Association

(Sessional Paper No. 16)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1999
(5TH DAY)

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: Krawetz, Julé, Draude, Kwiatkowski, and Brkich.

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

According to Order, the Clerk having favourably reported on the same pursuant to Rule 12(7), the following Petition was read and received:

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to repeal the Personal Injury Benefits contained in The Automobile Insurance Act.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 15)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

Bill No. 209 – The Agricultural Implements Amendment Act, 1999

(Mr. Boyd)

STATEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

Yesterday the Deputy Government House Leader (Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen) raised a point of order concerning the language used by a Member of the Opposition during Oral Question Period. At the time I reserved my ruling so that I could review *Hansard*. I am now prepared to rule on this matter.

Since the opening of this new session, the conduct of Members during Oral Question Period has giving me some concern. Some of that concern can be attributed to the inexperience of Members and their unfamiliarity with the Rules of this Assembly. An example of this is the application of Rule 28 which states, in part, that all Members are to address their remarks to the Speaker. In particular, Members are not to address their comments to another Member directly, but are to address each other in the third person - by their constituency or portfolio. This Rule has been frequently broken over the past three days and I would ask all Members to follow this practice.

A great concern also is the choice of language being used to describe colleagues. There were several instances yesterday when Members of the Opposition referred to the Liberal Members of the coalition government as having been “bought”. Other inferences in the guise of humour were personal attacks and were not parliamentary. It is not permissible to reflect upon the conduct of another Member, nor is it acceptable to impute to any Member unworthy motives for their actions. I direct Members to *Beauchesne*, 6th edition, paragraph 484(3) and to numerous rulings of previous Speakers of this Assembly.

I bring these points to the attention of Members in the interest of upholding the Rules and practices of this Assembly. It is a basic principle of procedure that proceedings are conducted in terms of “a free and civil discourse”. By requiring that Members address their colleagues by their constituency or portfolio and by requiring that remarks are addressed through the Speaker, personal attacks on other Members or direct heated exchanges are less likely to interfere with the flow of debate.

Debate carried out in this way enhances public respect for the Legislature and for the Members, without diminishing the passion that Members bring to their debates.

The point of order raised by the Deputy Government House Leader is not the only instance when unparliamentary language has been used. Therefore I will not single out the Member for Saskatchewan Rivers (Mr. Wiberg). However, I caution all Members today that in the future I will not hesitate to intervene and apply appropriate sanctions should such language be used again.

I remind Members that these are not my rules – they are the Assembly Rules. My duty is to interpret the Rules and apply them accordingly. Any changes to our Rules are made by the Assembly itself.

I have every confidence in all Members that they will be diligent in ensuring a level of debate which reflects the dignity of this venerable institution.

ADDRESS IN REPLY

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of Ms. Higgins, seconded by Mr. Addley:

That an Humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor as follows:

TO HIS HONOUR THE HONOURABLE JOHN E. N. WIEBE
Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Saskatchewan

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

We, Her Majesty’s dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Saskatchewan, in Session assembled, humbly thank your Honour for the gracious Speech which Your Honour has been pleased to address to us at the opening of the present Session,

and the proposed amendment thereto moved by Mr. Hermanson:

That the following words be added to the motion:

But regrets that the government has failed to make a firm commitment to provide meaningful tax relief to Saskatchewan residents, has not agreed to put in place a complete value-for-money audit of the deteriorating health care system, has not given any commitment to aid Saskatchewan farmers, and has not put forward a plan to improve Saskatchewan’s deteriorating highways in the Speech from the Throne and further regrets that while the provincial government acknowledges its failures over the past eight years, it appears the NDP government’s deal with the three Liberal MLAs to form a coalition government was done to insure the NDP would not have to keep its promises in the future.

The debate continuing on the motion and the amendment, it was on motion of Mr. Kowalsky, adjourned.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 12:28 p.m. until Monday at 1:30 p.m.

RETURNS, REPORTS AND PAPERS TABLED

The following paper was laid upon the Table:

By the Hon. Mr. Axworthy:

Amendments to the Bylaws of the following Professional Associations:

Chiropractors' Association of Saskatchewan
College of Physicians and Surgeons of Saskatchewan

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 16)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1999
(6TH DAY)

1:30 p.m.

PRAYERS

PRESENTING PETITIONS

A petition of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan was presented and laid upon the Table by Mr. Heppner.

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

According to Order, the Clerk having favourably reported on the same pursuant to Rule 12(7), the following Petition was read and received:

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to repeal the Personal Injury Benefits contained in The Automobile Insurance Act.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 15)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were received, read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time at the next sitting:

Bill No. 206 – The Protection of Children Involved in Prostitution Act

(Ms. Julé)

Bill No. 1 – The Farm Financial Stability Amendment Act, 1999

(Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter)

Bill No. 2 – The Animal Identification Amendment Act, 1999

(Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter)

Bill No. 3 – The Health Labour Relations Reorganization Amendment Act, 1999

(Hon. Ms. Crofford)

Bill No. 4 – The Saskatchewan Pension Plan Amendment Act, 1999

(Hon. Mr. Cline)

Bill No. 5 – The Parks Amendment Act, 1999

(Hon. Mr. Belanger)

Bill No. 6 – The Mentally Disordered Persons Amendment Act, 1999

(Hon. Mr. Axworthy)

**APPOINTMENT OF A SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO PREVENT THE ABUSE AND EXPLOITATION OF
CHILDREN THROUGH THE SEX TRADE**

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen, seconded by Ms. Julé, by leave of the Assembly:

That the members Julé, Prebble, Harper, Jones, Yates, Toth, and Draude be constituted a Special Committee to address and to make recommendations on the issue of the abuse and exploitation of children through the sex trade, and to consider and report on:

- (a) consultations with stakeholders that have an interest in this issue to determine the work that has been done to date by community representatives and service providers and seek their input on next steps to be taken by community and government;
- (b) the strategies employed by other jurisdictions and the effectiveness of their approaches;
- (c) reasons why children end up on the street in the first place and supports that may be necessary to help communities effectively deal with the sexual exploitation of children;
- (d) such other consultations that may be germane.

And that the Committee have the power to sit during the inter-sessional period and during the legislative session except when the Assembly is sitting; and that the Committee have the power to send for persons, papers and records, to examine witnesses under oath, to receive representations from interested parties and individuals, to engage such advisors and assistants as are required for the purposes of the inquiry, and to hold meetings away from the seat of Government in order that the fullest representations may be received without unduly inconveniencing those desired to be heard.

And that the Committee be instructed to submit its first report to the Legislative Assembly in the spring of the year 2000.

A debate arising and the question being put, it was agreed to.

ADDRESS IN REPLY

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of Ms. Higgins, seconded by Mr. Addley:

That an Humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor as follows:

TO HIS HONOUR THE HONOURABLE JOHN E. N. WIEBE
Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Saskatchewan

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Saskatchewan, in Session assembled, humbly thank your Honour for the gracious Speech which Your Honour has been pleased to address to us at the opening of the present Session,

and the proposed amendment thereto moved by Mr. Hermanson:

That the following words be added to the motion:

But regrets that the government has failed to make a firm commitment to provide meaningful tax relief to Saskatchewan residents, has not agreed to put in place a complete value-for-money audit of the deteriorating health care system, has not given any commitment to aid Saskatchewan farmers, and has not put forward a plan to improve Saskatchewan's deteriorating highways in the Speech from the Throne and further regrets that while the provincial government acknowledges its failures over the past eight years, it appears the NDP government's deal with the three Liberal MLAs to form a coalition government was done to insure the NDP would not have to keep its promises in the future.

The debate continuing on the motion and the amendment, it was moved by Ms. Bakken, seconded by Mr. Hart: "That the Assembly do now proceed to Private Members' Public Bills and Orders, Second Readings, Item No. 1, Bill No. 209 – The Agricultural Implements Amendment Act, 1999."

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

YEAS – 24

Hermanson	Elhard	Heppner	Julé
Krawetz	Draude	Boyd	Gantefoer
Toth	Peters	Eagles	Wall
Bakken	Bjornerud	D'Autremont	McMorris
Brkich	Harpauer	Wakefield	Wiberg
Hart	Allchurch	Stewart	Kwiatkowski

NAYS – 29

Romanow	Trew	Hagel	Van Mulligen
MacKinnon	Lingenfelter	Melenchuk	Cline
Atkinson	Goulet	Lautermilch	Thomson
Kasperski	Serby	Belanger	Nilson
Crofford	Hillson	Kowalsky	Sonntag
Hamilton	Jones	Yates	Higgins
Harper	Axworthy	Junor	Wartman
Addley			

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

The debate being resumed on the motion and the amendment, it was on motion of the Hon. Mr. Axworthy, adjourned.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 8:51 p.m. until Tuesday at 1:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1999
(7TH DAY)

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: Weekes, Allchurch, Draude, Eagles, and Wakefield.

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

According to Order, the Clerk having favourably reported on the same pursuant to Rule 12(7), the following Petition was read and received:

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to repeal the Personal Injury Benefits contained in The Automobile Insurance Act.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 15)

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter, Chair of the Special Nominating Committee appointed to prepare lists of Members to compose the Standing Committees of the Assembly, presents the First Report of the said committee which is as follows:

Your Committee recommends that the size and composition of the Standing Committees of the Assembly pursuant to Rule 94 be as follows:

Communication
(Speaker as Chair)

D'Autremont
Osika – Chair
Wall

Eagles
Prebble

Gantefoer
Thomson

Jones
Trew

Membership – 9

Constitutional Affairs

Addley
Thomson

Bakken
Trew

Julé
Wall

Kasperski

Membership – 7

Crown Corporations

Addley
Heppner
Thomson

Brkich
Kasperski
Yates

Elhard
McMorris

Harper
Prebble

Membership – 10

Education

Draude Peters	Hart Prebble	Higgins Thomson	Kowalsky
			<i>Membership – 7</i>

Environment

Elhard Kwiatkowski	Harper Prebble	Hart Wartman	Jones
			<i>Membership – 7</i>

Estimates

Addley Krawetz Yates	Harpauer Prebble	Harper Wakefield	Jones Wiberg
			<i>Membership – 9</i>

Municipal Law

Addley Wartman	Bjornerud Wiberg	McMorris Yates	Trew
			<i>Membership – 7</i>

Non-Controversial Bills

Addley Kowalsky	Draude Peters	Eagles Weekes	Higgins
			<i>Membership – 7</i>

Private Members' Bills

Allchurch Julé Yates	Boyd Kasperski	Brkich Kowalsky	Higgins Wartman
			<i>Membership – 9</i>

Privileges and Elections

Cline Krawetz Wakefield	Hillson Nilson	Kasperski Stewart	Kowalsky Toth
			<i>Membership – 9</i>

Public Accounts

Gantefoer
Krawetz
Wakefield

Higgins
Kwiatkowski
Wartman

Jones
Stewart

Kowalsky
Trew

Membership – 10

Your committee notes that by Order of the Assembly, the size and composition of the Standing Committee on Agriculture was established on December 7, 1999.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter, seconded by Mr. D'Autremont:

Ordered, That the First Report of the Special Committee appointed to prepare lists of members to compose the Standing Committees of the Assembly be now concurred in.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were received, read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time at the next sitting:

Bill No. 7 – The Student Assistance and Student Aid Fund Amendment Act, 1999

(Hon. Mr. Hagel)

Bill No. 9 – The Child and Family Services Amendment Act, 1999 (No. 2)

(Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen)

Bill No. 10 – The Department of Health Amendment Act, 1999

(Hon. Ms. Atkinson)

SPEAKER TABLES REPORT

The Speaker laid before the Assembly, in accordance with the provisions of section 14 of *The Provincial Auditor Act*, the Report of the Provincial Auditor, 1999 Fall Report, Volume 2.

(Sessional Paper No. 17)

STATEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

Before 5:00 p.m. yesterday, the Member for Cannington (D'Autremont) raised a Point of Order regarding the procedure for taking a voice vote. As requested, I reviewed the voice vote taken earlier on a superseding motion. I find that the voice vote in question was conducted in the usual manner, in keeping both with our own practice and with parliamentary tradition.

A description of that parliamentary tradition from *Erskine May's Parliamentary Practice*, 22nd edition, page 349, may help to clarify the issue, as follows:

When debate on a question is concluded, the question must be put . . . The Speaker takes the sense of the House by asking that ‘As many as are of that opinion say, “aye,”’ and ‘As many as are of the contrary opinion say, “no.”’ When each party has responded, the Speaker endeavours to judge from the loudness and general character of the opposing exclamations, or from a consideration of the probabilities of the case, which party has the majority. As his judgment is not final, he expresses his opinion by saying: “I think the “ayes” (or “noes”) have it’. If the House acquiesces in this decision, the question is said to be ‘agreed to’ or ‘negatived’ as the case may be, but if those declared to be the minority dispute the fact, they respond with . . . [a request] to start the process of counting the numbers on each side, which is termed a division.

I also refer honourable Members to the *Precis of Procedure*, 3rd edition, of the Canadian House of Commons, on page 57 where the voice vote is described as follows:

“Having heard both responses, the Speaker, judging not only the voices but also the probabilities, then says, “In my opinion the yeas (or nays) have it.””

It is clear that the Chair makes a judgement at the time the voices are given in a vote but does not count the votes. It is up to the Members then to call for a recorded division if they disagree with the Chair’s opinion regarding the results of the voice vote. That is what happened in the vote yesterday.

APPOINTMENT OF A SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON REGULATIONS

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter, seconded by the Hon. Ms. MacKinnon, by leave of the Assembly:

Ordered, That Members Allchurch, Bakken, Harper, Hart, Higgins, Jones, Thomson, Toth and Yates be constituted a Special Committee to consider every Regulation filed with the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly pursuant to the provisions of *The Regulations Act, 1995*, with a view to determining whether the special attention of the Assembly should be drawn to any of the said Regulations on any of the following grounds:

1. that it imposes a charge on the public revenues or prescribes a payment to be made to any public authority not specifically provided for by statute;
2. that it is excluded from challenge in the court;
3. that it makes unusual or unexpected effect where the parent statute confers no express authority so to provide;
4. that it purports to have retrospective effect where the parent statute confers no express authority so to provide;
5. that it has been insufficiently promulgated;
6. that it is not clear in meaning;

That the Committee have the assistance of the Legislative Counsel and Clerk in reviewing the said Regulations, and that it be required, prior to reporting that the special attention of the Assembly be drawn to any Regulation, to inform the government department or authority concerned of its intention so to report; and

That the Committee be empowered to invite any regulation-making authority to submit a memorandum explaining any regulation which may be under consideration by the Committee or to invite any regulation-making authority to appear before the Committee as a witness for the purpose of explaining any such Regulation; and

That the Committee be empowered to review the bylaws of professional associations and amendments thereto to determine whether or not they are in any way prejudicial to the public interest.

REFERRAL OF BYLAWS TO SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON REGULATIONS

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Melnychuk, by leave of the Assembly:

Ordered, That the Bylaws of the professional associations and amendments thereto Tabled during previous Legislatures and not ratified by the committee, and the bylaws and amendments as Tabled in the present Session, be referred to the Special Committee on Regulations.

APPOINTMENT OF CONTINUING SELECT COMMITTEE

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen, by leave of the Assembly:

Ordered, That Members Bakken, Boyd, D'Autremont, Kasperski, Kowalsky, Lingenfelter, Melnychuk, Trew and Weekes be constituted a Continuing Select Committee, pursuant to Rule 92, with the power to call for persons, papers and records and to examine witnesses under oath and whose duty it shall be to establish from time to time, select committees with the power to call for persons, papers and records and to examine witnesses under oath and with the power to travel and to hear testimony away from the seat of Government; and

That the Continuing Select Committee will have the power to set the terms of reference for each select committee; and

That each select committee shall report directly to the Legislative Assembly from time to time.

ADDRESS IN REPLY

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of Ms. Higgins, seconded by Mr. Addley:

That an Humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor as follows:

TO HIS HONOUR THE HONOURABLE JOHN E. N. WIEBE
Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Saskatchewan

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Saskatchewan, in Session assembled, humbly thank your Honour for the gracious Speech which Your Honour has been pleased to address to us at the opening of the present Session,

and the proposed amendment thereto moved by Mr. Hermanson:

That the following words be added to the motion:

But regrets that the government has failed to make a firm commitment to provide meaningful tax relief to Saskatchewan residents, has not agreed to put in place a complete value-for-money audit of the deteriorating health care system, has not given any commitment to aid Saskatchewan farmers, and has not put forward a plan to improve Saskatchewan's deteriorating highways in the Speech from the Throne and further regrets that while the provincial government acknowledges its failures over the past eight years, it appears the NDP government's deal with the three Liberal MLAs to form a coalition government was done to insure the NDP would not have to keep its promises in the future.

The debate continuing on the motion and the amendment, and the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived on the following Recorded Division:

YEAS – 23

Hermanson	Elhard	Heppner	Julé
Krawetz	Draude	Boyd	Gantefoer
Toth	Peters	Eagles	Bakken
Bjornerud	D'Autremont	McMorris	Weekes
Brkich	Harpauer	Wiberg	Hart
Allchurch	Stewart	Kwiatkowski	

NAYS – 29

Romanow	Trew	Hagel	Van Mulligen
MacKinnon	Lingenfelter	Melenchuk	Cline
Atkinson	Goulet	Lautermilch	Thomson
Kasperski	Serby	Belanger	Nilson
Crofford	Kowalsky	Sonntag	Hamilton
Prebble	Jones	Yates	Higgins
Harper	Axworthy	Junor	Wartman
Addley			

The debate continuing on the motion, it was on motion of the Hon. Mr. Serby, adjourned.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 4:43 p.m. until Wednesday at 1:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1999
(8TH DAY)

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: Wall, Elhard, Krawetz, Kwiatkowski, Julé, D'Autremont, and McMorris.

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

According to Order, the Clerk having favourably reported on the same pursuant to Rule 12(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 call on federal and provincial governments to dedicate a greater portion of fuel tax revenues toward road maintenance and construction.

(Sessional Paper No. 18)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to repeal the Personal Injury Benefits contained in The Automobile Insurance Act.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 15)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were received, read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time at the next sitting:

Bill No. 201 – The Four-year Taxation Plan Act

(Mr. Hermanson)

Bill No. 202 – The Respect for Constituents Act

(Mr. Hermanson)

Bill No. 211 – The Health-care Funding Audit Act

(Mr. Gantefoer)

Leave of the Assembly having been granted, the following Bill was received, read the first time, and by leave of the Assembly and pursuant to Rule 55, ordered to be read a second time later this day:

Bill No. 12 – The Agricultural Equipment Dealerships Act

(Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter)

SECOND READINGS

Bill No. 12 – The Agricultural Equipment Dealerships Act

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter: That Bill No. 12 – The Agricultural Equipment Dealerships Act – be now read a second time.

A debate arising, it was on motion of Mr. D'Autremont, adjourned.

SPEAKER TABLES MEMBERSHIP OF THE BOARD OF INTERNAL ECONOMY

The Speaker delivered a message from His Honour the Lieutenant Governor which is as follows:

December 13, 1999

The Honourable Ron Osika
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly
Room 129 Legislative Building
Regina, Saskatchewan
S4S 0B3

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Pursuant to Section 68.7 of *The Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act*, I hereby inform the Assembly of the membership of the Board of Internal Economy effective December 9, 1999:

The Honourable Ron Osika, Chairperson (Speaker)
The Honourable Eldon Lautermilch (Executive Council nominee)
The Honourable Jack Hillson (Executive Council nominee)
Mr. Myron Kowalsky, M.L.A. (Government Caucus nominee)
Ms. Carolyn Jones, M.L.A. (Government Caucus nominee)
Mr. Dan D'Autremont, M.L.A. (Opposition Caucus nominee)
Mr. Bob Bjornerud, M.L.A. (Opposition Caucus nominee)

Yours sincerely,
J.E.N. Wiebe
Lieutenant Governor
Province of Saskatchewan

(Sessional Paper No. 19)

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, and 35 they were answered. (See Appendix)

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 4, 5, 6, 7 and 28, pursuant to Rule 42(5), they were transferred to Motions for Returns (Debatable) Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5.

ADDRESS IN REPLY

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of Ms. Higgins, seconded by Mr. Addley:

That an Humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor as follows:

TO HIS HONOUR THE HONOURABLE JOHN E. N. WIEBE
Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Saskatchewan

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Saskatchewan, in Session assembled, humbly thank your Honour for the gracious Speech which Your Honour has been pleased to address to us at the opening of the present Session.

The debate continuing, it was agreed to on the following Recorded Division:

YEAS – 29

Romanow	Trew	Hagel	Van Mulligen
MacKinnon	Lingenfelter	Melenchuk	Cline
Atkinson	Goulet	Lautermilch	Thomson
Kasperski	Serby	Belanger	Nilson
Crofford	Kowalsky	Sonntag	Hamilton
Prebble	Jones	Yates	Higgins
Harper	Axworthy	Junor	Wartman
Addley			

NAYS – 25

Hermanson	Elhard	Heppner	Julé
Krawetz	Draude	Boyd	Gantefoer
Toth	Peters	Eagles	Wall
Bakken	Bjornerud	D'Autremont	McMorris
Weekes	Brkich	Harpauer	Wakefield
Wiberg	Hart	Allchurch	Stewart
Kwiatkowski			

ENGROSSMENT OF ADDRESS IN REPLY

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter, seconded by the Hon. Ms. MacKinnon:

Ordered, That the said Address be engrossed and presented to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor by such Members of the Assembly as are of the Executive Council.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE OF FINANCE

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen:

Ordered, That this Assembly, pursuant to Rule 92, hereby appoints the Committee of Finance to consider the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty and to consider the Ways and Means of raising the Supply.

Leave of the Assembly having been granted, the Assembly resumed debate on Second Reading of Bill No. 12.

ADJOURNED DEBATES

Bill No. 12 – The Agricultural Equipment Dealerships Act

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter: That Bill No. 12 – The Agricultural Equipment Dealerships Act – be now read a second time.

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

YEAS – 53

Romanow	Trew	Hagel	Van Mulligen
Lingenfelter	Melenchuk	Cline	Atkinson
Goulet	Lautermilch	Thomson	Kasperski
Serby	Belanger	Nilson	Crofford
Kowalsky	Sonntag	Hamilton	Prebble
Jones	Yates	Higgins	Harper
Axworthy	Junor	Wartman	Addley
Hermanson	Elhard	Heppner	Julé
Krawetz	Draude	Boyd	Gantefoer
Toth	Peters	Eagles	Wall
Bakken	Bjornerud	D'Autremont	McMorris
Weekes	Brkich	Harpauer	Wakefield
Wiberg	Hart	Allchurch	Stewart
Kwiatkowski			

NAYS – 00

The said Bill was, accordingly, read a second time, and by leave of the Assembly and pursuant to Rule 55, referred to a Committee of the Whole later this day.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Bill No. 12 – The Agricultural Equipment Dealerships Act

The Assembly, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

During consideration of Bill No. 12 – The Agricultural Equipment Dealerships Act – and the question being put on clause 4, it was agreed to on the following Recorded Division:

YEAS – 52

Romanow	Hagel	Van Mulligen	Lingenfelter
Melenchuk	Cline	Atkinson	Goulet
Lautermilch	Thomson	Kasperski	Serby
Belanger	Nilson	Crofford	Kowalsky
Sonntag	Hamilton	Prebble	Jones
Yates	Higgins	Harper	Axworthy
Junor	Wartman	Addley	Hermanson
Elhard	Heppner	Julé	Krawetz
Draude	Boyd	Gantefoer	Toth
Peters	Eagles	Wall	Bakken
Bjornerud	D'Autremont	McMorris	Weekes
Brkich	Harpauer	Wakefield	Wiberg
Hart	Allchurch	Stewart	Kwiatkowski

NAYS – 00

The question being put on clause 6, it was agreed to on the following Recorded Division:

YEAS – 52

Romanow	Hagel	Van Mulligen	Lingenfelter
Melenchuk	Cline	Atkinson	Goulet
Lautermilch	Thomson	Kasperski	Serby
Belanger	Nilson	Crofford	Kowalsky
Sonntag	Hamilton	Prebble	Jones
Yates	Higgins	Harper	Axworthy
Junor	Wartman	Addley	Hermanson
Elhard	Heppner	Julé	Krawetz
Draude	Boyd	Gantefoer	Toth
Peters	Eagles	Wall	Bakken
Bjornerud	D'Autremont	McMorris	Weekes
Brkich	Harpauer	Wakefield	Wiberg
Hart	Allchurch	Stewart	Kwiatkowski

NAYS – 00

The question being put on clause 7, it was agreed to on the following Recorded Division:

YEAS – 52

Romanow	Hagel	Van Mulligen	Lingenfelter
Melenchuk	Cline	Atkinson	Goulet
Lautermilch	Thomson	Kasperski	Serby
Belanger	Nilson	Crofford	Kowalsky
Sonntag	Hamilton	Prebble	Jones
Yates	Higgins	Harper	Axworthy
Junor	Wartman	Addley	Hermanson
Elhard	Heppner	Julé	Krawetz
Draude	Boyd	Gantefoer	Toth
Peters	Eagles	Wall	Bakken
Bjornerud	D'Autremont	McMorris	Weekes
Brkich	Harpauer	Wakefield	Wiberg
Hart	Allchurch	Stewart	Kwiatkowski

NAYS – 00

The question being put on clause 10, it was agreed to on the following Recorded Division:

YEAS – 52

Romanow	Hagel	Van Mulligen	Lingenfelter
Melenchuk	Cline	Atkinson	Goulet
Lautermilch	Thomson	Kasperski	Serby
Belanger	Nilson	Crofford	Kowalsky
Sonntag	Hamilton	Prebble	Jones
Yates	Higgins	Harper	Axworthy
Junor	Wartman	Addley	Hermanson
Elhard	Heppner	Julé	Krawetz
Draude	Boyd	Gantefoer	Toth
Peters	Eagles	Wall	Bakken
Bjornerud	D'Autremont	McMorris	Weekes
Brkich	Harpauer	Wakefield	Wiberg
Hart	Allchurch	Stewart	Kwiatkowski

NAYS – 00

A debate arising and the question being put on clause 11, it was agreed to on the following Recorded Division:

YEAS – 52

Romanow	Hagel	Van Mulligen	Lingenfelter
Melenchuk	Cline	Atkinson	Goulet
Lautermilch	Thomson	Kasperski	Serby
Belanger	Nilson	Crofford	Kowalsky
Sonntag	Hamilton	Prebble	Jones
Yates	Higgins	Harper	Axworthy
Junor	Wartman	Addley	Hermanson
Elhard	Heppner	Julé	Krawetz
Draude	Boyd	Gantefoer	Toth
Peters	Eagles	Wall	Bakken
Bjornerud	D'Autremont	McMorris	Weekes
Brkich	Harpauer	Wakefield	Wiberg
Hart	Allchurch	Stewart	Kwiatkowski

NAYS – 00

The question being put on clause 15, it was agreed to on the following Recorded Division:

YEAS – 51

Romanow	Hagel	Van Mulligen	Lingenfelter
Melenchuk	Cline	Atkinson	Goulet
Lautermilch	Thomson	Kasperski	Serby
Belanger	Nilson	Kowalsky	Sonntag
Hamilton	Prebble	Jones	Yates
Higgins	Harper	Axworthy	Junor
Wartman	Addley	Hermanson	Elhard
Heppner	Julé	Krawetz	Draude
Boyd	Gantefoer	Toth	Peters
Eagles	Wall	Bakken	Bjornerud
D'Autremont	McMorris	Weekes	Brkich
Harpauer	Wakefield	Wiberg	Hart
Allchurch	Stewart	Kwiatkowski	

NAYS – 00

The following Bill was reported without amendment, read the third time and passed:

Bill No. 12 – The Agricultural Equipment Dealerships Act

The Committee was given leave to sit again.

ROYAL ASSENT

6:47 p.m.

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, having entered the Chamber, took his seat upon the Throne.

The Speaker addressed His 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. 12 – The Agricultural Equipment Dealerships Act

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor then replied: "In Her Majesty's name, I assent to this Bill."

His Honour then retired from the Chamber.

6:48 p.m.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 6:49 p.m. until Thursday at 1:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1999
(9TH DAY)

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: Bjornerud, Toth, Allchurch, McMorris, and Brkich.

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

According to Order, the Clerk having favourably reported on the same pursuant to Rule 12(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 provincial government to withdraw from the AIDA program.
(Sessional Paper No. 20)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Minister of Education to stop the closure of classes in Qu'Appelle.
(Sessional Paper No. 21)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to repeal the Personal Injury Benefits contained in The Automobile Insurance Act.
(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 15)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to call on federal and provincial governments to dedicate a greater portion of fuel tax revenues toward road maintenance and construction.
(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 18)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

Bill No. 11 – The Electronic Information and Documents Act

(Hon. Mr. Axworthy)

MOTION TO ELECT TWO CO-CHAIRS ON THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO PREVENT THE ABUSE AND EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN THROUGH THE SEX TRADE

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen, seconded by Ms. Julé, by leave of the Assembly:

Ordered, That this Assembly authorizes the Special Committee appointed on December 13, 1999 to address and make recommendations on the issue of the abuse and exploitation of children through the sex trade and other matters, to elect two co-chairs, rather than a chair and vice-chair, to preside over the Committee's proceedings.

CONDOLENCE MOTION FOR DOUGLAS THOMAS MCFARLANE

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Romanow, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Melenchuk, 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.

Douglas Thomas McFarlane, who passed away on May 6, 1999, was a Member of this Legislative Assembly from 1956 until 1971, representing the constituency of Qu'Appelle-Wolseley for the Liberal Party. Mr. McFarlane was born on January 4, 1918 in Wolseley. He was raised on the family farm and received his schooling at Summerberry.

In his private life, Mr. McFarlane was a farmer. He was introduced to that way of life by helping on his parents' farm from an early age. Later he established his own farm in the Peebles area with his wife, Frances Davidson. They were married on April 15, 1945 and had four sons.

Mr. McFarlane was an active participant in the affairs of the communities in which he lived. He was a director of the Saskatchewan Farmers' Union; a member of the Glenavon Board of Trade; and a chairman of both the local Saskatchewan Wheat Pool committee and the agricultural improvement and conservation committee. His involvement with 4-H clubs began as a youth aggregate award winner for judging livestock and continued as an adult leader.

With the outbreak of the Second World War, Mr. McFarlane joined the Royal Canadian Air Force. He served in maintenance squadrons and achieved the rank of sergeant before his discharge in 1945. Later Mr. McFarlane was a member of the Canadian Legion. In 1971 he was appointed to the War Veterans Appeal Board and served until his retirement in 1983. He was presented with a Senior Officers Retirement certificate by the Governor General in recognition of his lengthy and dedicated service.

Mr. McFarlane was first elected to this Assembly in 1956 and successfully retained his seat in the following three elections. He was appointed to cabinet on May 22, 1964 as the Minister of Municipal Affairs. The following year, he assumed responsibility for Agriculture, a portfolio he held for the next six years.

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

A debate arising and the question being put, it was agreed to.

CONDOLENCE MOTION FOR GORDON JAMES MCNEILL

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Romanow, seconded by Mr. Krawetz, 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.

Gordon James McNeill, who passed away on July 14, 1999, was a Member of this Legislative Assembly from 1975 until 1978, representing the constituency of Meadow Lake for the New Democratic Party. Mr. McNeill was born in Bateman, Saskatchewan on August 17, 1922. He was raised in Shamrock and later married Henrietta Elizabeth (Nickie) Smith.

Throughout his life, Mr. McNeill had a great love for the outdoors. This in turn influenced where he chose to live and how he made his living. In 1959, Mr. McNeill moved to the north and opened a tourist resort at Green Lake. In later years, he managed the Lloyd Lake Lodge, the Loon Lake Resort and the Pelican Narrows Resort. During the winter seasons, Mr. McNeill kept busy, managing the Stampede Hotel in Meadow Lake for several years and later promoting Saskatchewan Tourism at sports shows.

Mr. McNeill served his fellow citizens in other capacities as well. He served his country from 1941 until 1945 in the Royal Canadian Air Force. He served his province as a civil servant with the Department of Indian Affairs and later worked for the Saskatchewan Mining and Development Corporation. Mr. McNeill began his working life in his local community, working with the Luis and Son Trucking firm and the Canadian National Railway in Saskatoon.

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

A debate arising and the question being put, it was agreed to.

CONDOLENCE MOTION FOR WILLIAM GWYNNE (BILL) DAVIES

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Romanow, seconded by Mr. Krawetz, 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.

William Gwynne (Bill) Davies, who passed away on November 9, 1999, was a Member of this Legislative Assembly from 1956 until 1971, representing the constituencies of Moose Jaw City and later Moose Jaw South. Mr. Davies was born in Indian Head in 1916 and lived there until 1923, when his family moved to Regina. Mr. Davies received his schooling at local elementary and secondary schools in Regina. Mr. Davies was predeceased by his first wife, Rose, but is survived by their four children and his second wife, Theresa.

Mr. Davies was known for his dedicated and lengthy involvement with many labour organizations. He was often chosen as the representative of Labour on a variety of boards. He was a member of two federal wartime boards, the provincial Labour Relations Board and the Canadian Labour Congress. He was a founding member of the Saskatchewan Occupational Group Council. Mr. Davies served over twenty-four years as the executive secretary of the Saskatchewan Federation of Labour.

Mr. Davies' interests were not limited to the labour field. He was on the Saskatchewan Arts Board and the Saskatchewan Educational Council. He supported the development of a provincial and local Centre Authority and advocated for a similar development in the Moose Jaw River Valley.

Mr. Davies was chosen to represent his city at both the municipal and provincial levels of government. He was chosen as an alderman for the city of Moose Jaw in 1949 and served in that capacity until 1956. In that year he began a fifteen year tenure in this Assembly. He served in the cabinets of two Premiers, holding the portfolios of Public Works and Public Health. His tenure as Minister of Health from 1961 to 1962 coincided with the debate over Medicare.

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

A debate arising and the question being put, it was agreed to.

TRANSMITTAL MOTION

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Romanow, seconded by Mr. Krawetz, by leave of the Assembly:

Ordered, That the Resolutions just passed, together with a transcript of oral tributes to the memory of the deceased, be communicated to the bereaved families on behalf of this Assembly by Mr. Speaker.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 4:46 p.m. until Friday at 10:00 a.m.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1999
(10TH DAY)

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: Elhard, Heppner, Julé, Krawetz, Draude, Gantefoer, Toth, Eagles, Wall, Bakken, Bjornerud, D'Autremont, McMorris, Weekes, Brkich, Harpauer, Wakefield, Hart, Allchurch, Stewart, and Kwiatkowski.

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

According to Order, the Clerk having favourably reported on the same pursuant to Rule 12(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 repeal the Personal Injury Benefits contained in The Automobile Insurance Act.
(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 15)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the provincial government to withdraw from the AIDA program.
(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 20)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Minister of Education to stop the closure of classes in Qu'Appelle.
(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 21)

STATEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

I draw to the attention of members that on December 15 this Assembly had two Bills before it with substantially the same purpose: Bill No. 209 – *The Agricultural Implements Amendment Act, 1999*, under the name of the Member for Kindersley and Bill No. 12 – *The Agricultural Equipment Dealerships Act*, under the name of the Minister of Agriculture. Both Bills have the object of providing protection for Saskatchewan farm equipment dealers, prairie implement manufacturers and farmers. These two Bills have essentially the same purpose even though the form of the Bills and the means used are different.

According to *Erskine May*, (Twenty-Second Edition, p.499)

There is no rule or custom which restrains the presentation of two or more Bills relating to the same subject, and containing similar provisions. But if a decision of the House has already been taken on one such Bill, for example, if the Bill has been given or refused a second reading, the other is not proceeded with if it contains substantially the same provisions . . .

I would also direct Members to rulings of the Chair of this Assembly of May 27, 1996; May 17, 1990; May 9, 1994 and June 1, 1994 on the “same question rule” with respect to Bills. It was ruled that once the Assembly has given or refused second reading on one Bill, the Speaker then must prevent any further consideration of the other Bill.

Bill No. 12 passed all stages and received Royal Assent Wednesday, December 15. In view of the foregoing, it is necessary that Bill No. 209 be removed from the Order Paper.

PRIORITY OF DEBATE

Before Orders of the Day having been called, Mr. Boyd, from his place in the Assembly, made a request pursuant to Rule 19 to move a priority of debate motion.

STATEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

This morning the Opposition House Leader provided notice for “Priority of Debate” to the Office of the Clerk, as is required under Rule 19(2). The notice was distributed pursuant the provisions of the Rule. Having reviewed the case made by the Member, I am now prepared to rule on the matter.

It is the Speaker’s responsibility to determine whether the matter should receive urgent consideration. The question is whether the matter is sufficiently urgent for the Assembly to set aside all other business to discuss this matter now. On this question, the Assembly itself has provided some guidance. To-date, this session has focused mainly on the agricultural crisis facing this province. The extreme importance of this issue has been cited as the reason for the convening of the 24th Legislature on December 6th. Since that date the Assembly has underscored the importance of this matter by the extraordinary lengths it has gone to allow opportunity to debate the various aspects of this issue and to find solutions to the crisis.

The Assembly has already set aside its business to debate emergency resolutions. For the first time since 1953 the Standing Committee on Agriculture was appointed, specifically to deal with this crisis. The Assembly took the unprecedented step of allowing that Committee to have its hearings in the legislative chamber in order to demonstrate the serious importance of this issue and the urgency to debate the issues. And on Wednesday of this week, the Assembly passed a farm Bill on agricultural equipment through all stages in one day. The question is, in the face of this evidence that the Assembly itself feels this issue is of “urgent public importance”, should the Speaker deny the request.

Rule 19(6)(e) states that the motion must not revive discussion on a matter which has been debated in the same session. The motion the Member proposes to move involves the use of Liquor and Gaming funds as source for an immediate payment to farm families. This question is distinct from the other resolutions that have come before this Assembly on this matter.

Rule 19(5) states, in part, that the Speaker should pay “regard to the probability of the matter being brought before the House within reasonable time by other means.” In past instances, when requests of this nature have been made, the Order Paper did contain numerous other opportunities to debate the issue at hand. In this instance, those opportunities do not exist. On the other hand, unless this session is adjourned sooner, there will be a Private Members Day on Tuesday December 21. I find at this time, however, that there is not sufficient probability that the Member’s motion will take precedence on the Tuesday Order Paper.

For these reasons, I find that pursuant to Rule 19(7) this matter is proper to be discussed and the Member may proceed.

The Speaker then called upon Mr. Boyd who moved, seconded by Mr. D'Autremont:

That this Assembly urges the provincial government to use its reserves in the Liquor and Gaming Fund to provide an immediate trade equalization payment of \$300 million to Saskatchewan farm families through a payment mechanism determined through consultation with the Saskatchewan farm coalition and that the provincial government use this payment to assist in negotiating a \$1 billion trade equalization payment from the federal government.

A debate arising, the Speaker interrupted proceedings, pursuant to Rule 19(8) and put the question, which was negatived on the following Recorded Division:

YEAS – 22

Elhard	Heppner	Julé	Krawetz
Draude	Boyd	Gantefoer	Toth
Eagles	Wall	Bakken	Bjornerud
D'Autremont	McMorris	Weekes	Brkich
Harpauer	Wakefield	Hart	Allchurch
Stewart	Kwiatkowski		

NAYS – 27

Romanow	Trew	Hagel	Van Mulligen
Lingenfelter	Melenchuk	Cline	Atkinson
Goulet	Lautermilch	Thomson	Kasperski
Serby	Belanger	Nilson	Crofford
Kowalsky	Sonntag	Hamilton	Prebble
Jones	Yates	Harper	Axworthy
Junor	Wartman	Addley	

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Question No. 36 it was answered. (See Appendix)

SECOND READINGS

Bill No. 9 – The Child and Family Services Amendment Act, 1999 (No. 2)

The Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen, a member of the Executive Council, having acquainted the Assembly that His 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. 9 – The Child and Family Services Amendment Act, 1999 (No. 2) – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 3 – The Health Labour Relations Reorganization Amendment Act, 1999

Moved by the Hon. Ms. Crofford: That Bill No. 3 – The Health Labour Relations Reorganization Amendment Act, 1999 – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 11 – The Electronic Information and Documents Act

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Axworthy: That Bill No. 11 – The Electronic Information and Documents Act – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 6 – The Mentally Disordered Persons Amendment Act, 1999

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Axworthy: That Bill No. 6 – The Mentally Disordered Persons Amendment Act, 1999 – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 4 – The Saskatchewan Pension Plan Amendment Act, 1999

The Hon. Mr. Cline, a member of the Executive Council, having acquainted the Assembly that His 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. 4 – The Saskatchewan Pension Plan Amendment Act, 1999 – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 7 – The Student Assistance and Student Aid Fund Amendment Act, 1999

The Hon. Mr. Hagel, a member of the Executive Council, having acquainted the Assembly that His 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. 7 – The Student Assistance and Student Aid Fund Amendment Act, 1999 – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 10 – The Department of Health Amendment Act, 1999

The Hon. Ms. Atkinson, a member of the Executive Council, having acquainted the Assembly that His 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. 10 – The Department of Health Amendment Act, 1999 – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 5 – The Parks Amendment Act, 1999

The Hon. Mr. Belanger, a member of the Executive Council, having acquainted the Assembly that His 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. 5 – The Parks Amendment Act, 1999 – be now read a second time.

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

APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON RULES AND PROCEDURES

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter, seconded by the Hon. Ms. MacKinnon, by leave of the Assembly:

Ordered, That a Special Committee composed of Mr. Speaker as Chair and Members D'Autremont, Higgins, Hillson, Kowalsky, Krawetz, McMorris, and Thomson, be appointed to examine such matters as it deems advisable with respect to the rules, procedures, practices and powers of the Legislative Assembly, its operation and organization, and the facilities and services provided to the Assembly, its committees and Members.

That this Special Committee be instructed to include in its report, drafts of proposed rules to give effect, if adopted by the Assembly, to any change or changes that may be proposed by the Committee.

That the Committee have the power to sit during the intersessional period and during the sessions except when the Assembly is sitting, and that the Committee have the power to send for persons, papers and records, and to examine witnesses under oath, to receive representations from interested parties and individuals, and to hold meetings away from the seat of the government in order that provisions in other Legislatures can be studied.

That this Committee be instructed to report to the Assembly with all convenient speed.

ADJOURNMENT OF SESSION

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Romanow, by leave of the Assembly:

Ordered, That when this Assembly adjourns at the end of this sitting day, it shall stand adjourned to the date and time set by Mr. Speaker upon the request of the government, and that Mr. Speaker shall give each member seven clear days notice, if possible, of such date and time.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 1:52 p.m. to the call of the Chair, pursuant to Order of the Assembly made this day.

RETURNS, REPORTS AND PAPERS TABLED

The following paper was laid upon the Table:

By the Hon. Mr. Cline:

Detail of Expenditures under *The Election Act, 1996* for the fiscal year 1998-99

(Sessional Paper No. 22)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29, 2000
(11TH DAY)

1:30 p.m.

PRAYERS

PRESENTING PETITIONS

A petition of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan was presented and laid upon the Table by Mr. Wall.

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

According to Order, the Clerk having favourably reported on the same pursuant to Rule 12(7), the following Petitions presented on December 17, 1999, 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 overrule the Parkland Health Board's decision with regard to the Blaine Lake Medical Clinic.

(Sessional Paper No. 23)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to repeal the Personal Injury Benefits contained in The Automobile Insurance Act.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 15)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the provincial government to withdraw from the AIDA program.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 20)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the Minister of Education to stop the closure of classes in Qu'Appelle.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 21)

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST CLERK

The Speaker informed the Assembly that Ms. Donna Bryce, a Committee Clerk who is on secondment from the Legislative Assembly of Ontario, will be assisting our Clerks-at-the-Table for a portion of the current Legislative Session.

INTRODUCTION OF PAGES

The Speaker informed the Assembly that Rachel Birns, Charla Borowski, Carla Huber, Brooke Johnston and Terry Rushworth would be the pages during the present Session.

SPEAKER INFORMS ASSEMBLY OF ELECTION OF MEMBERS

The Speaker informed the Assembly that the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly had received from the Chief Electoral Officer:

A certificate of the following elections and returns:

Of Pat Lorjé as Member for the Constituency of Saskatoon Southeast

Of Glen McPherson as Member for the Constituency of Wood River

(Sessional Paper No. 24)

Pat Lorjé, Member for the Constituency of Saskatoon Southeast, having previously taken the Oath, according to law, and subscribed the Roll containing the same, took her seat in the Assembly.

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 37 and 38, they were answered. (See Appendix)

TABLING OF ESTIMATES AND SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES

The Hon. Mr. Cline delivered a message from Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor which was read by the Speaker as follows:

Regina, March 29, 2000

The Lieutenant Governor transmits Estimates of certain sums required for the service of the Province for the twelve months ending March 31, 2001, and Supplementary Estimates of certain sums required for the service of the Province for twelve months ending March 31, 2000, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

LYNDA M. HAVERSTOCK
Lieutenant Governor

(Sessional Paper No. 25)

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Cline, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Romanow:

Ordered, That Her Honour's Message, the Estimates and Supplementary Estimates, be referred to the Committee of Finance.

MOTION TO RESOLVE INTO COMMITTEE OF FINANCE

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Cline, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Romanow:

That this Assembly do now resolve itself into the Committee of Finance.

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

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter, seconded by the Hon. Ms. MacKinnon:

Ordered, That debate on the motion "That this Assembly do now resolve itself into the Committee of Finance" be resumed on Thursday, March 30, 2000.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 3:15 p.m. until Thursday at 1:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, MARCH 30, 2000
(12TH DAY)

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: Heppner, Draude, Gantfoer, Toth, Peters, Eagles, Wall, Bjornerud, Weekes, Higgins, Brkich, Harpauer, Wakefield, Hart, Allchurch, and Kwiatkowski.

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

According to Order, the Clerk having favourably reported on the same pursuant to Rule 12(7), the following Petition was read and received:

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government not to expand the provincial sales tax.

(Sessional Paper No. 26)

IN REMEMBRANCE OF SANDRA SCHMIRLER

By leave of the Assembly, a tribute to the life of Sandra Schmirler was made during Statements by Members.

The Assembly observed a moment of silence.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter, seconded by Mr. Hermanson, by leave of the Assembly:

Ordered, That the transcripts of the statements made with respect to the memory of Sandra Schmirler be communicated to the bereaved families on behalf of this Assembly by Mr. Speaker.

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. 8 – The Department of Post-Secondary Education and Skills Training Act

(Hon. Mr. Hagel)

SPEAKER TABLES REPORTS

The Speaker laid before the Assembly the following:

In accordance with the provisions of section 14 of *The Provincial Auditor Act*, the Special Report of the Provincial Auditor to the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan regarding changes to *The Provincial Auditor Act*, dated February 2000.

(Sessional Paper No. 29)

Letter of resignation of the Provincial Auditor (Wayne Strelieff) dated March 15, 2000

(Sessional Paper No. 30)

Financial Statements of the New Democratic Party Caucus for the term of the Twenty-third Legislature, for the period ended September 15, 1999

(Sessional Paper No. 31)

Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Party Caucus for the period of August 8, 1997 to September 15, 1999

(Sessional Paper No. 32)

Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Liberal Caucus for the term of the Twenty-third Legislature, for the period ended September 15, 1999

(Sessional Paper No. 33)

MOTION TO ADJOURN OVER EASTER

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter, seconded by Mr. D'Autremont, by leave of the Assembly:

Ordered, That notwithstanding Rule 3(4) of the Rules and Procedures of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan, that when the Assembly adjourns on Thursday, April 20, 2000, it do stand adjourned until Wednesday, April 26 at 1:30 p.m.

BUDGET DEBATE

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Cline, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Romanow:

That this Assembly do now resolve itself into the Committee of Finance.

The debate continuing, it was moved by Mr. Hermanson, seconded by Mr. Gantfoer, in amendment thereto:

That all the words after the word "Assembly" be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

urges the provincial government to immediately reduce the provincial fuel tax by five cents a litre, to be reviewed after six months, in light of the federal Finance Minister's offer to match any provincial fuel tax reductions with a federal fuel tax reduction.

The debate continuing on the motion and the amendment, the Speaker interrupted proceedings and adjourned the Assembly without question put, pursuant to Rule 3(2).

The Assembly adjourned at 5:00 p.m. until Friday at 10:00 a.m.

RETURNS, REPORTS AND PAPERS TABLED

The following papers were laid upon the Table:

By the Hon. Mr. Axworthy:

Amendments to the Bylaws of the following Professional Associations:

Certified General Accountants Association of Saskatchewan
Saskatchewan Association of Chiropodists
Chiropractors' Association of Saskatchewan
Saskatchewan Dental Assistants' Association
Saskatchewan Dental Therapists Association
Dental Technicians Association of Saskatchewan
Saskatchewan Land Surveyors' Association
Society of Management Accountants of Saskatchewan
Saskatchewan Pharmaceutical Association
Saskatchewan Applied Science Technologists and Technicians

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 16)

By the Hon. Mr. Nilson:

Share Purchase Agreement dated June 17, 1999, among SaskTel Holding (New Zealand) Inc., Saskatchewan Telecommunications Holding Corporation, Saturn Communications Limited, Austar United Communications Limited, Saturn (NZ) Holding Company, and UIH Australia/Pacific Inc.

(Sessional Paper No. 27)

Notice pursuant to section 30(3) of *The Crown Corporations Act, 1993* and *The Tabling of Documents Act, 1991*, respecting the incorporation of Saskatchewan Telecommunications International (Tanzania), Inc.

(Sessional Paper No. 28)

FRIDAY, MARCH 31, 2000
(13TH DAY)

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: Julé, Draude, Gantefoer, Wall, Weekes, and Hart.

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

According to Order, the Clerk having favourably reported on the same pursuant to Rule 12(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 halt any plans to proceed with the amalgamation of municipalities in Saskatchewan.

(Sessional Paper No. 34)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to ensure reliable cellular service to Watson and area.

(Sessional Paper No. 35)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to assist in providing funding for the Swift Current Regional Hospital.

(Sessional Paper No. 36)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government not to expand the provincial sales tax.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 26)

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Question No. 39, it was answered. (See Appendix)

BUDGET DEBATE

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Cline, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Romanow:

That this Assembly do now resolve itself into the Committee of Finance.

and the proposed amendment thereto moved by Mr. Hermanson:

That all the words after the word "Assembly" be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

urges the provincial government to immediately reduce the provincial fuel tax by five cents a litre, to be reviewed after six months, in light of the federal Finance Minister's offer to match any provincial fuel tax reductions with a federal fuel tax reduction.

The debate continuing on the motion and the amendment, the Speaker interrupted proceedings and adjourned the Assembly without question put, pursuant to Rule 3(2).

The Assembly adjourned at 1:01 p.m. until Monday at 1:30 p.m.

RETURNS, REPORTS AND PAPERS TABLED

The following papers were laid upon the Table:

By the Hon. Mr. Axworthy:

Report under *The Provincial Court Act* dated March 28, 2000
(Sessional Paper No. 37)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Legal Aid Commission for the year ended March 31, 1999
(Sessional Paper No. 38)

Financial Statements of the Staff Pension Plan for Employees of the Saskatchewan Legal Aid Commission for the year ended December 31, 1998
(Sessional Paper No. 39)

Annual Report of the Saskatchewan Police Complaints Investigator for the year ended March 31, 1999
(Sessional Paper No. 40)

Financial Statements of the Department of Justice Victims' Fund for the year ended March 31, 1999
(Sessional Paper No. 41)

- Report under *The Family Farm Credit Act* dated September 1, 1999
(Sessional Paper No. 42)
- Report under *The Penalties and Forfeitures Act* dated September 28, 1999
(Sessional Paper No. 43)
- Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Law Reform Commission of Saskatchewan for the year ended March 31, 1999
(Sessional Paper No. 44)
- Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Law Foundation of Saskatchewan for the year ended June 30, 1999
(Sessional Paper No. 45)
- Report under *The Crown Administration of Estates Act* dated August 25, 1999
(Sessional Paper No. 46)
- Financial Statements of the Provincial Mediation Board Trust Accounts for the year ended March 31, 1999
(Sessional Paper No. 47)
- Financial Statements of the Office of the Rentalsman – Rentalsman’s Trust Account for the year ended March 31, 1999
(Sessional Paper No. 48)
- Financial Statements of the Agricultural Implements Board for the year ended March 31, 1999
(Sessional Paper No. 49)
- Financial Statements of the Department of Justice Queen’s Printer Revolving Fund for the year ended March 31, 1999
(Sessional Paper No. 50)
- Financial Statements of the Department of Justice Correctional Facilities Industries Revolving Fund for the year ended March 31, 1999
(Sessional Paper No. 51)
- Annual Report for Saskatchewan Justice for the year ended March 31, 1999
(Sessional Paper No. 52)
- Annual Report for the Public and Private Rights Board for the year ended December 31, 1999
(Sessional Paper No. 53)
- Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Public Trustee for Saskatchewan for the year ended March 31, 1999
(Sessional Paper No. 54)
- Financial Statements of the Public Trustee for Saskatchewan for the year ended March 31, 1999
(Sessional Paper No. 55)

Annual Report under *The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* for the year ended March 31, 1999

(Sessional Paper No. 56)

Annual Report of the Public Disclosure Committee for the year ended March 31, 1999

(Sessional Paper No. 57)

Annual Report of the Saskatchewan Police Commission for the year ended March 31, 1999

(Sessional Paper No. 58)

Annual Report for the Farm Land Security Board for the year ended March 31, 1999

(Sessional Paper No. 59)

By the Hon. Mr. Hagel:

Annual Report of the Saskatchewan Post-Secondary Education and Skills Training for the year ended June 30, 1999

(Sessional Paper No. 60)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Student Aid Fund for the year ended March 31, 1999

(Sessional Paper No. 61)

Financial Statements of the Training Completions Fund for the year ended March 31, 1999

(Sessional Paper No. 62)

Financial Statements of the University of Saskatchewan Crown Foundation for the year ended April 30, 1999

(Sessional Paper No. 63)

Financial Statements of the University of Regina for the year ended April 30, 1999

(Sessional Paper No. 64)

Financial Statements of the Cumberland Regional College for the year ended June 30, 1999

(Sessional Paper No. 65)

Financial Statements of the Parkland Regional College for the year ended June 30, 1999

(Sessional Paper No. 66)

Financial Statements of the Cypress Hills Regional College for the year ended June 30, 1999

(Sessional Paper No. 67)

Financial Statements of the Southeast Regional College for the year ended June 30, 1999

(Sessional Paper No. 68)

Financial Statements of the Prairie West Regional College for the year ended June 30, 1999

(Sessional Paper No. 69)

- Financial Statements of the Northlands Regional College for the year ended June 30, 1999
(Sessional Paper No. 70)
- Financial Statements of the North West Regional College for the year ended June 30, 1999
(Sessional Paper No. 71)
- Financial Statements of the Carlton Trail Regional College for the year ended June 30, 1999
(Sessional Paper No. 72)
- Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technologies for the year ended June 30, 1999
(Sessional Paper No. 73)
- Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Institute of Applied Science and Technology for the year ended June 30, 1999, including SIAST Services/Supplier Payments/Disbursements Report and SIAST Employees/Board Payments Report
(Sessional Paper No. 74)
- Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Communications Network Corporation for the year ended March 31, 1999
(Sessional Paper No. 75)
- Annual Report and Financial Statements of the New Careers Corporation for the year ended March 31, 1999
(Sessional Paper No. 76)

MONDAY, APRIL 3, 2000
(14TH DAY)

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: Julé, Draude, Gantfoer, Peters, Eagles, Wall, Bjornerud, McMorris, Weekes, Brkich, Harpauer, and Allchurch.

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

According to Order, the Clerk having favourably reported on the same pursuant to Rule 12(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 overrule the Parkland Health Board's decision with regard to the Blaine Lake Medical Clinic.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 23)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to halt any plans to proceed with the amalgamation of municipalities in Saskatchewan.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 34)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to ensure reliable cellular service to Watson and area.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 35)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to provide funding for the Swift Current Regional Hospital.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 36)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS / DÉPÔT DE PROJETS DE LOI

The following Bills were received, read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time at the next sitting:

Les projets de loi suivants sont reçus, lus une première fois, et la deuxième lecture en est fixée à la prochaine séance:

Bill No. 13 – The Education Amendment Act, 2000

Projet de loi n° 13 – Loi de 2000 modifiant la Loi de 1995 sur l'éducation

(Hon. Mr. / L'hon. M. Melenchuk)

Bill No. 14 – The Film Employment Tax Credit Amendment Act, 2000

(Hon. Mr. Serby)

MEMBER TAKES SEAT

Glen McPherson, Member for the Constituency of Wood River, having previously taken the Oath, according to law, and subscribed the Roll containing the same, took his seat in the Assembly.

STATEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

Before Orders of the Day, I want to remind Members of the long-standing practice of this Assembly prohibiting the use of props and exhibits.

Last Friday, Members on both sides of the House used documents as a prop or an exhibit. Neither incident is in keeping with this Assembly's practice. I draw Members' attention to page 520 of the *House of Commons Procedure and Practice*, which summarizes the practice as follows:

Speakers have consistently ruled out of order displays or demonstrations of any kind used by Members to illustrate their remarks or emphasize their positions. Similarly, props of any kind, used as a way of making a silent comment on issues, have always been found unacceptable in the Chamber. Members may hold notes in their hands, but they will be interrupted and reprimanded by the Speaker if they use papers, documents or other objects to illustrate their remarks. Exhibits have also been ruled inadmissible.

I ask all Members for their cooperation in respecting this long-standing practice.

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 40, 41 and 42, they were answered. (See Appendix)

BUDGET DEBATE

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Cline, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Romanow:

That this Assembly do now resolve itself into the Committee of Finance.

and the proposed amendment thereto moved by Mr. Hermanson:

That all the words after the word "Assembly" be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

urges the provincial government to immediately reduce the provincial fuel tax by five cents a litre, to be reviewed after six months, in light of the federal Finance Minister's offer to match any provincial fuel tax reductions with a federal fuel tax reduction.

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

The debate being resumed on the motion and the amendment, it was on motion of Mr. Kwiatkowski, adjourned.

MOTION TO WITHDRAW BILL NO. 8

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen, by leave of the Assembly:

Ordered, That the Order for Second Reading of Bill No. 8 – The Department of Post-Secondary Education and Skills Training Act – be discharged and the said Bill be withdrawn.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 10:12 p.m. until Tuesday at 1:30 p.m.

RETURNS, REPORTS AND PAPERS TABLED

The following papers were laid upon the Table:

By the Hon. Mr. Lautermilch:

Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Research Council Employees' Pension Plan for the year ended December 31, 1999

(Sessional Paper No. 77)

Annual Report of Saskatchewan Energy and Mines for the year ended March 31, 1999

(Sessional Paper No. 78)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Oil and Gas Environmental Fund for the year ended March 31, 1999

(Sessional Paper No. 79)

By the Hon. Mr. Melenchuk:

Financial Statements of the School Division Tax Loss Compensation Fund for the year ended March 31, 1999

(Sessional Paper No. 80)

Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Correspondence School Revolving Fund for the year ended March 31, 1999

(Sessional Paper No. 81)

Annual Report of Saskatchewan Education for the year ended June 30, 1999

(Sessional Paper No. 82)

Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Learning Resources Distribution Centre for the year ended March 31, 1999

(Sessional Paper No. 83)

Annual Report of the Saskatchewan Teachers' Superannuation Commission under: *The Teachers' Superannuation and Disability Benefits Act* for the year ended June 30, 1999; *The Teachers' Life Insurance (Government Contributory) Act* for the period ended August 31, 1999; and *The Teachers' Dental Plan Act* for the period ended December 31, 1999; and Financial Statements of the Teachers' Superannuation Plan for the year ended June 30, 1999

(Sessional Paper No. 84)

By the Hon. Ms. Atkinson:

Annual Statistical Report of Saskatchewan Health, Medical Services and Health Registration Branch, including the Medical Services Plan and Health Registration for the fiscal year 1998-99

(Sessional Paper No. 85)

Financial Statements of the Uranium City Hospital for the year ended March 31, 1999

(Sessional Paper No. 86)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Health Services Utilization and Research Commission for the year ended March 31, 1999, including Payee List

(Sessional Paper No. 87)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the St. Louis Alcoholism Rehabilitation Centre for the year ended March 31, 1999

(Sessional Paper No. 88)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Cancer Agency for the year ended March 31, 1999

(Sessional Paper No. 89)

Interim Annual Report on Saskatchewan Vital Statistics for the calendar year 1999

(Sessional Paper No. 90)

By the Hon. Ms. Junor:

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Health Information Network for the year ended March 31, 1999

(Sessional Paper No. 91)

Annual Statistical Report of Saskatchewan Health, Drug Plan and Extended Benefits Branch for the fiscal year 1998-99

(Sessional Paper No. 92)

By the Hon. Mr. Belanger:

Financial Statements of the Department of Environment and Resource Management, Big Game Damage Compensation Fund, for the year ended March 31, 1999

(Sessional Paper No. 93)

Financial Statements of the Department of Environment and Resource Management, Commercial Revolving Fund, for the year ended March 31, 1999

(Sessional Paper No. 94)

Financial Statements of the Department of Environment and Resource Management, Fish and Wildlife Development Fund, for the year ended March 31, 1999

(Sessional Paper No. 95)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Water Appeal Board for the year ended March 31, 1999, including Honoraria paid to Board Members

(Sessional Paper No. 96)

Annual Report of Saskatchewan Environment and Resource Management for the year ended March 31, 1999

(Sessional Paper No. 97)

Financial Statements of the Department of Environment and Resource Management, Resource Protection and Development Revolving Fund for the year ended March 31, 1999

(Sessional Paper No. 98)

By the Hon. Ms. Atkinson:

Annual Report of Saskatchewan Health for the year ended March 31, 1999

(Sessional Paper No. 99)

By the Hon. Mr. Goulet:

Annual Report of Saskatchewan Northern Affairs for the year ended March 31, 1999

(Sessional Paper No. 100)

TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2000
(15TH DAY)

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: Elhard, Julé, Draude, Gantefoer, Toth, Peters, Eagles, Wall, McMorris, Weekes, Brkich, Harpauer, Wakefield, Hart, and Allchurch.

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

According to Order, the Clerk having favourably reported on the same pursuant to Rule 12(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 federal and provincial governments to reduce fuel taxes.

(Sessional Paper No. 101)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to overrule the Parkland Health Board's decision with regard to the Blaine Lake Medical Clinic.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 23)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to halt any plans to proceed with the amalgamation of municipalities in Saskatchewan.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 34)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to provide funding for the Swift Current Regional Hospital.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 36)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were received, read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time at the next sitting:

Bill No. 15 – The Department of Justice Amendment Act, 2000

(Hon. Mr. Axworthy)

Bill No. 16 – The Justice Statutes (Consumer Protection) Amendment Act, 2000

(Hon. Mr. Axworthy)

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 43 to 68, they were answered. (See Appendix)

BUDGET DEBATE

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Cline, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Romanow:

That this Assembly do now resolve itself into the Committee of Finance.

and the proposed amendment thereto moved by Mr. Hermanson:

That all the words after the word "Assembly" be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

urges the provincial government to immediately reduce the provincial fuel tax by five cents a litre, to be reviewed after six months, in light of the federal Finance Minister's offer to match any provincial fuel tax reductions with a federal fuel tax reduction.

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

The debate being resumed on the motion and the amendment, it was on motion of the Hon. Ms. Atkinson, adjourned.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 10:08 p.m. until Wednesday at 1:30 p.m.

RETURNS, REPORTS AND PAPERS TABLED

The following papers were laid upon the Table:

By the Hon. Mr. Axworthy:

Amendments to the Bylaws of the following Professional Association:

Saskatchewan League of Educational Administrators, Directors and Superintendents
(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 16)

By the Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen:

Financial Statements of the Social Services Central Trust Account for the year ended March 31, 1999
(Sessional Paper No. 102)

Annual Report of Saskatchewan Social Services for the year ended March 31, 1999
(Sessional Paper No. 103)

By the Hon. Ms. MacKinnon:

Annual Report of Saskatchewan Economic and Co-operative Development for the year ended March 31, 1999
(Sessional Paper No. 104)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of Tourism Saskatchewan for the year ended September 30, 1999
(Sessional Paper No. 105)

By the Hon. Mr. Cline:

Annual Report of Saskatchewan Finance for the year ended March 31, 1999
(Sessional Paper No. 106)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Public Employees Deferred Salary Leave Fund for the year ended December 31, 1999
(Sessional Paper No. 107)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Extended Health Care Plan For Certain Other Employees for the year ended December 31, 1999
(Sessional Paper No. 108)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Public Service Superannuation Board for the year ended March 31, 1999
(Sessional Paper No. 109)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Pension Annuity Fund for the year ended March 31, 1999
(Sessional Paper No. 110)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Members of the Legislative Assembly Superannuation Plan for the year ended March 31, 1999
(Sessional Paper No. 111)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Judges of the Provincial Court Superannuation Plan for the year ended March 31, 1999
(Sessional Paper No. 112)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the University of Regina Crown Foundation for the year ended April 30, 1999

(Sessional Paper No. 113)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Public Employees Benefits Agency Revolving Fund for the year ended March 31, 1999

(Sessional Paper No. 114)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Public Employees Pension Plan for the year ended March 31, 1999

(Sessional Paper No. 115)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Municipal Financing Corporation of Saskatchewan for the year ended December 31, 1999

(Sessional Paper No. 116)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Pension Plan for the year ended December 31, 1999

(Sessional Paper No. 117)

By the Hon. Mr. Serby:

Financial Statements of the First Nations Trust Fund for the year ended March 31, 1999

(Sessional Paper No. 118)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Associated Entities Fund for the year ended March 31, 1999

(Sessional Paper No. 119)

Annual Report of the Saskatchewan Municipal Affairs, Culture and Housing for the year ended March 31, 1999

(Sessional Paper No. 120)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of Sask911 for the year ended March 31, 1999

(Sessional Paper No. 121)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Heritage Foundation for the year ended March 31, 1999

(Sessional Paper No. 122)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Archives Board for the year ended March 31, 1999

(Sessional Paper No. 123)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Arts Board for the year ended March 31, 1999, including list of disbursements

(Sessional Paper No. 124)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Western Development Museum for the year ended March 31, 1999

(Sessional Paper No. 125)

Financial Statements of the Doukhobors of Canada C.C.U.B. Trust Fund Board for the year ended May 31, 1999

(Sessional Paper No. 126)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Housing Corporation for the year ended December 31, 1999, including Supplier and Grant Payments for 1999

(Sessional Paper No. 127)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Assessment Management Agency, for the year ended December 31, 1999

(Sessional Paper No. 128)

By the Hon. Mr. Hillson:

Annual Report of the Saskatchewan Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs for the year ended March 31, 1999

(Sessional Paper No. 129)

By the Hon. Ms. Hamilton:

Annual Report of Saskatchewan Public Service Commission for the year ended March 31, 1999

(Sessional Paper No. 130)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Property Management Corporation for the year ended March 31, 1999, including Supplementary Information

(Sessional Paper No. 131)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Liquor Board Superannuation Commission for the year ended December 31, 1999

(Sessional Paper No. 132)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority for the year ended March 31, 1999, including Supplementary Financial Information

(Sessional Paper No. 133)

By the Hon. Mr. Axworthy:

Annual Report of the Saskatchewan Human Rights Commission for the year ended March 31, 1999

(Sessional Paper No. 134)

By the Hon. Mr. Sonntag:

Orders under *The Provincial Lands Act*, dated February 23, 2000

(Sessional Paper No. 135)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Prairie Agricultural Machinery Institute for the year ended March 31, 1999, including Consolidated Report

(Sessional Paper No. 136)

Annual Report of Saskatchewan Agriculture and Food for the year ended March 31, 1999; Financial Statements of the Cattle Marketing Deductions Fund, Conservation and Development Revolving Fund, Horned Cattle Fund, Livestock Services Revolving Fund, and the Saskatchewan Agricultural Stabilization Fund for the year ended March 31, 1999

(Sessional Paper No. 137)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Corporation for the year ended March 31, 1999, including Supplementary Information

(Sessional Paper No. 138)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Agricultural Credit Corporation of Saskatchewan for the year ended March 31, 1999, including Supplementary Payment Information

(Sessional Paper No. 139)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Beef Development Board for the year ended March 31, 1999

(Sessional Paper No. 140)

Financial Statements of the Highways Revolving Fund for the year ended March 31, 1999

(Sessional Paper No. 141)

Annual Report of Saskatchewan Highways and Transportation for the year ended March 31, 1999

(Sessional Paper No. 142)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Grain Car Corporation for the year ended July 31, 1999

(Sessional Paper No. 143)

Financial Statements of the Transportation Partnerships Fund for the year ended March 31, 1999

(Sessional Paper No. 144)

By the Hon. Ms. Crofford:

Annual Report of the Saskatchewan Women's Secretariat for the year ended March 31, 1999

(Sessional Paper No. 145)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Centre of the Arts for the year ended March 31, 1999

(Sessional Paper No. 146)

Annual Report of the Saskatchewan Labour Relations Board for the year ended March 31, 1999

(Sessional Paper No. 147)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Gaming Corporation for the year ended March 31, 1999, including Supplementary Financial Information

(Sessional Paper No. 148)

Annual Report of Saskatchewan Labour for the year ended March 31, 1999

(Sessional Paper No. 149)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, 2000
(16TH DAY)

PRAYERS

1:30 p.m.

PRESENTING PETITIONS

Petitions of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan were presented and laid upon the Table by the following Members: Elhard, Heppner, Julé, Draude, Gantefoer, Toth, Peters, Eagles, Wall, D'Autremont, Weekes, Brkich, Harpauer, Wakefield, Hart, Allchurch, Stewart, and Kwiatkowski.

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

According to Order, the Clerk having favourably reported on the same pursuant to Rule 12(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 halt any plans to proceed with the amalgamation of municipalities in Saskatchewan.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 34)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to ensure reliable cellular service to Watson and area.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 35)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to provide funding for the Swift Current Regional Hospital.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 36)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the federal and provincial governments to reduce fuel taxes.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 101)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

Bill No. 17 – The Child Care Amendment Act, 2000

(Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen)

BUDGET DEBATE

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Cline, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Romanow:

That this Assembly do now resolve itself into the Committee of Finance.

and the proposed amendment thereto moved by Mr. Hermanson:

That all the words after the word “Assembly” be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

urges the provincial government to immediately reduce the provincial fuel tax by five cents a litre, to be reviewed after six months, in light of the federal Finance Minister’s offer to match any provincial fuel tax reductions with a federal fuel tax reduction.

The debate continuing on the motion and the amendment, the Speaker interrupted proceedings pursuant to Rule 15(3) and put the question on the amendment, which was negatived on the following Recorded Division:

YEAS – 24

Hermanson	Elhard	Heppner	Julé
Draude	Boyd	Gantefoer	Toth
Peters	Eagles	Wall	Bakken
Bjornerud	D’Autremont	McMorris	Weekes
Brkich	Harpauer	Wakefield	Wiberg
Hart	Allchurch	Stewart	Kwiatkowski

NAYS – 31

Romanow	Trew	Hagel	Van Mulligen
MacKinnon	Lingenfelter	Melenchuk	Cline
Atkinson	Goulet	Lautermilch	Thomson
Lorjé	Serby	Belanger	Nilson
Crofford	Hillson	Kowalsky	Sonntag
Hamilton	Prebble	Jones	Higgins
Yates	Harper	Axworthy	Junor
Kasperski	Wartman	Addley	

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

YEAS – 31

Romanow	Trew	Hagel	Van Mulligen
MacKinnon	Lingenfelter	Melenchuk	Cline
Atkinson	Goulet	Lautermilch	Thomson
Lorjé	Serby	Belanger	Nilson
Crofford	Hillson	Kowalsky	Sonntag
Hamilton	Prebble	Jones	Higgins
Yates	Harper	Axworthy	Junor
Kasperski	Wartman	Addley	

NAYS – 24

Hermanson	Elhard	Heppner	Julé
Draude	Boyd	Gantfoer	Toth
Peters	Eagles	Wall	Bakken
Bjornerud	D’Autremont	McMorris	Weekes
Brkich	Harpauer	Wakefield	Wiberg
Hart	Allchurch	Stewart	Kwiatkowski

The Assembly, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Finance.

Progress was reported and the Committee given leave to sit again.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

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

RETURNS, REPORTS AND PAPERS TABLED

The following papers were laid upon the Table:

By the Hon. Mr. Cline:

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Public Employees Group Life Insurance Fund, for the year ended December 31, 1999

(Sessional Paper No. 150)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Municipal Employees' Pension Commission, for the year ended December 31, 1999

(Sessional Paper No. 151)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Public Employees Dental Fund, for the year ended December 31, 1999

(Sessional Paper No. 152)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Extended Health Care Plan, for the year ended December 31, 1999

(Sessional Paper No. 153)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Public Employees Disability Income Fund, for the year ended December 31, 1999

(Sessional Paper No. 154)

By the Hon. Mr. Hagel:

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the University of Saskatchewan, for the year ended April 30, 1999

(Sessional Paper No. 155)

THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 2000
(17TH DAY)

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: Julé, Draude, Gantefoer, Toth, Peters, Wall, Harpauer and Wiberg.

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

According to Order, the Deputy Clerk having favourably reported on the same pursuant to Rule 12(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 overrule the Parkland Health Board's decision with regard to the Blaine Lake Medical Clinic.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 23)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to halt any plans to proceed with the amalgamation of municipalities in Saskatchewan.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 34)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to provide funding for the Swift Current Regional Hospital.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 36)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the federal and provincial governments to reduce fuel taxes.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 101)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

Bill No. 18 – The Public Employees Pension Plan Amendment Act, 2000

(Hon. Mr. Cline)

INTERIM SUPPLY

The Assembly, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Finance to consider resolutions for Interim Supply.

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Cline:

That a sum not exceeding nine hundred fifteen million, two hundred fifty-four thousand dollars be granted to Her Majesty, on account, for the twelve months ending March 31, 2001.

A debate arising, the Chair interrupted proceedings pursuant to Rule 3(3).

Progress was reported and the Committee given leave to sit again.

The Speaker adjourned the Assembly without question put, pursuant to Rule 3(2).

The Assembly adjourned at 5:02 p.m. until Friday at 10:00 a.m.

FRIDAY, APRIL 7, 2000
(18TH DAY)

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: Julé, Draude, Gantfoer, Toth, Peters, Eagles, Wall, McMorris, Brkich, Harpauer, Wiberg, Hart, and Allchurch.

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

According to Order, the Deputy Clerk having favourably reported on the same pursuant to Rule 12(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 halt any plans to proceed with the amalgamation of municipalities in Saskatchewan.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 34)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to provide funding for the Swift Current Regional Hospital.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 36)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the federal and provincial governments to reduce fuel taxes.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 101)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were received, read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time at the next sitting:

Bill No. 19 – The Saskatchewan Telecommunications Amendment Act, 2000

(Hon. Mr. Nilson)

Bill No. 20 – The Saskatchewan Telecommunications Holding Corporation Amendment Act, 2000

(Hon. Mr. Nilson)

RE-APPOINTMENT OF CHILDREN'S ADVOCATE

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Hillson:

That an Humble Address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor recommending that the Lieutenant Governor in Council re-appoint Dr. Deborah Parker-Loewen, of the City of Saskatoon, in the Province of Saskatchewan, as Children's Advocate pursuant to section 12.1 of *The Ombudsman and Children's Advocate Act*.

A debate arising, it was moved by Mr. Toth, seconded by Mr. Gantfoer, in amendment thereto:

That all the words after the word "That" be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

The Legislative Assembly conduct an open search and hiring process to fill the Office of the Children's Advocate.

The question being put on the amendment, it was negatived on the following Recorded Division:

YEAS – 22

Elhard	Julé	Draude	Boyd
Gantfoer	Toth	Peters	Eagles
Wall	Bakken	Bjornerud	D'Autremont
McMorris	Weekes	Brkich	Harpauer
Wakefield	Wiberg	Hart	Allchurch
Stewart	Kwiatkowski		

NAYS – 29

Trew	Hagel	Van Mulligen	MacKinnon
Lingenfelter	Melenchuk	Cline	Atkinson
Goulet	Lautermilch	Thomson	Serby
Belanger	Nilson	Crofford	Hillson
Kowalsky	Sonntag	Hamilton	Prebble
Jones	Higgins	Yates	Harper
Axworthy	Junor	Kasperski	Wartman
Addley			

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

YEAS – 51

Trew	Hagel	Van Mulligen	MacKinnon
Lingenfelter	Melenchuk	Cline	Atkinson
Goulet	Lautermilch	Thomson	Serby
Belanger	Nilson	Crofford	Hillson
Kowalsky	Sonntag	Hamilton	Prebble
Jones	Higgins	Yates	Harper
Axworthy	Junor	Kasperski	Wartman
Addley	Elhard	Julé	Draude
Boyd	Gantefoer	Toth	Peters
Eagles	Wall	Bakken	Bjornerud
D'Autremont	McMorris	Weekes	Brkich
Harpauer	Wakefield	Wiberg	Hart
Allchurch	Stewart	Kwiatkowski	

NAYS – 00

SECOND READINGS / DEUXIÈME LECTURE

Bill No. 13 – The Education Amendment Act, 2000 **Projet de loi n° 13 – Loi de 2000 modifiant la Loi de 1995 sur l'éducation**

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Melenchuk: That Bill No. 13 – The Education Amendment Act, 2000 – be now read a second time.

L'hon. M. Melenchuk propose: Que le projet de loi n° 13 – Loi de 2000 modifiant la Loi de 1995 sur l'éducation – soit maintenant lu une deuxième fois.

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

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

Bill No. 1 – The Farm Financial Stability Amendment Act, 1999

The Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter, 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. 1 – The Farm Financial Stability Amendment Act, 1999 – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 2 – The Animal Identification Amendment Act, 1999

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter: That Bill No. 2 – The Animal Identification Amendment Act, 1999 – be now read a second time.

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

INTERIM SUPPLY

The Assembly, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Finance to consider resolutions for Interim Supply.

The Committee resumed debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Cline:

That a sum not exceeding nine hundred fifteen million, two hundred fifty-four thousand dollars be granted to Her Majesty, on account, for the twelve months ending March 31, 2001.

The debate continuing and the question being put, it was agreed to.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Cline:

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, 2001, the sum of nine hundred fifteen million, two hundred fifty-four thousand dollars be granted out of the General Revenue Fund.

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

THE APPROPRIATION ACT, 2000 (NO. 1)

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Cline, by leave of the Assembly: That Bill No. 21 – The Appropriation Act, 2000 (No. 1) – 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 55(2), the said Bill was then read a second and third time and passed under its title.

ROYAL ASSENT

12:39 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 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. 21 – The Appropriation Act, 2000 (No. 1)

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.

12:41 p.m.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 12:42 p.m. until Monday at 1:30 p.m.

MONDAY, APRIL 10, 2000
(19TH DAY)

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: Elhard, Heppner, Julé, Draude, Boyd, Gantfoer, Peters, Eagles, Wall, Bakken, Bjornerud, McMorris, Weekes, Harpauer, Wakefield, Hart, Allchurch, Stewart, and Kwiatkowski.

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

According to Order, the Clerk having favourably reported on the same pursuant to Rule 12(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 halt any plans to proceed with the amalgamation of municipalities in Saskatchewan.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 34)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to ensure reliable cellular service to Watson and area.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 35)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to provide funding for the Swift Current Regional Hospital.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 36)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the federal and provincial governments to reduce fuel taxes.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 101)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

Bill No. 22 – The Local Improvements Amendment Act, 2000

(Hon. Mr. Serby)

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. 23 – The Planning and Development Amendment Act, 2000

(Hon. Mr. Serby)

SECOND READINGS

Bill No. 17 – The Child Care Amendment Act, 2000

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen: That Bill No. 17 – The Child Care Amendment Act, 2000 – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 18 – The Public Employees Pension Plan Amendment Act, 2000

The Hon. Mr. Cline, 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. 18 – The Public Employees Pension Plan Amendment Act, 2000 – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 14 – The Film Employment Tax Credit Amendment Act, 2000

The Hon. Mr. Serby, 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. 14 – The Film Employment Tax Credit Amendment Act, 2000 – be now read a second time.

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

ADJOURNED DEBATES

Bill No. 3 – The Health Labour Relations Reorganization Amendment Act, 1999

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Ms. Crofford: That Bill No. 3 – The Health Labour Relations Reorganization Amendment Act, 1999 – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 4 – The Saskatchewan Pension Plan Amendment Act, 1999

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Cline: That Bill No. 4 – The Saskatchewan Pension Plan Amendment Act, 1999 – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 7 – The Student Assistance and Student Aid Fund Amendment Act, 1999

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Hagel: That Bill No. 7 – The Student Assistance and Student Aid Fund Amendment Act, 1999 – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 10 – The Department of Health Amendment Act, 1999

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Ms. Atkinson: That Bill No. 10 – The Department of Health Amendment Act, 1999 – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 1 – The Farm Financial Stability Amendment Act, 1999

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter: That Bill No. 1 – The Farm Financial Stability Amendment Act, 1999 – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 2 – The Animal Identification Amendment Act, 1999

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter: That Bill No. 2 – The Animal Identification Amendment Act, 1999 – be now read a second time.

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

COMMITTEE OF FINANCE

The Assembly, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Finance to consider Estimates for the Department of Agriculture and Food.

Progress was reported and the Committee given leave to sit again.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 5:04 p.m. until Tuesday at 1:30 p.m.

RETURNS, REPORTS AND PAPERS TABLED

The following papers were laid upon the Table:

By the Hon. Mr. Nilson:

Notice pursuant to section 30(3) of *The Crown Corporations Act, 1993* and *The Tabling of Documents Act, 1991*, respecting the incorporation of Carlyle Holding, Inc. and Dundurn Holding Inc.

(Sessional Paper No. 156)

Share Purchase Agreement dated December 2, 1999, among Larry Sydor and Brian Smith (shareholders of Elite Security Ltd.), Securtek Monitoring Solutions Inc., Elite Security Ltd., and 623527 Saskatchewan Ltd.

(Sessional Paper No. 157)

Notice pursuant to section 30(3) of *The Crown Corporations Act, 1993* and *The Tabling of Documents Act, 1991*, respecting the incorporation of 101000606 Saskatchewan Ltd. and 101000607 Saskatchewan Ltd.

(Sessional Paper No. 158)

Share Purchase Agreement dated September 17, 1999, among Robert Freberg and Patrick Thompson (shareholders of Brigadier Security Systems Ltd.), Securtek Monitoring Solutions Inc., Brigadier Security Systems Ltd., 626676 Saskatchewan Ltd., and Advance Alarm Systems Ltd.

(Sessional Paper No. 159)

TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 2000
(20TH DAY)

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: Elhard, Heppner, Julé, Boyd, Toth, Peters, Eagles, Wall, Bakken, Bjornerud, D'Autremont, McMorris, Weekes, Brkich, Harpauer, Wakefield, Hart, and Stewart.

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

According to Order, the Clerk having favourably reported on the same pursuant to Rule 12(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 continue Court of Queen's Bench services in Weyburn.

(Sessional Paper No. 160)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to halt any plans to proceed with the amalgamation of municipalities in Saskatchewan.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 34)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to ensure reliable cellular service to Watson and area.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 35)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to provide funding for the Swift Current Regional Hospital.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 36)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the federal and provincial governments to reduce fuel taxes.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 101)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were received, read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time at the next sitting:

Bill No. 231 – The Fire-fighter Protection from Liability Act
(Mr. Wall)

Bill No. 24 – The Department of Agriculture Amendment Act, 2000
(Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter)

Bill No. 25 – The Irrigation Amendment Act, 2000
(Hon. Mr. Sonntag)

MOTION FOR A 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. Bjornerud, seconded by Mr. McMorris:

That this Assembly urges the provincial government to cancel any plans to legislate forced amalgamation for Saskatchewan municipalities.

A debate arising, it was moved by Ms. Lorjé, seconded by Mr. Harper, in amendment thereto:

That all the words after the word “government” be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

“to continue its consultative process, and to work together with SUMA and SARM to identify areas of needed change.”

The debate continuing and the period of seventy-five minutes having expired, pursuant to Rule 17(5), the Speaker interrupted proceedings.

PRIVATE MEMBERS’ MOTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Motion No. 1, it was moved by Ms. Jones, seconded by Mr. Thomson:

That this Assembly encourage the partnership of government, universities, research institutes and private organizations in their continuing investment in and commitment to research and development in Saskatchewan.

A debate arising, it was moved by Ms. Harpauer, seconded by Mr. Weekes, in amendment thereto:

That all the words after the word “Assembly” be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

“regrets the provincial government’s recent decisions that affect students negatively such as the claw back of Millennium scholarships, the cancellation of the provincial student job program with no warning and the ending of the six-month interest free period on student loans.”

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

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 4:53 p.m. until Wednesday at 1:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, 2000
(21ST DAY)

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: Elhard, Heppner, Draude, Boyd, Gantefoer, Toth, Eagles, Wall, Bjornerud, Harpauer, Wiberg, Allchurch, Stewart, Kwiatkowski and Jones.

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

According to Order, the Clerk having favourably reported on the same pursuant to Rule 12(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 abandon plans to confiscate municipal reserve accounts.

(Sessional Paper No. 161)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to halt any plans to proceed with the amalgamation of municipalities in Saskatchewan.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 34)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to provide funding for the Swift Current Regional Hospital.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 36)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the federal and provincial governments to reduce fuel taxes.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 101)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to continue Court of Queen's Bench services in Weyburn.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 160)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

Bill No. 26 – The Tabling of Documents Amendment Act, 2000

(Hon. Mr. Axworthy)

SPEAKER TABLES REPORT

The Speaker laid before the Assembly a Report of the Children's Advocate entitled *Children and Youth in Care Review: LISTEN to Their Voices* dated April 2000.

(Sessional Paper No. 162)

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 69 to 88, they were answered. (See Appendix)

By Leave of the Assembly, Question Nos. 89 to 126 were answered. (See Appendix)

By reason of length, the following questions were converted to Returns, pursuant to Rule 43(1), by the Clerk:

<u>Question No.</u>	<u>Return No.</u>	<u>Sessional Paper No.</u>
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79	7	164
112	8	165
116	9	166
117	10	167

SECOND READINGS

Bill No. 15 – The Department of Justice Amendment Act, 2000

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Axworthy: That Bill No. 15 – The Department of Justice Amendment Act, 2000 – be now read a second time.

A debate arising, it was on motion of Mr. D'Autremont, adjourned.

Bill No. 16 – The Justice Statutes (Consumer Protection) Amendment Act, 2000

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Axworthy: That Bill No. 16 – The Justice Statutes (Consumer Protection) Amendment Act, 2000 – be now read a second time.

A debate arising, it was moved by Mr. D'Autremont, seconded by Mr. Wall:

That the Assembly do now proceed to Private Members' Public Bills and Orders, Second Readings, Item No. 5, Bill No. 231 – The Fire-fighter Protection from Liability Act.

The question being put on the motion, it was negated on the following Recorded Division:

YEAS – 21

Hermanson	Elhard	Heppner	Julé
Draude	Boyd	Gantefoer	Toth
Eagles	Wall	Bakken	Bjornerud
D'Autremont	Weekes	Brkich	Harpauer
Wakefield	Wiberg	Allchurch	Stewart
Kwiatkowski			

NAYS – 28

Trew	Hagel	Van Mulligen	Lingenfelter
Melenchuk	Cline	Atkinson	Goulet
Lautermilch	Thomson	Lorjé	Serby
Belanger	Nilson	Crofford	Hillson
Kowalsky	Hamilton	Prebble	McPherson
Jones	Yates	Harper	Axworthy
Junor	Kasperski	Wartman	Addley

The debate continuing on Second Reading of Bill No. 16, it was on motion of Mr. Heppner, adjourned.

ADJOURNED DEBATES / DÉBATS AJOURNÉS

Bill No. 5 – The Parks Amendment Act, 1999

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of Hon. Mr. Belanger: That Bill No. 5 – The Parks Amendment Act, 1999 – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 9 – The Child and Family Services Amendment Act, 1999 (No. 2)

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen: That Bill No. 9 – The Child and Family Services Amendment Act, 1999 (No. 2) – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 13 – The Education Amendment Act, 2000
Projet de loi n° 13 – Loi de 2000 modifiant la Loi de 1995 sur l'éducation

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Melenchuk: That Bill No. 13 – The Education Amendment Act, 2000 – be now read a second time.

L'Assemblée reprend le débat ajourné sur la motion de l'hon. M. Melenchuk: Que le projet de loi n° 13 – Loi de 2000 modifiant la Loi de 1995 sur l'éducation – soit maintenant lu une deuxième fois.

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

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

Bill No. 6 – The Mentally Disordered Persons Amendment Act, 1999

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of Hon. Mr. Axworthy: That Bill No. 6 – The Mentally Disordered Persons Amendment Act, 1999 – be now read a second time.

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

COMMITTEE OF FINANCE

The Assembly, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Finance to consider Estimates for the Department of Health.

Progress was reported and the Committee given leave to sit again.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 5:00 p.m. until Thursday at 1:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, APRIL 13, 2000
(22ND DAY)

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: Elhard, Julé, Draude, Gantefoer, Toth, Peters, Eagles, Wall, Bakken, D'Autremont, McMorris, Brkich, Wakefield, Wiberg, Hart, Allchurch, Stewart, and Kwiatkowski.

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

According to Order, the Clerk having favourably reported on the same pursuant to Rule 12(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 not to expand the provincial sales tax.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 26)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to halt any plans to proceed with the amalgamation of municipalities in Saskatchewan.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 34)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to provide funding for the Swift Current Regional Hospital.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 36)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to abandon plans to confiscate municipal reserve accounts.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 161)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were received, read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time at the next sitting:

Bill No. 232 – The Automobile Accident Insurance Amendment Act, 2000

(Mr. Heppner)

Bill No. 27 – The Certified Management Accountants Act

(Hon. Mr. Cline)

SECOND READINGS**Bill No. 22 – The Local Improvements Amendment Act, 2000**

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Serby: That Bill No. 22 – The Local Improvements Amendment Act, 2000 – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 23 – The Planning and Development Amendment Act, 2000

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Serby: That Bill No. 23 – The Planning and Development Amendment Act, 2000 – be now read a second time.

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

ADJOURNED DEBATES**Bill No. 17 – The Child Care Amendment Act, 2000**

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen: That Bill No. 17 – The Child Care Amendment Act, 2000 – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 18 – The Public Employees Pension Plan Amendment Act, 2000

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of Hon. Mr. Cline: That Bill No. 18 – The Public Employees Pension Plan Amendment Act, 2000 – be now read a second time.

The debate continuing, it was on motion of Mr. D'Autremont, adjourned.

Bill No. 14 – The Film Employment Tax Credit Amendment Act, 2000

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of Hon. Mr. Serby: That Bill No. 14 – The Film Employment Tax Credit Amendment Act, 2000 – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 3 – The Health Labour Relations Reorganization Amendment Act, 1999

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of Hon. Ms. Crofford: That Bill No. 3 – The Health Labour Relations Reorganization Amendment Act, 1999 – be now read a second time.

The debate continuing, the Speaker interrupted proceedings and adjourned the Assembly without question put, pursuant to Rule 3(2).

The Assembly adjourned at 5:00 p.m. until Friday at 10:00 a.m.

FRIDAY, APRIL 14, 2000
(23RD DAY)

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: Elhard, Toth, Wall, McMorris, Brkich, Allchurch, and Stewart.

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

According to Order, the Clerk having favourably reported on the same pursuant to Rule 12(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 halt any plans to proceed with the amalgamation of municipalities in Saskatchewan.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 34)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to provide funding for the Swift Current Regional Hospital.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 36)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the federal and provincial governments to reduce fuel taxes.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 101)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to abandon plans to confiscate municipal reserve accounts.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 161)

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Question No. 127, it was answered. (See Appendix)

SECOND READINGS

Bill No. 19 – The Saskatchewan Telecommunications Amendment Act, 2000

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Nilson: That Bill No. 19 – The Saskatchewan Telecommunications Amendment Act, 2000 – be now read a second time.

A debate arising, it was on motion of Mr. D'Autremont, adjourned.

Bill No. 20 – The Saskatchewan Telecommunications Holding Corporation Amendment Act, 2000

The Hon. Mr. Nilson, 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. 20 –The Saskatchewan Telecommunications Holding Corporation Amendment Act, 2000 – be now read a second time.

A debate arising, it was on motion of Mr. D'Autremont, adjourned.

ADJOURNED DEBATES**Bill No. 15 – The Department of Justice Amendment Act, 2000**

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of Hon. Mr. Axworthy: That Bill No. 15 – The Department of Justice Amendment Act, 2000 – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 16 – The Justice Statutes (Consumer Protection) Amendment Act, 2000

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of Hon. Mr. Axworthy: That Bill No. 16 – The Justice Statutes (Consumer Protection) Amendment Act, 2000 – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 1 – The Farm Financial Stability Amendment Act, 1999

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter: That Bill No. 1 – The Farm Financial Stability Amendment Act, 1999 – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 2 – The Animal Identification Amendment Act, 1999

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter: That Bill No. 2 – The Animal Identification Amendment Act, 1999 – be now read a second time.

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

COMMITTEE OF FINANCE

The Assembly, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Finance to consider Estimates for the Department of Highways and Transportation.

Progress was reported and the Committee given leave to sit again.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 12:14 p.m. until Monday at 1:30 p.m.

MONDAY, APRIL 17, 2000
(24TH DAY)

PRAYERS

1:30 p.m.

PRESENTING PETITIONS

Petitions of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan were presented and laid upon the Table by the following Members: Draude, Wall, and Stewart.

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

According to Order, the Clerk having favourably reported on the same pursuant to Rule 12(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 halt any plans to proceed with the amalgamation of municipalities in Saskatchewan.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 34)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to provide funding for the Swift Current Regional Hospital.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 36)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the federal and provincial governments to reduce fuel taxes.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 101)

STATEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

Over the past week, there have been several developments during Question Period that have given me cause for concern. These concerns may stem from an unfamiliarity with the traditions of this Assembly or perhaps oversight by more veteran Members. Nevertheless, regardless of their origins, I do wish to take this opportunity to remind all Members of our practices and seek their co-operation in respecting the traditions and practices of this Assembly.

Firstly, there have been repeated instances when questions have been addressed to the Leader of the Liberal Party in regards to that party's political platform. *Beauchesne's*, 6th edition, in paragraph 409(6) states that "A question must be within the administrative competence of the Government"; and further in paragraph 410(17), that "Ministers may not be questioned with respect to party responsibilities."

Comments regarding the political responsibilities of a Minister, or the Leader of the Opposition, or of another Member, are properly matters of debate. As such, they may be raised during debate on relevant topics in bills, estimates and motions. During Question Period however, only questions touching upon the collective administrative responsibility of the Government or the current individual responsibilities of a Minister are properly the subject of oral questions.

Secondly, Members will be aware of the prohibition of attempting to do indirectly what they are not permitted to do directly. In recent days, there have been instances when Members have quoted from documents and used inappropriate language. Unparliamentary language contained in a quotation delivered by a Member is out of order on the same basis as if the language had originated from that Member. The Member must put the quote in their own terms, in language that is acceptable for use in the Assembly.

Finally, a comment on the general decorum in this Assembly. The development of parliamentary procedure has seen the adoption of a number of practices intended to raise the level of debate in the eyes of both Members and the general public. These range from not commenting upon the presence or absence of Members - in recognition that the work of elected representatives continues outside this Chamber, to not attacking civil servants and other private individuals who are not able to respond publicly. It has also never been acceptable to characterise a colleague in demeaning terms. Despite this, there have been instances in recent days where the choice of words has come dangerously close to impugning the character or motives of a private citizen or to levelling a personal charge against a colleague. I caution all Members to be temperate in their comments and to respect the parliamentary practices governing debates.

It is a well-established tradition that all interventions are to be addressed through the Speaker and that Members are to be referred to in the third person. The purpose of this tradition was noted in Marleau and Montpetit's *House of Commons Procedure and Practice*, at page 513, where it was stated that:

Since one of the basic principles of procedure in the House is that proceedings be conducted in terms of a free and civil discourse, Members are less apt to engage in direct heated exchanges and personal attacks when their comments are directed to the Chair rather than to another Member.

The result if this practice is not followed, is for the debate to become more direct, more personal and inevitably, hurtful and offensive. Allowing this to escalate will not reflect positively upon us as Members of this Assembly. In the words of one of my predecessor as Speaker: "I have full confidence in the ability of Members to engage in forceful and spirited debate without having to resort to such avenues. I ask all Members to show due respect to their colleagues and their institution." (Journals, March 29, 1996). I invite and encourage all Members to consider these comments as we start a new week.

MOTION PURSUANT TO RULE 46

Leave of the Assembly having been granted, pursuant to Rule 46, it was moved by Mr. Elhard, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Sonntag:

That this Assembly, in light of yet another tragedy on the untwinned portion of the Trans-Canada Highway in Saskatchewan, urges the provincial government and federal government to immediately develop a plan to complete the twinning of Highway 1, within three years and that the transcripts of this debate be sent to the Prime Minister, the federal Minister of Transportation, all Saskatchewan Members of Parliament and all federal party leaders in the House of Commons.

A debate arising, it was moved by the Hon. Mr. Hillson, seconded by Mr. Wall, in amendment thereto:

That the words “and 16” be added after the word “Highway 1” and the word “three” be substituted with the word “four”.

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

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

YEAS – 51

Romanow	Trew	Hagel	Van Mulligen
MacKinnon	Lingenfelter	Melenchuk	Cline
Atkinson	Goulet	Lautermilch	Thomson
Lorjé	Serby	Belanger	Nilson
Crofford	Hillson	Kowalsky	Sonntag
Hamilton	Prebble	McPherson	Higgins
Yates	Harper	Axworthy	Junor
Kasperski	Wartman	Hermanson	Elhard
Julé	Draude	Boyd	Gantfoer
Toth	Eagles	Wall	Bakken
Bjornerud	D’Autremont	McMorris	Weekes
Brkich	Harpauer	Wakefield	Wiberg
Hart	Allchurch	Stewart	

NAYS – 00

TRANSMITTAL MOTION

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter, seconded by Mr. D’Autremont, by leave of the Assembly:

Ordered, That the resolution just passed, together with the *Hansard* transcript, be communicated to the bereaved families of the accident victims on behalf of the Assembly by Mr. Speaker.

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Question No. 128, it was answered. (See Appendix)

SECOND READINGS**Bill No. 24 – The Department of Agriculture Amendment Act, 2000**

The Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter, 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. 24 – The Department of Agriculture Amendment Act, 2000 – be now read a second time.

A debate arising, it was on motion of Mr. D'Autremont, adjourned.

ADJOURNED DEBATES / DÉBATS AJOURNÉS**Bill No. 4 – The Saskatchewan Pension Plan Amendment Act, 1999**

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of Hon. Mr. Cline: That Bill No. 4 – The Saskatchewan Pension Plan Amendment Act, 1999 – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 10 – The Department of Health Amendment Act, 1999

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of Hon. Ms. Atkinson: That Bill No. 10 – The Department of Health Amendment Act, 1999 – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 5 – The Parks Amendment Act, 1999

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of Hon. Mr. Belanger: That Bill No. 5 – The Parks Amendment Act, 1999 – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 13 – The Education Amendment Act, 2000
Projet de loi n° 13 – Loi de 2000 modifiant la Loi de 1995 sur l'éducation

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Melenchuk: That Bill No. 13 – The Education Amendment Act, 2000 – be now read a second time.

L'Assemblée reprend le débat ajourné sur la motion de l'hon. M. Melenchuk: Que le projet de loi n° 13 – Loi de 2000 modifiant la Loi de 1995 sur l'éducation – soit maintenant lu une deuxième fois.

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

Le débat se poursuit et sur motion de l'hon. M. Wakefield, il est ajourné.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 4:56 p.m. until Tuesday at 1:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 2000
(25TH DAY)

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: Julé, Draude, Gantfoer, Peters, Eagles, Wall, Brkich, Wakefield, Hart, and Allchurch.

PRESENTING PETITIONS FOR PRIVATE BILLS

The following Petitions were presented and laid upon the Table:

By Mr. Wartman – Of the Regina Golf Club, in the Province of Saskatchewan

By Ms. Lorjé – Of the Mennonite Central Committee Saskatchewan, Inc., in the Province of Saskatchewan

By Mr. Thomson – Of the Archiepiscopal Corporation of Regina and the Episcopal Corporation of Saskatoon, in the Province of Saskatchewan

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

According to Order, the Clerk having favourably reported on the same pursuant to Rule 12(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 halt any plans to proceed with the amalgamation of municipalities in Saskatchewan.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 34)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to provide funding for the Swift Current Regional Hospital.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 36)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

Bill No. 28 – The Ombudsman and Children’s Advocate Amendment Act, 2000

(Hon. Mr. Axworthy)

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Question No. 129, it was answered. (See Appendix)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Motion No. 2, it was moved by Mr. Bjornerud, seconded by Mr. Allchurch:

That this Assembly urges the government to abandon any plans to freeze or otherwise take control of municipal reserves and assets.

A debate arising, it was moved by the Hon. Mr. Hillson, seconded by Mr. Kowalsky, in amendment thereto:

That all the words after the word "Assembly", be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

understands that the provincial government has clearly stated it has no intention of claiming municipal reserves and has also stated that by law, these reserves fall within the jurisdiction of municipalities, to be used as they determine in accordance with their legislated mandates and the needs of our common taxpayers.

The debate continuing, it was moved by Mr. Yates: "That this debate be now adjourned."

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

YEAS – 27

Trew	Hagel	Van Mulligen	MacKinnon
Melenchuk	Cline	Atkinson	Goulet
Lautermilch	Thomson	Lorjé	Serby
Belanger	Nilson	Crofford	Hillson
Kowalsky	Sonntag	Hamilton	Higgins
Yates	Harper	Axworthy	Junor
Kasperski	Wartman	Addley	

NAYS – 18

Elhard	Heppner	Julé	Draude
Boyd	Gantefoer	Toth	Peters
Eagles	Bakken	Bjornerud	D'Autremont
Weekes	Brkich	Harpauer	Wakefield
Hart	Allchurch		

The Order of the Day being called for Motion No. 3, it was moved by Mr. Thomson, seconded by Mr. Kasperski:

That this Assembly congratulate Saskatchewan business and industrial people, workers, cooperatives and researchers for working with the government to diversify the economy which has since 1991 led to steady growth and a record number of people working.

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

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 4:54 p.m. until Wednesday at 1:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19, 2000
(26TH DAY)

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: Julé, Draude, Toth, Peters, Eagles, Wall, McMorris, Weekes, Wiberg, Hart, Allchurch, and Stewart.

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

According to Order, the Clerk having favourably reported on the same pursuant to Rule 12(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 halt any plans to proceed with the amalgamation of municipalities in Saskatchewan.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 34)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to provide funding for the Swift Current Regional Hospital.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 36)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the federal and provincial governments to reduce fuel taxes.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 101)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to abandon plans to confiscate municipal reserve accounts.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 161)

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS FOR PRIVATE BILLS

According to Order, the Clerk having favourably reported on the same pursuant to Rule 12(7), the following Petitions were read and received:

Of the Regina Golf Club, in the Province of Saskatchewan praying for an Act to rename The Regina Golf Club.

Of the Mennonite Central Committee Saskatchewan Inc., in the Province of Saskatchewan praying for an Act to provide for the continuance of the Mennonite Central Committee Saskatchewan.

Of the Archiepiscopal Corporation of Regina and the Episcopal Corporation of Saskatoon, in the province of Saskatchewan praying for an Act to provide for the re-organization of the Saskatchewan Roman Catholic Dioceses.

STATEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

Yesterday (April 18, 2000), the Opposition House Leader raised a point of order concerning a document quoted by the Premier during Question Period on Monday, April 17, 2000. The Member alleged that the Premier misquoted the document and misrepresented its origin. Having reviewed the record, and the commentary of parliamentary authorities with respect to rules governing the citation of documents, I am prepared to rule on this matter.

In debate, or in posing or responding to questions, Members are at liberty to interpret facts as they see fit and in doing so, they are free to use a document to support an argument. The only prohibition is that the quote can not contain unparliamentary words. However, when a member indicates that he or she is quoting from a document, the accuracy of that quote is wholly the responsibility of the Member. It has never been the practice, nor is it the duty, of the Speaker to authenticate anything said in debate, or during Question Period. When a Member prefaces a comment with the word “quote”, it is taken at face value and *Hansard* includes that portion of the commentary in quotation marks.

It is the nature of debate that anything said should not be considered in terms of irrefutable fact. The rules take this into account. For instance, Rule 34(1) permits a Member to explain any part of a speech misquoted or misunderstood. The accountability for the veracity of comments made in this Assembly is a matter for debate, and as such is not a matter of order.

I draw Members attention to p.480, of the *Australian House of Representative Practice*, which in plain terms outlines parliamentary practice in this regard:

“The Chair has always maintained that Members themselves must accept responsibility for material they use in debate, and there is no need for them to vouch for its authenticity. Whether the material is true or false will be judged according to events and if a Member uses material, the origin of which he or she is unsure, the responsibility rests with the Member.”

Therefore, in conclusion, let me say that it is up to the good sense and discretion of Members to determine how to present information and use documents in debate, or Question Period. It is not necessarily a matter of order. While I can not rule in favour of this particular point of order, I do want to caution all honourable Members to use good sense and discretion when quoting from and characterizing documents.

SECOND READINGS**Bill No. 26 – The Tabling of Documents Amendment Act, 2000**

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Axworthy: That Bill No. 26 – The Tabling of Documents Amendment Act, 2000 – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 27 – The Certified Management Accountants Act

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Cline: That Bill No. 27 – The Certified Management Accountants Act – be now read a second time.

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

ADJOURNED DEBATES

Bill No. 9 – The Child and Family Services Amendment Act, 1999 (No. 2)

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen: That Bill No. 9 – The Child and Family Services Amendment Act, 1999 (No. 2) – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 17 – The Child Care Amendment Act, 2000

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen: That Bill No. 17 – The Child Care Amendment Act, 2000 – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 19 – The Saskatchewan Telecommunications Amendment Act, 2000

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Nilson: That Bill No. 19 – The Saskatchewan Telecommunications Amendment Act, 2000 – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 20 – The Saskatchewan Telecommunications Holding Corporation Amendment Act, 2000

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Nilson: That Bill No. 20 – The Saskatchewan Telecommunications Holding Corporation Amendment Act, 2000 – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 3 – The Health Labour Relations Reorganization Amendment Act, 1999

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Ms. Crofford: That Bill No. 3 – The Health Labour Relations Reorganization Amendment Act, 1999 – be now read a second time.

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

COMMITTEE OF FINANCE

The Assembly, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Finance to consider Estimates for the Department of Post-Secondary Education and Skills Training.

Progress was reported and the Committee given leave to sit again.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 5:02 p.m. until Thursday at 10:00 a.m., pursuant to Rule 3(6).

RETURNS, REPORTS AND PAPERS TABLED

The following papers were laid upon the Table:

By the Hon. Mr. Nilson:

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Opportunities Corporation, for the year ended December 31, 1999
(Sessional Paper No. 168)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Capital Pension Plan, for the year ended December 31, 1999
(Sessional Paper No. 169)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Forest Products Corporation, for the year ended December 31, 1999
(Sessional Paper No. 170)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Development Fund Corporation and Saskatchewan Development Fund, for the year ended December 31, 1999
(Sessional Paper No. 171)

Annual Report and Consolidated and Non-Consolidated Financial Statements of the Crown Investments Corporation of Saskatchewan and Non-Consolidated Financial Statements of the CIC Industrial Interests Inc., for the year ended December 31, 1999
(Sessional Paper No. 172)

Financial Statements of Power Greenhouses Inc., for the year ended December 31, 1999
(Sessional Paper No. 173)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Power Corporation Superannuation Plan, for the year ended December 31, 1999

(Sessional Paper No. 174)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of SaskPower International Inc., for the year ended December 31, 1999

(Sessional Paper No. 175)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Power Corporation, for the year ended December 31, 1999

(Sessional Paper No. 176)

Annual Report of the Department of Telephones, for the calendar year 1999

(Sessional Paper No. 177)

Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Telecommunications Pension Plan, for the year ended December 31, 1999

(Sessional Paper No. 178)

Consolidated Financial Statements of Saskatchewan Telecommunications International, Inc., for the year ended December 31, 1999

(Sessional Paper No. 179)

Financial Statements of Saskatchewan Telecommunications, for the year ended December 31, 1999

(Sessional Paper No. 180)

Annual Report of SaskTel for the year ended December 31, 1999 and Financial Statements of Saskatchewan Telecommunications Holding Corporation for the year ended December 31, 1999

(Sessional Paper No. 181)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of SaskEnergy Incorporated, for the year ended December 31, 1999

(Sessional Paper No. 182)

Financial Statements of SaskEnergy Incorporated, TransGas Limited, Many Islands Pipe Lines (Canada) Limited, SaskEnergy International Incorporated, Bayhurst Gas Limited, SaskEnergy Chilean Holdings I Ltd., SaskEnergy Chilean Holdings II Ltd., and SaskEnergy Chilean Holdings Limitada, for the year ended December 31, 1999

(Sessional Paper No. 183)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of Saskatchewan Government Insurance Superannuation Plan, for the year ended December 31, 1999

(Sessional Paper No. 184)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of SGI CANADA Insurance Services Ltd., for the year ended December 31, 1999

(Sessional Paper No. 185)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Auto Fund, for the year ended December 31, 1999

(Sessional Paper No. 186)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of Saskatchewan Government Insurance, for the year ended December 31, 1999

(Sessional Paper No. 187)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Transportation Company, for the year ended December 31, 1999

(Sessional Paper No. 188)

Financial Statements of Tullis Potato Storage Inc. (unaudited), for the year ended December 31, 1999

(Sessional Paper No. 189)

Financial Statements of Riverhurst Potato Storage Inc. (unaudited), for the year ended December 31, 1999

(Sessional Paper No. 190)

Financial Statements of Lucky Lake Potato Storage Inc. (unaudited), for the year ended December 31, 1999

(Sessional Paper No. 191)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of Saskatchewan Water Corporation, for the year ended December 31, 1999

(Sessional Paper No. 192)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of Saskatchewan Government Growth Fund Management Corporation, for the year ended December 31, 1999

(Sessional Paper No. 193)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of Saskatchewan Government Growth Fund Ltd. (SGGF I), for the year ended December 31, 1999

(Sessional Paper No. 194)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of Saskatchewan Government Growth Fund II Ltd. (SGGF II), for the year ended December 31, 1999

(Sessional Paper No. 195)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of Saskatchewan Government Growth Fund III Ltd. (SGGF III), for the year ended December 31, 1999

(Sessional Paper No. 196)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of Saskatchewan Government Growth Fund IV Ltd. (SGGF IV), for the year ended December 31, 1999

(Sessional Paper No. 197)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of Saskatchewan Government Growth Fund V Ltd. (SGGF V),
for the year ended December 31, 1999

(Sessional Paper No. 198)

Financial Statements of Saskatchewan Government Growth Fund VI Ltd., for the year ended December
31, 1999

(Sessional Paper No. 199)

Financial Statements of Saskatchewan Government Growth Fund VII Ltd., for the year ended December
31, 1999

(Sessional Paper No. 200)

Financial Statements of Saskatchewan Government Growth Fund VIII Ltd., for the year ended December
31, 1999

(Sessional Paper No. 201)

THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 2000
(27TH DAY)

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: Elhard, Heppner, Julé, Draude, Gantfoer, Toth, Peters, Eagles, Wall, Bakken, Bjornerud, D'Autremont, McMorris, Weekes, Brkich, Harpauer, Wiberg, Hart, Allchurch, Stewart, and Kwiatkowski.

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

According to Order, the Clerk having favourably reported on the same pursuant to Rule 12(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 halt any plans to proceed with the amalgamation of municipalities in Saskatchewan.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 34)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to provide funding for the Swift Current Regional Hospital.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 36)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the federal and provincial governments to reduce fuel taxes.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 101)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were received, read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time at the next sitting:

Bill No. 205 – The Accountability of Subsidiaries of Subsidiary Crown Corporations Act

(Mr. Heppner)

Bill No. 212 – The Crown Corporations Amendment Act, 2000 (Appointment of Directors)

(Mr. Toth)

Bill No. 222 – The Crown Corporation Managers' and Permanent Heads' Salaries Act

(Mr. Brkich)

Bill No. 225 – The Crown Corporations Amendment Act, 2000 (Foreign Investments)	(Mr. Wiberg)
Bill No. 226 – The Crown Corporations’ Rates Review Act	(Mr. Hart)
Bill No. 228 – The Crown Corporations Disclosure Act	(Mr. Kwiatkowski)
Bill No. 230 – The Crown Corporations Amendment Act, 2000 (Referendums)	(Mr. Allchurch)
Bill No. 29 – The Residential Tenancies Amendment Act, 2000	(Hon. Mr. Axworthy)

STATEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

Members know that the essence of my ruling yesterday was to remind Members that they are responsible for the accuracy and truthfulness of their remarks.

I ask Members to remember that they are responsible for maintaining the public trust. The type of behaviour we witnessed during Members’ Statements only adds to public cynicism.

Members are also aware that they must not comment on or debate a ruling of the Chair. The behavior of certain Members during Members’ Statements today shows the reason for this rule. I ask Members to respect the Assembly, its traditions and each other in this regard.

SPEAKER TABLES REPORT

The Speaker laid before the Assembly, in accordance with the provisions of section 14 of *The Provincial Auditor Act*, the Report of the Provincial Auditor on the 1999 Financial Statements of CIC Subsidiary Crown Corporations dated April 2000.

(Sessional Paper No. 203)

SECOND READINGS

Bill No. 28 – The Ombudsman and Children’s Advocate Amendment Act, 2000

The Hon. Mr. Axworthy, 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. 28 – The Ombudsman and Children’s Advocate Amendment Act, 2000 – be now read a second time.

A debate arising, it was on motion of Mr. D’Autremont, adjourned.

ADJOURNED DEBATES**Bill No. 15 – The Department of Justice Amendment Act, 2000**

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Axworthy: That Bill No. 15 – The Department of Justice Amendment Act, 2000 – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 16 – The Justice Statutes (Consumer Protection) Amendment Act, 2000

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Axworthy: That Bill No. 16 – The Justice Statutes (Consumer Protection) Amendment Act, 2000 – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 6 – The Mentally Disordered Persons Amendment Act, 1999

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Axworthy: That Bill No. 6 – The Mentally Disordered Persons Amendment Act, 1999 – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 7 – The Student Assistance and Student Aid Fund Amendment Act, 1999

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Hagel: That Bill No. 7 – The Student Assistance and Student Aid Fund Amendment Act, 1999 – be now read a second time.

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

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 11:56 a.m. until Wednesday, April 26th, at 1:30 p.m., pursuant to an Order of the Assembly dated Thursday, March 30th, 2000.

RETURNS, REPORTS AND PAPERS TABLED

The following paper was laid upon the Table:

By the Hon. Ms. Crofford:

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Workers' Compensation Board
Superannuation Plan, for the year ended December 31, 1999

(Sessional Paper No. 202)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26, 2000
(28TH DAY)

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: Elhard, Heppner, Julé, Draude, Gantfoer, Toth, Peters, Eagles, Wall, Bakken, McMorris, Brkich, Wakefield, and Kwiatkowski.

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

According to Order, the Clerk having favourably reported on the same pursuant to Rule 12(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 a \$3,000 exemption of the PST for dealers, in addition to private sales, on the purchase of vehicles.

(Sessional Paper No. 204)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to grandfather vehicles that were tax paid on budget day.

(Sessional Paper No. 205)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to halt any plans to proceed with the amalgamation of municipalities in Saskatchewan.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 34)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to provide funding for the Swift Current Regional Hospital.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 36)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the federal and provincial governments to reduce fuel taxes.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 101)

ADJOURNED DEBATES

Bill No. 28 – The Ombudsman and Children’s Advocate Amendment Act, 2000

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Axworthy: That Bill No. 28 – The Ombudsman and Children’s Advocate Amendment Act, 2000 – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 24 – The Department of Agriculture Amendment Act, 2000

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter: That Bill No. 24 – The Department of Agriculture Amendment Act, 2000 – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 1 – The Farm Financial Stability Amendment Act, 1999

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter: That Bill No. 1 – The Farm Financial Stability Amendment Act, 1999 – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 2 – The Animal Identification Amendment Act, 1999

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter: That Bill No. 2 – The Animal Identification Amendment Act, 1999 – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 18 – The Public Employees Pension Plan Amendment Act, 2000

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Cline: That Bill No. 18 – The Public Employees Pension Plan Amendment Act, 2000 – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 14 – The Film Employment Tax Credit Amendment Act, 2000

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Serby: That Bill No. 14 – The Film Employment Tax Credit Amendment Act, 2000 – be now read a second time.

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

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 3:59 p.m. until Thursday at 1:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 2000
(29TH DAY)

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: Elhard, Heppner, Draude, Gantfoer, Peters, Eagles, McMorris, Weekes, Brkich, Harpauer, Wakefield, Wiberg, Hart, Stewart, and Kwiatkowski.

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

According to Order, the Clerk having favourably reported on the same pursuant to Rule 12(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 halt any plans to proceed with the amalgamation of municipalities in Saskatchewan.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 34)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to provide funding for the Swift Current Regional Hospital.

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Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the federal and provincial governments to reduce fuel taxes.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 101)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to provide a \$3,000 exemption of the PST for dealers, in addition to private sales, on the purchase of vehicles.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 204)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to grandfather vehicles that were tax paid on budget day.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 205)

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON RULES AND PROCEDURES

Mr. Speaker, as Chair of the Special Committee on Rules and Procedures, presented the First Report of the said Committee, which is as follows:

Your Committee met for organization and appointed Mr. Kowalsky as Vice-Chair.

Your Committee considered its terms of reference, as well as proposals from the Government and Opposition caucuses with respect to the rules and procedures of the Legislative Assembly. A sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure (Steering Committee) comprising of Mr. Speaker as Chair, together with Mr. Kowalsky and Mr. D'Autremont, was appointed by your Committee to establish a business agenda for subsequent meetings.

In consideration of proposals for changes to rules and practices, your Committee considered certain issues of priority and makes the following recommendations for immediate implementation:

Use of Lap-top Computers in the Legislative Chamber

Your Committee recommends:

That the use of lap-top computers be allowed in the Legislative Chamber subject to the following restrictions as interpreted by the Chair:

- (a) they must operate silently;
- (b) they must not be used by the member who has the floor or is involved in the exchange of remarks.

Substitution of Membership for the Standing Committee on Public Accounts

Your Committee recommends:

That Rule 94(4) of the Rules and Procedures of the Legislative Assembly be amended to add the words "Standing Committee on Public Accounts" to the list of Committees authorized to allow substitution of membership.

Beverages in the Legislative Chamber

Your Committee recommends:

That non-alcoholic beverages be permissible in the Chamber at all times, in discreet containers as approved by the Speaker.

It is your Committee's intention to monitor these changes to the rules and practices if implemented. It is also your Committee's intention to continue meeting and to prepare a substantive report at the beginning of the next session of this 24th Legislature.

(Sessional Paper No. 206)

On motion of Mr. Kowalsky, seconded by Mr. D'Autremont:

Ordered, That the First Report of the Special Committee on Rules and Procedures be now concurred in.

On motion of Mr. Kowalsky, seconded by Mr. D'Autremont:

Ordered, That the modifications and amendments to the practices of the Assembly, with respect to the use of lap-top computers and beverages in the Legislative Chamber, as recommended in the First Report of the Special Committee on Rules and Procedures, be approved and adopted to come into effect immediately, and further,

That with respect to the substitution of membership for the Standing Committee on Public Accounts the following Rule be substituted for that of Rule 94(4):

94(4) That the membership on the Standing Committees on Non-controversial Bills, on Crown Corporations, on Constitutional Affairs, and on Public Accounts, other than that of the Chair, shall be transferable by written notice signed by the original Member and filed with the Chair of the Committee.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were received, read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time at the next sitting:

Bill No. 203 – The Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Amendment Act, 2000
(Mr. Hermanson)

Bill No. 210 – The Health Ombudsman Act
(Mr. Gantefoer)

MOTION PURSUANT TO RULE 46

Leave of the Assembly having been granted, pursuant to Rule 46, it was moved by the Hon. Mr. Sonntag, seconded by Mr. Elhard:

That this Assembly call on the Federal Government to immediately suspend the April 26th 4.5% freight rate increase announced by the Canadian Transportation Agency.

A debate arising, it was moved by Mr. Hermanson, seconded by Mr. Stewart, in amendment thereto:

That the following be added after the word “Agency”:

and condemns the provincial government for failing to make agriculture a priority and failing to implement its promises to farmers made in the Throne Speech.

The debate continuing and the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived on the following Recorded Division:

YEAS – 18

Hermanson	Elhard	Heppner	Draude
Gantefoer	Peters	Eagles	Bjornerud
D'Autremont	McMorris	Weekes	Brkich
Harpauer	Wakefield	Wiberg	Hart
Stewart	Kwiatkowski		

NAYS – 25

Romanow	Trew	Hagel	Van Mulligen
Melenchuk	Cline	Goulet	Thomson
Lorjé	Serby	Belanger	Nilson
Crofford	Kowalsky	Sonntag	Hamilton
Prebble	Jones	Higgins	Yates
Harper	Axworthy	Kasperski	Wartman
Addley			

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

YEAS – 44

Romanow	Trew	Hagel	Van Mulligen
Melenchuk	Cline	Atkinson	Goulet
Thomson	Lorjé	Serby	Belanger
Nilson	Crofford	Kowalsky	Sonntag
Hamilton	Prebble	Jones	Higgins
Yates	Harper	Axworthy	Kasperski
Wartman	Addley	Hermanson	Elhard
Heppner	Draude	Gantefoer	Peters
Eagles	Bjornerud	D'Autremont	McMorris
Weekes	Brkich	Harpauer	Wakefield
Wiberg	Hart	Stewart	Kwiatkowski

NAYS – 00

TRANSMITTAL MOTION

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen, seconded by Mr. D'Autremont:

Ordered, That the motion just passed be communicated to the Prime Minister of Canada, the Federal Minister of Transportation and the Federal Minister responsible for the Canadian Wheat Board on behalf of this Assembly by Mr. Speaker.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 5:05 p.m. until Friday at 10:00 a.m.

FRIDAY, APRIL 28, 2000
(30TH DAY)

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: Julé, Draude, Gantefoer, Toth, Peters, Eagles, Bakken, Weekes, Brkich, Harpauer, Wakefield, Hart, and Stewart.

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

According to Order, the Clerk having favourably reported on the same pursuant to Rule 12(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 overrule the Parkland Health Board's decision with regard to the Blaine Lake Medical Clinic.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 23)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to halt any plans to proceed with the amalgamation of municipalities in Saskatchewan.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 34)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the federal and provincial governments to reduce fuel taxes.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 101)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to provide a \$3,000 exemption of the PST for dealers, in addition to private sales, on the purchase of vehicles.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 204)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to grandfather vehicles that were tax paid on budget day.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 205)

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON PRIVATE MEMBERS' BILLS

Mr. Wartman, Chair of the Standing Committee on Private Members' Bills, presented the First Report of the said Committee which is as follows:

Your Committee has duly examined the under-mentioned Petitions for Private Bills and finds that the provisions of Rules 64, 65 and 68 have been fully complied with.

Of the Regina Golf Club, in the Province of Saskatchewan praying for an Act to rename The Regina Golf Club

Of the Mennonite Central Committee Saskatchewan Inc., in the Province of Saskatchewan praying for an Act to provide for the continuance of the Mennonite Central Committee Saskatchewan

Of the Archbishopial Corporation of Regina and the Episcopal Corporation of Saskatoon, in the Province of Saskatchewan praying for an Act to provide for the re-organization of the Saskatchewan Roman Catholic Dioceses

(Sessional Paper No. 207)

On motion of Mr. Wartman, seconded by Mr. Brkich:

Ordered, That the First Report of the Standing Committee on Private Members' Bills be now concurred in.

Thereupon the Clerk laid upon the Table the following Bills:

Bill No. 301 – The Mennonite Central Committee Saskatchewan Act	(Ms. Lorjé)
Bill No. 302 – The Renaming of The Regina Golf Club Act	(Mr. Wartman)
Bill No. 303 – The Saskatchewan Roman Catholic Dioceses Reorganization Act	(Mr. Thomson)

The said Bills were read the first time and ordered for Second Reading at the next sitting, pursuant to Rule 71.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS / DÉPÔT DE PROJETS DE LOI

The following Bills were received, read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time at the next sitting:

Les projets de loi suivants sont reçus, lus une première fois, et la deuxième lecture en est fixée à la prochaine séance:

Bill No. 30 – The Vital Statistics Amendment Act, 2000	
Projet de loi n° 30 – Loi de 2000 modifiant la Loi de 1995 sur les services de l'état civil	(Hon. Ms. / L'hon. Mme Junor)
Bill No. 233 – The Democratic Unionism Act	(Mr. Weekes)
Bill No. 234 – The Trade Union Amendment Act, 2000 (Freedom of Speech in the Workplace)	(Mr. Weekes)

MOMENT OF SILENCE

With unanimous consent, the Assembly observed a moment of silence in remembrance of workers killed or injured in the course of their employment.

SUBSTITUTION OF MEMBER ON THE RULES AND PROCEDURES COMMITTEE

On motion of Mr. D'Autremont, seconded by Mr. Bjornerud, by leave of the Assembly:

Ordered, That the name of Carl Kwiatkowski be substituted for that of Ken Krawetz on the Special Committee on Rules and Procedures.

COMMITTEE OF FINANCE

The Assembly, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Finance to consider Estimates for the Department of Environment and Resource Management.

Progress was reported and the Committee given leave to sit again.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 12:55 p.m. until Monday at 1:30 p.m.

MONDAY, MAY 1, 2000
(31ST DAY)

1:30 p.m.

PRAYERS

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 2:03 p.m. until Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. in order to receive Her Excellency Rt. Hon. Adrienne Clarkson, Governor General of Canada.

TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2000
(32ND DAY)

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: Toth, Peters, Eagles, Wall, Bakken, Weekes, Brkich, Harpauer, Wiberg, Hart, and Kwiatkowski.

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

According to Order, the Clerk having favourably reported on the same pursuant to Rule 12(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 halt any plans to proceed with the amalgamation of municipalities in Saskatchewan.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 34)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the federal and provincial governments to reduce fuel taxes.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 101)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to abandon plans to confiscate municipal reserve accounts.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 161)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to provide a \$3,000 exemption of the PST for dealers, in addition to private sales, on the purchase of vehicles.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 204)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

Bill No. 224 – The Regulatory Reform Act

(Mr. Wakefield)

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. 31 – The Police Amendment Act, 2000

(Hon. Mr. Axworthy)

SPEAKER TABLES REPORTS

The Speaker laid before the Assembly the following:

Annual Report of the Provincial Ombudsman for the year 1999

(Sessional Paper No. 208)

Annual Report of the Children's Advocate for the year 1999

(Sessional Paper No. 209)

SUBSTITUTION OF MEMBER ON THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

On motion of Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter, seconded by Hon. Ms. MacKinnon, by leave of the Assembly:

Ordered, That the name of Ms. Pat Lorjé be substituted for that of Mr. Myron Kowalsky on a list of members composing the Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

MOTION FOR A 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. Kasperski, seconded by Mr. Addley:

That this Assembly commends the government for creating a favourable working atmosphere for all sectors of the natural resource industry in Saskatchewan, in particular the oil and gas industry.

A debate arising, it was moved by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Boyd, in amendment thereto:

That all the words after the word "Assembly" be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

will commend the government for creating a favourable atmosphere in the natural resource sector once it eliminates the Provincial Sales Tax from the many expenses incurred in natural resource industries such as oil and gas and mining and once it adopts an oil and gas royalty structure that is competitive with other jurisdictions.

The debate continuing, and the period of seventy-five minutes having expired, pursuant to Rule 17(5), the Speaker interrupted proceedings.

SECOND READINGS OF PRIVATE BILLS

According to Order, the following Bills were read a second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Private Members' Bills:

Bill No. 301 – The Mennonite Central Committee Saskatchewan Act
(Ms. Lorjé)

Bill No. 302 – The Renaming of The Regina Golf Club Act
(Mr. Wartman)

Bill No. 303 – The Saskatchewan Roman Catholic Dioceses Reorganization Act
(Mr. Thomson)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Motion No. 4, it was moved by Ms. Higgins, seconded by Mr. Yates:

That this Assembly recognizes the responsible, measured and consultative manner in which the government has introduced reasonable, targeted, sustainable and fair tax reductions in every budget since 1995.

A debate arising, it was moved by Mr. Hermanson, seconded by Mr. Wakefield, in amendment thereto:

That all the words after the word "Assembly" be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

regrets the Minister of Finance's decision to delay much-needed tax relief in Saskatchewan and, instead, raise the Provincial Sales Tax by \$160 million.

The debate continuing and the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived.

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

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 5:03 p.m. until Wednesday at 1:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 2000
(33RD DAY)

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: Elhard, Gantfoer, Toth, Peters, Eagles, Wall, Bakken, McMorris, Weekes, Brkich, Harpauer, Wiberg, Hart, Allchurch, Stewart, and Kwiatkowski.

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

According to Order, the Clerk having favourably reported on the same pursuant to Rule 12(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 halt any plans to proceed with the amalgamation of municipalities in Saskatchewan.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 34)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to provide funding for the Swift Current Regional Hospital.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 36)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the federal and provincial governments to reduce fuel taxes.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 101)

BILL NO. 33 – THE PROVINCIAL EMBLEMS AND HONOURS AMENDMENT ACT, 2000

The following Bill was received, read the first time, and by leave of the Assembly and pursuant to Rule 55, ordered to be read a second time later this day:

Bill No. 33 – The Provincial Emblems and Honours Amendment Act, 2000

(Hon. Mr. Hillson)

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Hillson: That Bill No. 33 – The Provincial Emblems and Honours Amendment Act, 2000 – be now read a second time.

A debate arising and the question being put, it was agreed to and the said Bill was, accordingly, read a second time and by leave of the Assembly and pursuant to Rule 55, referred to a Committee of the Whole later this day.

The Assembly, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

The following Bill was reported without amendment, read the third time and passed:

Bill No. 33 – The Provincial Emblems and Honours Amendment Act, 2000

The Committee was given leave to sit again.

3:08 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. 33 – The Provincial Emblems and Honours Amendment Act, 2000

Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor then replied: "In Her Majesty's name, I assent to this Bill."

Her Honour then retired from the Chamber.

3:09 p.m.

COMMITTEE OF FINANCE

The Assembly, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Finance to consider Estimates for the Department of Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs.

Progress was reported and the Committee given leave to sit again.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 4:57 p.m. until Thursday at 1:30 p.m.

RETURNS, REPORTS AND PAPERS TABLED

The following papers were laid upon the Table:

By the Hon. Mr. Lautermilch:

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Research Council, for the year ended March 31, 1999, including Supplementary Information

(Sessional Paper No. 210)

By the Hon. Mr. Sonntag:

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Irrigation Crop Diversification Corporation, for the year ended March 31, 1999

(Sessional Paper No. 211)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Irrigation Projects Association, for the year ended March 31, 1999

(Sessional Paper No. 212)

By the Hon. Mr. Serby:

Financial Statements of the Municipal Potash Tax Sharing Administration Board, for the year ended December 31, 1999

(Sessional Paper No. 213)

Annual Report of the Saskatchewan Municipal Board, for the year ended December 31, 1999

(Sessional Paper No. 214)

By the Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter:

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Milk Control Board, for the year ended December 31, 1999

(Sessional Paper No. 215)

THURSDAY, MAY 4, 2000
(34TH DAY)

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: Elhard, Heppner, Gantfoer, Toth, Eagles, Wall, Bakken, McMorris, Weekes, Brkich, Harpauer, Hart, Allchurch, Stewart, and Kwiatkowski.

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

According to Order, the Clerk having favourably reported on the same pursuant to Rule 12(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 reliable cellular service in the districts of Prud'Homme, Bruno, Vonda, and Cudworth.

(Sessional Paper No. 216)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to halt any plans to proceed with the amalgamation of municipalities in Saskatchewan.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 34)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to provide funding for the Swift Current Regional Hospital.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 36)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the federal and provincial governments to reduce fuel taxes.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 101)

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. 32 – The Municipal Employees' Pension Amendment Act, 2000

(Hon. Mr. Cline)

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 130 and 131, they were answered. (See Appendix)

ADJOURNED DEBATES**Bill No. 28 – The Ombudsman and Children’s Advocate Amendment Act, 2000**

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Axworthy: That Bill No. 28 – The Ombudsman and Children’s Advocate Amendment Act, 2000 – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 26 – The Tabling of Documents Amendment Act, 2000

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Axworthy: That Bill No. 26 – The Tabling of Documents Amendment Act, 2000– be now read a second time.

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

COMMITTEE OF FINANCE

The Assembly, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Finance to consider Estimates for the Department of Social Services.

The Committee then considered estimates for the Department of Economic and Co-operative Development.

Progress was reported and the Committee given leave to sit again.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 5:00 p.m. until Friday at 10:00 a.m.

RETURNS, REPORTS AND PAPERS TABLED

The following papers were laid upon the Table:

By the Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter:

1999 Personal Services (unaudited) for the Saskatchewan Milk Control Board
(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 215)

Financial Statements of the Agri-Food Equity Fund, for the year ended March 31, 1999
(Sessional Paper No. 217)

FRIDAY, MAY 5, 2000
(35TH DAY)

PRAYERS

10:00 a.m.

PRESENTING PETITIONS

Petitions of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan were presented and laid upon the Table by the following Members: Toth, Eagles, Wall, Bakken, Harpauer, Hart, Allchurch, Stewart, and Kwiatkowski.

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

According to Order, the Clerk having favourably reported on the same pursuant to Rule 12(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 halt any plans to proceed with the amalgamation of municipalities in Saskatchewan.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 34)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to provide funding for the Swift Current Regional Hospital.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 36)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the federal and provincial governments to reduce fuel taxes.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 101)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

Bill No. 34 – The Saskatchewan Evidence Amendment Act, 2000

(Hon. Mr. Axworthy)

SECOND READINGS**Bill No. 29 – The Residential Tenancies Amendment Act, 2000**

The Hon. Mr. Axworthy, 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. 29 – The Residential Tenancies Amendment Act, 2000 – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 31 – The Police Amendment Act, 2000

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Axworthy: That Bill No. 31 – The Police Amendment Act, 2000 – be now read a second time.

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

COMMITTEE OF FINANCE

The Assembly, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Finance to consider Estimates for the Department of Energy and Mines.

The Committee then considered estimates for the Department of Education.

Progress was reported and the Committee given leave to sit again.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 12:58 p.m. until Monday at 1:30 p.m.

MONDAY, MAY 8, 2000
(36TH DAY)

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: Heppner, Julé, Draude, Peters, Wall, Weekes, Brkich, and Harpauer.

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

According to Order, the Clerk having favourably reported on the same pursuant to Rule 12(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 halt any plans to proceed with the amalgamation of municipalities in Saskatchewan.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 34)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the federal and provincial governments to reduce fuel taxes.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 101)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to abandon plans to confiscate municipal reserve accounts.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 161)

SECOND READINGS / DEUXIÈME LECTURE

Bill No. 30 – The Vital Statistics Amendment Act, 2000

Projet de loi n° 30 – Loi de 2000 modifiant la Loi de 1995 sur les services de l'état civil

Moved by the Hon. Ms. Junor: That Bill No. 30 – The Vital Statistics Amendment Act, 2000 – be now read a second time.

L'hon. Mme Junor propose: Que le projet de loi n° 30 – Loi de 2000 modifiant la Loi de 1995 sur les services de l'état civil – soit maintenant lu une deuxième fois.

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

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

Bill No. 32 – The Municipal Employees’ Pension Amendment Act, 2000

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Cline: That Bill No. 32 – The Municipal Employees’ Pension Amendment Act, 2000 – be now read a second time.

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

COMMITTEE OF FINANCE

The Assembly, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Finance to consider Estimates for the Department of Post-Secondary Education and Skills Training.

The Committee then considered estimates for the Department of Highways and Transportation.

Progress was reported and the Committee given leave to sit again.

BILL NO. 11 – WITHDRAWN

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen, by leave of the Assembly:

Ordered, That the order for Second Reading of Bill No. 11 – The Electronic Information and Documents Act – be discharged and the said Bill be withdrawn.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 5:00 p.m. until Tuesday at 1:30 p.m.

RETURNS, REPORTS AND PAPERS TABLED

The following paper was laid upon the Table:

By the Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter:

Annual Report of the Saskatchewan Agricultural and Food Products Development and Marketing Council for the calendar year 1999

(Sessional Paper No. 218)

TUESDAY, MAY 9, 2000
(37TH DAY)

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: Julé, Hermanson, Draude, Gantfoer, Peters, Wall, McMorris, Weekes, Brkich, and Wiberg.

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

According to Order, the Clerk having favourably reported on the same pursuant to Rule 12(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 ensure reliable cellular service to Watson and area.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 35)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to provide funding for the Swift Current Regional Hospital.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 36)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the federal and provincial governments to reduce fuel taxes.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 101)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to provide reliable cellular service in the districts of Prud'Homme, Bruno, Vonda, and Cudworth.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 216)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were received, read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time at the next sitting:

Bill No. 220 – The Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Amendment Act, 2000 (Votes of Confidence)

(Mr. McMorris)

Bill No. 35 – The Automobile Accident Insurance Amendment Act, 2000 (No. 2)

(Hon. Mr. Nilson)

Bill No. 36 – The Motor Carrier Amendment Act, 2000

(Hon. Mr. Nilson)

Bill No. 37 – The Public Libraries Amendment Act, 2000

(Hon. Mr. Serby)

Bill No. 38 – The Electronic Information and Documents Act, 2000

(Hon. Mr. Axworthy)

STATEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

Last Friday, the Minister of Education (Hon. Mr. Melenchuk) raised a point of order regarding the line of questioning that the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Hermanson) had been pursuing. At the time, I indicated that I would reserve any decision until I had an opportunity to review the *Hansard* for Oral Question Period. I am now prepared to rule on the matter.

The rules of parliamentary debate place certain restrictions on what questions may appropriately be asked of Ministers. This is not a new concern. I remind Members of a statement I made on April 17th on this exact matter. I will quote from that statement:

. . . there have been repeated instances when questions have been addressed to the Leader of the Liberal Party in regards to that party's political platform. *Beauchesne's*, 6th Edition, in paragraph 409(6) states that "A question must be within the administrative competence of the Government"; and further in paragraph 410(17), that "Ministers may not be questioned with respect to party responsibilities."

Comments regarding the political responsibilities of a Minister, or the Leader of the Opposition, or of another Member, are properly matters of debate. As such, they may be raised during debate on relevant topics in bills, estimates and motions. During Question Period however, only questions touching upon the collective administrative responsibility of the Government or the current individual responsibilities of a Minister are properly the subject of oral questions.

Friday's Question Period illustrates the importance of how a question is phrased. For example, the first two questions asked by the Leader of the Opposition were out of order on the grounds that they questioned a Minister on the administrative responsibilities of his political party organization. The third question, addressed to the Minister of Justice, questioning the application of *The Election Act* was in order. However, the preamble to this question was unparliamentary.

The difficulty that I, as Speaker, must resolve is determining whether a question, while it is being posed, is in order. In some instances, it is very clear where a Member is heading and that the subject matter is inappropriate. In other instances, it is only after a Member has completed asking his question that one is able to determine its procedural acceptability. In many instances, by the time the appropriateness of the question is determined, the Minister has indicated his or her desire to respond.

The questions become difficult to assess in situations where there has been legislation before the Assembly that governs political parties. Where such business is being considered, the practice of this Assembly is to allow questions on these particular policy issues. I refer Members to Question Period in June of 1996 where questions frequently dealt with issues related to political donations and to *The Elections Act* that was then before the Assembly. I note that this is not the case today.

Our own precedents repeatedly illustrate that Ministers are responsible only for their portfolios. The rationale outlined by the Speaker on December 5th, 1991, when ruling on the admissibility of a written question applies to the case at hand. That statement provided as follows:

“ . . . *Beauchesne's*, 6th Edition, para 428(dd), states as follows:

A question must not deal with matters not officially connected with Government or Parliament, or which are of a private nature.

The political contributions and political activities of individual citizens is not a matter of administrative responsibility of any Minister in this Assembly. If such matters have a relation to public affairs then that is a subject for debate and not appropriate in the form of a written question. Members cannot ask Ministers to report on matters for which they have no official responsibility.”

Further rulings on this point include those of December 10th, 1991; July 17th, 1992; June 6th, 1996; April 20th and May 4th, 1998; March 24th, 30th, and April 26th, 1999.

The main principle underlying the Chair's application of parliamentary procedure is fairness. In this instance, it would be patently unfair to require the Members of only one side of the House to answer for the administration of their political parties. This is why Question Period is restricted to questions for which the Government has administrative responsibility as the Executive Government.

I therefore ask all Members to carefully consider how they choose to word their questions and their preambles to ensure that they address an issue of public policy or the Minister's administrative responsibility. An inappropriately worded preamble could prompt me as Speaker to intervene even though the question or answer to follow is procedurally acceptable.

I want to conclude with a comment on the decorum. Earlier this year I made a lengthy statement on the practices that are traditionally followed in parliamentary institutions to ensure that the decorum in the debate and in the Chamber are befitting this Assembly. Unfortunately, Members on both sides continue to engage in disrespectful behaviour towards one another. In particular, there have been several instances where aspersions have been cast upon the chair occupant or where the motives of Honourable Members have been impugned. I appreciate that the level of decorum was much improved yesterday.

Members should realize that they are accountable for their actions and for their words – regardless whether the Member has been recognized to speak. It is the Members who are expected to maintain a respectful level of decorum and it is the responsibility of the Speaker to assist all Members in maintaining this level.

I ask all Members to seriously consider the loss of public respect for this Assembly that can result from their actions.

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 132 to 135, they were answered. (See Appendix)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Motion No. 5, it was moved by Ms. Draude, seconded by Ms. Julé:

That this Assembly urges the provincial government to cancel all the funding it provides that is being used to promote pornography and that this funding be redirected to programs to combat the child sex trade.

A debate arising, it was moved by Ms. Lorjé, seconded by Mr. Wartman, in amendment thereto:

That all the words after the word "Assembly" be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

"reaffirm its support for the principle of arm's length funding."

The debate continuing, it was moved by Mr. Wartman: "That this debate be now adjourned."

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

YEAS – 25

Hagel	Van Mulligen	Melenchuk	Cline
Atkinson	Goulet	Lautermilch	Thomson
Lorjé	Serby	Nilson	Crofford
Kowalsky	Sonntag	Hamilton	Prebble
Jones	Higgins	Yates	Harper
Axworthy	Junor	Kasperski	Wartman
Addley			

NAYS – 19

Hermanson	Elhard	Heppner	Julé
Draude	Boyd	Gantefoer	Peters
Wall	Bakken	Bjornerud	D'Autremont
Weekes	Brkich	Harpauer	Wakefield
Wiberg	Allchurch	Kwiatkowski	

The Order of the Day being called for Motion No. 6, it was moved by Mr. Kowalsky, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Goulet:

That this Assembly urge the government to continue the initiative of working with northern communities to create community management boards which respond to the particular law enforcement needs of aboriginal and northern communities.

A debate arising, it was on motion of the Hon. Mr. Goulet, adjourned.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 4:56 p.m. until Wednesday at 1:30 p.m.

RETURNS, REPORTS AND PAPERS TABLED

The following paper was laid upon the Table:

By the Hon. Mr. Serby:

Recommendation of the Public Documents Committee under *The Archives Act* respecting Records Retention and Disposal Schedules as follows:

- 341 – Crown Investments Corporation of Saskatchewan – Capital Pension Plan
- 342 – Saskatchewan Health – Drug Plan and Extended Health Benefits
- 343 – Saskatchewan Agriculture and Food – Lands Branch

(Sessional Paper No. 219)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, 2000
(38TH DAY)

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: Julé, Gantfoer, Peters, Eagles, Wall, Bakken, McMorris, Weekes, Harpauer, and Hart.

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

According to Order, the Clerk having favourably reported on the same pursuant to Rule 12(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 ensure reliable cellular service to Watson and area.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 35)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the federal and provincial governments to reduce fuel taxes.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 101)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to abandon plans to confiscate municipal reserve accounts.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 161)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to grandfather vehicles that were tax paid on budget day.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 205)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were received, read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time at the next sitting:

Bill No. 39 – The Department of Post-Secondary Education and Skills Training Act, 2000

(Hon. Mr. Hagel)

Bill No. 40 – The Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technologies Act

(Hon. Mr. Hagel)

COMMITTEE OF FINANCE

The Assembly, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Finance to consider Estimates for the Department of Justice.

Progress was reported and the Committee given leave to sit again.

The Assembly, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Finance to consider Estimates for the Department of Social Services.

Progress was reported and the Committee given leave to sit again.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

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

THURSDAY, MAY 11, 2000
(39TH DAY)

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: Heppner, Julé, Draude, Gantfoer, Toth, Peters, Eagles, Wall, D'Autremont, McMorris, Weekes, Brkich, Harpauer, Hart, and Kwiatkowski.

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

According to Order, the Clerk having favourably reported on the same pursuant to Rule 12(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 halt any plans to proceed with the amalgamation of municipalities in Saskatchewan.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 34)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the federal and provincial governments to reduce fuel taxes.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 101)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to provide reliable cellular service in the districts of Prud'Homme, Bruno, Vonda, and Cudworth.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 216)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were received, read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time at the next sitting:

Bill No. 41 – The Medical Profession Amendment Act, 2000

(Hon. Ms. Atkinson)

Bill No. 42 – The Cattle Marketing Deductions Amendment Act, 2000

(Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen)

Bill No. 43 – The Summary Offences Procedure Amendment Act, 2000

(Hon. Mr. Axworthy)

Bill No. 44 – The Insurance Premiums Tax Amendment Act, 2000	(Hon. Mr. Cline)
Bill No. 45 – The Fuel Tax Act, 2000	(Hon. Mr. Cline)
Bill No. 46 – The Tobacco Tax Amendment Act, 2000	(Hon. Mr. Cline)
Bill No. 47 – The Power Corporation Superannuation Amendment Act, 2000	(Hon. Mr. Nilson)

STATEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

Yesterday the Opposition House Leader (Mr. D’Autremont) raised three points of order. The first point dealt with language used during Oral Question Period and I will rule on that point today. The second two points arose in regards to the content of debate during Tuesday’s Private Members’ Motions. I will return to the Assembly with a ruling on these points in due course.

I have reviewed the verbatim for Tuesday’s Oral Question Period. I draw Members’ attention to page 1094, where the Minister of Health (Hon. Ms. Atkinson) responded to a question with the following statement:

“Mr. Speaker, everyday in this Legislature these people get up, and make false statements about everything. They are simply misleading the public.”

Honourable Members, it has been a long-standing practice in this Assembly that Members are not permitted to insinuate that a colleague is not being truthful. In this regard, Members are guided by paragraph 494 of *Beauchesne’s Rules and Forms*, 6th Edition, which states that:

“It is not unparliamentary temperately to criticize statements made by Members as being contrary to the facts; but no imputation of intentional falsehood is permissible.”

The statement made by the Minister is clearly out of order. I invite the Minister to withdraw those remarks and apologize to the Assembly.

Thereupon the Hon. Ms. Atkinson withdrew the remarks and apologized.

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 136, 137 and 138, pursuant to Rule 42(5), they were transferred to Motions for Returns (Debatable) Nos. 11, 12 and 13.

ADJOURNED DEBATES**Bill No. 4 – The Saskatchewan Pension Plan Amendment Act, 1999**

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Cline: That Bill No. 4 – The Saskatchewan Pension Plan Amendment Act, 1999 – 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 and referred to a Committee of the Whole at the next sitting.

Bill No. 18 – The Public Employees Pension Plan Amendment Act, 2000

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Cline: That Bill No. 18 – The Public Employees Pension Plan Amendment Act, 2000 – 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 and referred to a Committee of the Whole at the next sitting.

COMMITTEE OF FINANCE

The Assembly, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Finance to consider Estimates for the Department of Municipal Affairs, Culture and Housing.

The Committee then considered estimates for the Department of Environment and Resource Management.

Progress was reported and the Committee given leave to sit again.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 5:02 p.m. until Friday at 10:00 a.m.

FRIDAY, MAY 12, 2000
(40TH DAY)

PRAYERS

10:00 a.m.

PRESENTING PETITIONS

Petitions of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan were presented and laid upon the Table by the following Members: Julé, Draude, Gantfoer, Toth, Peters, Eagles, Brkich, Harpauer, and Hart.

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

According to Order, the Clerk having favourably reported on the same pursuant to Rule 12(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 reliable cellular service in the districts of Strasbourg, Duval, Govan, and Bulyea.

(Sessional Paper No. 220)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to halt any plans to proceed with the amalgamation of municipalities in Saskatchewan.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 34)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to ensure reliable cellular service to Watson and area.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 35)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the federal and provincial governments to reduce fuel taxes.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 101)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to abandon plans to confiscate municipal reserve accounts.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 161)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to provide reliable cellular service in the districts of Prud'Homme, Bruno, Vonda, and Cudworth.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 216)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS / DÉPÔT DE PROJETS DE LOI

The following Bills were received, read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time at the next sitting:

Les projets de loi suivants sont reçus, lus une première fois, et la deuxième lecture en est fixée à la prochaine séance:

Bill No. 221 – The Crown Construction Tendering Agreement Nullification Act
(Mr. Weekes)

Bill No. 48 – The Adult Guardianship and Co-decision-making Act
(Hon. Mr. Axworthy)

Bill No. 49 – The Highways and Transportation Amendment Act, 2000
(Hon. Mr. Sonntag)

Bill No. 50 – The Interpretation Amendment Act, 2000
Projet de loi n° 50 – Loi de 2000 modifiant la Loi d'interprétation de 1995
(Hon. Mr. / L'hon. M. Axworthy)

Bill No. 51 – The Interpretation Act Consequential Amendment Act, 2000
(Hon. Mr. Axworthy)

Bill No. 52 – The Wildlife Amendment Act, 2000
Projet de loi n° 52 – Loi de 2000 modifiant la Loi sur la faune
(Hon. Mr. / L'hon. M. Belanger)

Bill No. 53 – The Wildlife Act Consequential Amendment Act, 2000
(Hon. Mr. Belanger)

Bill No. 54 – The Vehicle Administration Amendment Act, 2000 (No. 2)
(Hon. Mr. Nilson)

The Order of the Day being called, it was moved by the Hon. Ms. Crofford: That Bill No. 59 – The Construction Industry Labour Relations Amendment Act, 2000 – be now introduced and read the first time.

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

YEAS – 47

Trew	Van Mulligen	MacKinnon	Lingenfelter
Atkinson	Goulet	Lautermilch	Thomson
Lorjé	Serby	Belanger	Nilson
Crofford	Hillson	Kowalsky	Sonntag
Hamilton	Prebble	Higgins	Yates
Harper	Axworthy	Junor	Kasperski
Wartman	Addley	Elhard	Heppner
Julé	Draude	Boyd	Gantefoer
Toth	Peters	Eagles	Wall
Bakken	Bjornerud	D'Autremont	McMorris
Weekes	Brkich	Harpauer	Wakefield
Hart	Stewart	Kwiatkowski	

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The said Bill was, accordingly, read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time at the next sitting.

ESTIMATES REFERRED TO ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter, seconded by the Hon. Ms. MacKinnon, by leave of the Assembly:

Ordered, That the Estimates for the Legislative Assembly (Vote 21), the Provincial Auditor (Vote 28); the Chief Electoral Officer (Vote 34); the Information and Privacy Commissioner (Vote 55); the Ombudsman and Children's Advocate (Vote 56); the Conflict of Interest Commissioner (Vote 57); as well as Supplementary Estimates for the Legislative Assembly (Vote 21), be withdrawn from the Committee of Finance and referred to the Standing Committee on Estimates.

MOTION TO ADJOURN OVER VICTORIA DAY

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter, seconded by Mr. D'Autremont, by leave of the Assembly:

Ordered, That notwithstanding Rule 3(4) of the Rules and Procedures of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan, that when this Assembly adjourns on Thursday, May 18, 2000, it do stand adjourned until Wednesday, May 24, at 1:30 p.m.

STATEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

On Wednesday the Opposition House Leader raised three points of order. One I dealt with yesterday, the other two were reserved until I had the opportunity to consider the context of the remarks in question. The comments were made during debate on a private member's motion that stated that government funds were being used to promote pornography.

I thank the Member for raising these concerns. As Members know from several previous rulings, the use of personally offensive language in debate is a matter of growing concern to me. It should be our mutual goal to achieve hard-hitting, politically effective criticism of policies, positions and actions without resorting to rude, intemperate and simplistic attacks on the integrity and motives of others.

I recognize that achieving this goal is the most difficult when the matter under debate is an emotional one that involves passionately held personal beliefs and values as was the case on Tuesday. Parliamentary practice offers Members some guidance in this area. I refer all Honourable Members to a summary in Marleau and Montpetit's *House of Commons Procedure and Practice*, on page 525 as follows:

The proceedings of the House are based on a long-standing tradition of respect for the integrity of all Members. Thus, the use of offensive, provocative or threatening language in the House is strictly forbidden. Personal attacks, insults and obscene language or words are not in order. A direct charge or accusation against a Member may be made only by way of a substantive motion for which notice is required.

If language used in debate is questionable, the Speaker will intervene. Nonetheless, any Member who feels aggrieved by a remark or allegation may also bring the matter to the immediate attention of the Speaker on a point of order.

In dealing with unparliamentary language, the Speaker takes into account the tone, manner and intention of the Member speaking; the person to whom the words were directed; the degree of provocation; and, most importantly, whether or not the remarks created disorder in the Chamber . . . Although an expression may be found to be acceptable, the Speaker has cautioned that any language which leads to disorder in the House should not be used. Expressions which are considered unparliamentary when applied to an individual Member have not always been considered so when applied "in a generic sense" or to a party.

The Member raising the point of order claimed that the Member for Saskatoon Southeast (Ms. Lorjé), on page 1105 of the *Debates*, using the guise of a literary device, in essence described four Members of the opposition as homophobic. After reviewing the verbatim, I find the Member's point of order well taken. However disguised, the effect of the words were personal, offensive and unparliamentary.

The second point of order concerned the words of the Member for Regina Qu'Appelle Valley (Mr. Wartman) on pages 1107 and 1108 where he made statements that connected current Members of the Opposition with criminal convictions and cast doubt on their moral standing.

The Member for Regina Qu'Appelle spoke generally of "people on the opposite side of the House" but individual Members found it offensive as a personal attack. Again I find the point of order well taken.

The parliamentary authority quoted above refers to provocation. In moving the motion, the Member for Kelvington-Wadena (Ms. Draude) no fewer than 14 times accused the government and government members of promoting pornography or supporting the pornography industry. The nature of the debate that followed demonstrates that the mover's speech was inflammatory and provocative to other Members who participated in the debate.

On a positive note, I would like to point out that the speech of the seconder of the motion, the Member for Humboldt (Ms. Julé), demonstrates that the issue could be addressed passionately without calling into question the morals and motives of Members on the other side of the Assembly and inciting disorder.

Despite the provocation, the accusations made by the Members for Saskatoon Southeast and Regina Qu'Appelle Valley have exceeded the bounds of fair debate and I therefore call upon those Members to rise, withdraw the offensive comments and apologize to the Assembly.

Thereupon Ms. Lorjé and Mr. Wartman withdrew their remarks and apologized.

Ms. Draude also withdrew her remarks and apologized voluntarily.

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Question No. 139, it was answered. (See Appendix)

SECOND READINGS

Bill No. 35 – The Automobile Accident Insurance Amendment Act, 2000 (No. 2)

The Hon. Mr. Nilson, 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. 35 – The Automobile Accident Insurance Amendment Act, 2000 (No. 2) – be now read a second time.

A debate arising, it was on motion of Mr. D'Autremont, adjourned.

Bill No. 36 – The Motor Carrier Amendment Act, 2000

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Nilson: That Bill No. 36 – The Motor Carrier Amendment Act, 2000 – be now read a second time.

A debate arising, it was on motion of Mr. D'Autremont, adjourned.

Bill No. 37 – The Public Libraries Amendment Act, 2000

The Hon. Mr. Serby, 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. 37 – The Public Libraries Amendment Act, 2000 – be now read a second time.

A debate arising, it was on motion of Mr. D'Autremont, adjourned.

Bill No. 38 – The Electronic Information and Documents Act, 2000

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Axworthy: That Bill No. 38 – The Electronic Information and Documents Act, 2000 – be now read a second time.

A debate arising, it was on motion of Mr. D'Autremont, adjourned.

COMMITTEE OF FINANCE

The Assembly, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Finance to consider Estimates for the Department of Labour.

Progress was reported and the Committee given leave to sit again.

MOTION TO CHANGE HOURS OF SITTING

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter, seconded by Mr. Toth, by leave of the Assembly:

Ordered, That notwithstanding Rule 3(1), on Thursday May 18, 2000, this Assembly shall meet at 10:00 a.m. and the Assembly shall adjourn at 1:00 p.m. subject to the provisions in Rule 3(2) and Rule 3(3), so far as may be applicable.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 12:46 p.m. until Monday at 1:30 p.m.

MONDAY, MAY 15, 2000
(41ST DAY)

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: Julé, Gantefoer, Peters, Eagles, Wall, McMorris, Weekes, Brkich, Harpauer, Hart, and Stewart.

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

According to Order, the Clerk having favourably reported on the same pursuant to Rule 12(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 ensure reliable cellular service to Watson and area.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 35)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the federal and provincial governments to reduce fuel taxes.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 101)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to provide reliable cellular service in the districts of Prud'Homme, Bruno, Vonda, and Cudworth.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 216)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to provide reliable cellular service in the districts of Strasbourg, Duval, Govan, and Bulyea.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 220)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were received, read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time at the next sitting:

Bill No. 60 – The Forest Resources Management Amendment Act, 2000

(Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter)

Bill No. 61 – The Engineering and Geoscience Professions Amendment Act, 2000

(Hon. Mr. Sonntag)

Bill No. 62 – The Miscellaneous Statutes Repeal (Regulatory Reform) Act, 2000	(Hon. Mr. Axworthy)
Bill No. 63 – The Legal Aid Amendment Act, 2000	(Hon. Mr. Axworthy)
Bill No. 64 – The Fiscal Stabilization Fund Act	(Hon. Mr. Cline)
Bill No. 65 – The Crown Corporations Amendment Act, 2000	(Hon. Mr. Nilson)
Bill No. 66 – The Personal Property Security Amendment Act, 2000	(Hon. Mr. Axworthy)

SECOND READINGS

Bill No. 44 – The Insurance Premiums Tax Amendment Act, 2000

The Hon. Mr. Cline, 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. 44 – The Insurance Premiums Tax Amendment Act, 2000 – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 45 – The Fuel Tax Act, 2000

The Hon. Mr. Cline, 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. 45 – The Fuel Tax Act, 2000 – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 46 – The Tobacco Tax Amendment Act, 2000

The Hon. Mr. Cline, 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. 46 – The Tobacco Tax Amendment Act, 2000 – be now read a second time.

A debate arising, and 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 at the next sitting.

ADJOURNED DEBATES

Bill No. 27 – The Certified Management Accountants Act

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Cline: That Bill No. 27 – The Certified Management Accountants Act – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 32 – The Municipal Employees’ Pension Amendment Act, 2000

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Cline: That Bill No. 32 – The Municipal Employees’ Pension Amendment Act, 2000 – be now read a second time.

The debate continuing, it was moved by Mr. Wakefield:

That the Assembly do now proceed to Private Members’ Public Bills and Orders, Second Readings, Item No. 5, Bill No. 231 – The Fire-fighter Protection from Liability Act.

The question being put on the motion, it was negatived on the following Recorded Division:

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Hermanson	Elhard	Heppner	Julé
Krawetz	Draude	Boyd	Gantefoer
Toth	Peters	Eagles	Wall
Bakken	Bjornerud	D’Autremont	McMorris
Weekes	Brkich	Harpauer	Wakefield
Wiberg	Hart		

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Trew	Hagel	Van Mulligen	MacKinnon
Lingenfelter	Melenchuk	Cline	Atkinson
Goulet	Thomson	Lorjé	Serby
Nilson	Crofford	Hillson	Kowalsky
Sonntag	Prebble	Jones	Higgins
Yates	Harper	Axworthy	Junor
Kasperski	Wartman		

The debate continuing on Second Reading of Bill No. 32, it was on motion of Mr. D’Autremont, adjourned.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

The Assembly, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

The following Bill was reported without amendment, read the third time and passed:

Bill No. 18 – The Public Employees Pension Plan Amendment Act, 2000

The Committee was given leave to sit again.

COMMITTEE OF FINANCE

The Assembly, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Finance to consider Estimates for the Women's Secretariat.

Progress was reported and the Committee given leave to sit again.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 4:52 p.m. until Tuesday at 1:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, MAY 16, 2000
(42ND DAY)

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: Julé, Gantefoer, Toth, Peters, Eagles, Wall, D'Autremont, McMorris, Wiberg, Hart, and Allchurch.

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

According to Order, the Clerk having favourably reported on the same pursuant to Rule 12(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 halt any plans to proceed with the amalgamation of municipalities in Saskatchewan.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 34)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to ensure reliable cellular service to Watson and area.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 35)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to provide funding for the Swift Current Regional Hospital.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 36)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the federal and provincial governments to reduce fuel taxes.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 101)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to abandon plans to confiscate municipal reserve accounts.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 161)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to provide reliable cellular service in the districts of Prud'Homme, Bruno, Vonda, and Cudworth.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 216)

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON PRIVATE MEMBERS' BILLS

Mr. Wartman, Chair of the Standing Committee on Private Members' Bills, presented the Second Report of the said Committee which is as follows:

Your Committee has considered the following Bills and has agreed to report the same without amendment:

Bill No. 301 – The Mennonite Central Committee Saskatchewan Act

Bill No. 302 – The Renaming of The Regina Golf Club Act

Bill No. 303 – The Saskatchewan Roman Catholic Dioceses Reorganization Act

And further, that the fees respecting Bills 301 and 303 be remitted to the petitioners less the cost of printing.

(Sessional Paper No. 221)

On motion of Mr. Wartman, seconded by Ms. Julé:

Ordered, That the Second Report of the Standing Committee on Private Members' Bills be now concurred in and that the said Bills be accordingly referred to the Committee of the Whole by leave of the Assembly later this day.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

The Assembly, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

The following Bills were reported without amendment, read the third time and passed:

Bill No. 301 – The Mennonite Central Committee Saskatchewan Act

Bill No. 302 – The Renaming of The Regina Golf Club Act

Bill No. 303 – The Saskatchewan Roman Catholic Dioceses Reorganization Act

The Committee was given leave to sit again.

MOTION FOR A 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. Gantefer, seconded by Ms. Bakken:

That this Assembly urges the Minister of Health to change the budgeting process in Saskatchewan health districts to allow for consultation with the public and health care staff after the health care plans are submitted to the government but prior to the final approval of health care budgets by the Minister and that all gag orders against health care districts during the budgeting process be lifted.

A debate arising, it was moved by Mr. Wartman, seconded by Ms. Higgins, in amendment thereto:

That all the words after the words "Minister of Health to" be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

continue a budgeting system in Saskatchewan that will ensure the future of medicare.

The debate continuing, and the period of seventy-five minutes having expired, pursuant to Rule 17(5), the Deputy Speaker interrupted proceedings.

PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Motion No. 7, it was moved by Mr. Thomson, seconded by Ms. Lorjé:

That this Assembly urge the federal government and the board of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC) to recognize the importance to national unity of a strong, independent regional broadcasting network, and that they provide the necessary direction and material to allow our publicly funded, non-commercial network to continue providing regionally based news coverage and program development in Saskatchewan.

A debate arising, it was moved by Mr. Wall, seconded by Mr. McMorris, in amendment thereto:

That all the words after the word "Assembly" be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

expresses its concern regarding the continued erosion of provincial media outlets and reporters in Saskatchewan who provide the people of our province and Canada with vital information regarding events in our communities and our province.

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

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 4:55 p.m. until Wednesday at 1:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17, 2000
(43RD DAY)

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: Draude, Gantfoer, Peters, Eagles, Wall, Julé, McMorris, Brkich, Hart, and Allchurch.

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

According to Order, the Clerk having favourably reported on the same pursuant to Rule 12(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 federal and provincial governments to reduce fuel taxes.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 101)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to abandon plans to confiscate municipal reserve accounts.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 161)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to provide reliable cellular service in the districts of Strasbourg, Duval, Govan, and Bulyea.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 220)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS / DÉPÔT DE PROJETS DE LOI

The following Bills were received, read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time at the next sitting:

Les projets de loi suivants sont reçus, lus une première fois, et la deuxième lecture en est fixée à la prochaine séance:

Bill No. 67 – The Northern Municipalities Amendment Act, 2000

(Hon. Mr. Serby)

Bill No. 68 – The Rural Municipality Amendment Act, 2000

(Hon. Mr. Serby)

Bill No. 69 – The Urban Municipality Amendment Act, 2000

(Hon. Mr. Serby)

Bill No. 70 – The Education (Elimination of Business Tax) Amendment Act, 2000

Projet de loi n° 70 – Loi de 2000 modifiant la Loi sur l'éducation (élimination de la taxe professionnelle)

(Hon. Mr. / L'hon. M. Serby)

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 2:27 p.m. until Thursday at 10:00 a.m., pursuant to an Order of the Assembly dated May 12, 2000.

THURSDAY, MAY 18, 2000
(44TH DAY)

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: Elhard, Heppner, Julé, Hermanson, Draude, Gantfoer, Toth, Peters, Eagles, Wall, Bakken, D'Autremont, McMorris, Weekes, Brkich, Harpauer, Wiberg, Hart, Allchurch, and Kwiatkowski.

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

According to Order, the Clerk having favourably reported on the same pursuant to Rule 12(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 federal and provincial governments to reduce fuel taxes.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 101)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to provide reliable cellular service in the districts of Prud'Homme, Bruno, Vonda, and Cudworth.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 216)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to provide reliable cellular service in the districts of Strasbourg, Duval, Govan, and Bulyea.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 220)

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 140, 141 and 142, they were answered. (See Appendix)

SECOND READINGS

Bill No. 40 – The Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technologies Act

The Hon. Mr. Hagel, 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. 40 – The Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technologies Act – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 39 – The Department of Post-Secondary Education and Skills Training Act, 2000

The Hon. Mr. Hagel, 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. 39 – The Department of Post-Secondary Education and Skills Training Act, 2000 – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 41 – The Medical Profession Amendment Act, 2000

The Hon. Ms. Atkinson, 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. 41 – The Medical Profession Amendment Act, 2000 – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 47 – The Power Corporation Superannuation Amendment Act, 2000

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Nilson: That Bill No. 47 – The Power Corporation Superannuation Amendment Act, 2000 – be now read a second time.

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

COMMITTEE OF FINANCE

The Assembly, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Finance to consider Estimates for the Women's Secretariat.

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2001, the sum of \$1,169,000 for Women's Secretariat (Ordinary).

Progress was reported and the Committee given leave to sit again.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 12:27 p.m. until Wednesday, May 24 at 1:30 p.m., pursuant to an Order of the Assembly dated May 12, 2000.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24, 2000
(45TH DAY)

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: Elhard, Julé, Gantfoer, Peters, Eagles, Wall, Brkich, Wiberg, and Allchurch.

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

According to Order, the Clerk having favourably reported on the same pursuant to Rule 12(7), the following Petition was read and received:

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the federal and provincial governments to reduce fuel taxes.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 101)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS / DÉPÔT DE PROJETS DE LOI

The Minister, in each case, having acquainted the Assembly that Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the Bills, recommends them to the consideration of the Assembly, the following Bills were received, read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time at the next sitting:

Bill No. 55 – The Land Titles Act, 2000

(Hon. Mr. Axworthy)

Bill No. 57 – The Land Surveys Act, 2000

(Hon. Mr. Axworthy)

The following Bills were received, read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time at the next sitting:

Les projets de loi suivants sont reçus, lus une première fois, et la deuxième lecture en est fixée à la prochaine séance:

Bill No. 56 – The Land Titles Consequential Amendment Act, 2000

Projet de loi n° 56 – Loi de 2000 apportant des modifications corrélatives à la loi intitulée The Land Titles Act, 2000

(Hon. Mr. / L'hon. M. Axworthy)

Bill No. 58 – The Condominium Property Amendment Act, 2000

(Hon. Mr. Axworthy)

SPEAKER TABLES PAPERS

The Speaker informed the Assembly of the following vacancy in the Representation viz.:

In the constituency of Wood River, pursuant to an admission by Glen McPherson under the provisions of section 26 of *The Controverted Elections Act* that he had been unduly returned or elected.

(Sessional Paper No. 222)

The Speaker laid before the Assembly the Annual Report of the Saskatchewan Legislative Library for the period ended March 31, 1998.

(Sessional Paper No. 223)

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Question No. 143, it was answered. (See Appendix)

APPOINTMENT OF INFORMATION AND PRIVACY COMMISSIONER

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Axworthy, seconded by Mr. Wall:

That an Humble Address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor recommending that the Lieutenant Governor in Council appoint Gerald Lorne Gerrand, Q.C., of the City of Regina, in the Province of Saskatchewan, as the Information and Privacy Commissioner pursuant to section 38 of *The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

A debate arising, and the question being put, it was agreed to.

APPOINTMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST COMMISSIONER

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Axworthy, seconded by Mr. Wall:

Ordered, That this Assembly hereby appoint Gerald Lorne Gerrand, Q.C., of the City of Regina, in the Province of Saskatchewan, Conflict of Interest Commissioner pursuant to section 18 of *The Members' Conflict of Interest Act*.

SECOND READINGS

Bill No. 59 – The Construction Industry Labour Relations Amendment Act, 2000

Moved by the Hon. Ms. Crofford: That Bill No. 59 – The Construction Industry Labour Relations Amendment Act, 2000 – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 34 – The Saskatchewan Evidence Amendment Act, 2000

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Axworthy: That Bill No. 34 – The Saskatchewan Evidence Amendment Act, 2000 – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 49 – The Highways and Transportation Amendment Act, 2000

The Hon. Mr. Sonntag, 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. 49 – The Highways and Transportation Amendment Act, 2000 – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 42 – The Cattle Marketing Deductions Amendment Act, 2000

The Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter, 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. 42 – The Cattle Marketing Deductions Amendment Act, 2000 – be now read a second time.

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

ADJOURNED DEBATES**Bill No. 3 – The Health Labour Relations Reorganization Amendment Act, 1999**

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Ms. Crofford: That Bill No. 3 – The Health Labour Relations Reorganization Amendment Act, 1999 – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 2 – The Animal Identification Amendment Act, 1999

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter: That Bill No. 2 – The Animal Identification Amendment Act, 1999 – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 9 – The Child and Family Services Amendment Act, 1999 (No. 2)

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen: That Bill No. 9 – The Child and Family Services Amendment Act, 1999 (No. 2) – be now read a second time.

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

COMMITTEE OF FINANCE

The Assembly, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Finance to consider Estimates for the Department of Agriculture and Food.

Progress was reported and the Committee given leave to sit again.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 5:02 p.m. until Thursday at 1:30 p.m.

RETURNS, REPORTS AND PAPERS TABLED

The following papers were laid upon the Table:

By the Hon. Mr. Axworthy:

Amendments to the Bylaws of the following Professional Associations:

Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation
Saskatchewan Applied Science Technologists and Technicians
Saskatchewan Pharmaceutical Association

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 16)

THURSDAY, MAY 25, 2000
(46TH DAY)

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: Elhard, Julé, Gantfoer, Peters, Eagles, Wall, Bakken, Weekes, Brkich, Harpauer, Wiberg, Allchurch, and Stewart.

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

According to Order, the Clerk having favourably reported on the same pursuant to Rule 12(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 halt any plans to proceed with the amalgamation of municipalities in Saskatchewan.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 34)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the federal and provincial governments to reduce fuel taxes.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 101)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to provide reliable cellular service in the districts of Prud'Homme, Bruno, Vonda, and Cudworth.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 216)

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES

Mr. Addley, Chair of the Standing Committee on Estimates presented the First Report of the said Committee, which is as follows:

Your Committee considered the Estimates of the Legislative Assembly and adopted the following resolutions:

Main Estimates, 2000-2001:

Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2001, the following sums:

For Provincial Auditor	\$4,698,000.00
For Ombudsman and Children’s Advocate	\$2,559,000.00
For Information and Privacy Commissioner.....	\$105,000.00
For Conflict of Interest Commissioner	\$122,000.00
For Legislative Assembly	\$5,758,000.00

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, 2001, the sum of eleven million, thirty-five thousand dollars be granted out of the General Revenue Fund.

Supplementary Estimates, 1999-2000:

Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ended March 31, 2000 the following sums:

For Legislation – Legislative Assembly	\$60,000.00
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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, 2000, the sum of sixty thousand dollars be granted out of the General Revenue Fund.

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

(Sessional Paper No. 224)

On motion of Mr. Addley, seconded by Ms. Harpauer:

Ordered, That the First Report of the Standing Committee on Estimates be now concurred in.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

Bill No. 71 – The Health Districts Amendment Act, 2000

(Hon. Ms. Atkinson)

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 144 and 145, pursuant to Rule 42(5), they were transferred to Motions for Returns (Debatable) Nos. 14 and 15.

SECOND READINGS / DEUXIÈME LECTURE**Bill No. 50 – The Interpretation Amendment Act, 2000**
Projet de loi n° 50 – Loi de 2000 modifiant la Loi d'interprétation de 1995

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Axworthy: That Bill No. 50 – The Interpretation Amendment Act, 2000 – be now read a second time.

L'hon. M. Axworthy propose: Que le projet de loi n° 50 – Loi de 2000 modifiant la Loi d'interprétation de 1995 – soit maintenant lu une deuxième fois.

A debate arising, it was on motion of Mr. D'Autremont, adjourned.

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

Bill No. 51 – The Interpretation Act Consequential Amendment Act, 2000

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Axworthy: That Bill No. 51 – The Interpretation Act Consequential Amendment Act, 2000 – be now read a second time.

A debate arising, it was on motion of Mr. D'Autremont, adjourned.

Bill No. 63 – The Legal Aid Amendment Act, 2000

The Hon. Mr. Axworthy, 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. 63 – The Legal Aid Amendment Act, 2000 – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 54 – The Vehicle Administration Amendment Act, 2000 (No. 2)

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Nilson: That Bill No. 54 – The Vehicle Administration Amendment Act, 2000 (No. 2) – be now read a second time.

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

ADJOURNED DEBATES / DÉBATS AJOURNÉS**Bill No. 1 – The Farm Financial Stability Amendment Act, 1999**

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter: That Bill No. 1 – The Farm Financial Stability Amendment Act, 1999 – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 5 – The Parks Amendment Act, 1999

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Belanger: That Bill No. 5 – The Parks Amendment Act, 1999 – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 38 – The Electronic Information and Documents Act, 2000

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Axworthy: That Bill No. 38 – The Electronic Information and Documents Act, 2000 – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 30 – The Vital Statistics Amendment Act, 2000**Projet de loi n° 30 – Loi de 2000 modifiant la Loi de 1995 sur les services de l'état civil**

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Ms. Junor: That Bill No. 30 – The Vital Statistics Amendment Act, 2000 – be now read a second time.

L'Assemblée reprend le débat ajourné sur la motion de l'hon. Mme Junor: Que le projet de loi n° 30 – Loi de 2000 modifiant la Loi de 1995 sur les services de l'état civil – soit maintenant lu une deuxième fois.

The debate continuing and 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 at the next sitting.

Le débat se poursuit et la motion, mise aux voix, est adoptée et, en conséquence, ledit projet de loi est lu une deuxième fois et déferé à un Comité plénier à la prochaine séance.

Bill No. 28 – The Ombudsman and Children's Advocate Amendment Act, 2000

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Axworthy: That Bill No. 28 – The Ombudsman and Children's Advocate Amendment Act, 2000 – be now read a second time.

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

COMMITTEE OF FINANCE

The Assembly, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Finance to consider Estimates for the Department of Energy and Mines.

Progress was reported and the Committee given leave to sit again.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 4:47 p.m. until Friday at 10:00 a.m.

FRIDAY, MAY 26, 2000
(47TH DAY)

PRAYERS

10:00 a.m.

PRESENTING PETITIONS

Petitions of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan were presented and laid upon the Table by the following Members: Elhard, Toth, Peters, Eagles, Bakken, McMorris, Brkich, and Allchurch.

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

According to Order, the Clerk having favourably reported on the same pursuant to Rule 12(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 halt any plans to proceed with the amalgamation of municipalities in Saskatchewan.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 34)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the federal and provincial governments to reduce fuel taxes.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 101)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to abandon plans to confiscate municipal reserve accounts.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 161)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to provide reliable cellular service in the districts of Prud'Homme, Bruno, Vonda, and Cudworth.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 216)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

Bill No. 73 – The Licensed Practical Nurses Act, 2000

(Hon. Ms. Atkinson)

SPEAKER TABLES REPORT

The Speaker laid before the Assembly, in accordance with the provisions of section 14 of *The Provincial Auditor Act*, the Report of the Provincial Auditor on the Financial Statements of Crown Agencies for the years ending in the calendar year 1999

(Sessional Paper No. 225)

POINT OF ORDER

Before Orders of the Day, the Member for Saskatoon Southeast (Ms. Lorjé) raised a point of order concerning a statement made by the Member for Watrous (Ms. Harpauer). The Member claimed the statement violated Rule 10(4) by responding to a statement made by the Member for Regina Qu'Appelle Valley (Mr. Wartman) the previous day. The Speaker ruled the point of order well taken.

SECOND READINGS

Bill No. 66 – The Personal Property Security Amendment Act, 2000

The Hon. Mr. Axworthy, 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. 66 – The Personal Property Security Amendment Act, 2000 – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 64 – The Fiscal Stabilization Fund Act

The Hon. Mr. Cline, 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. 64 – The Fiscal Stabilization Fund Act – be now read a second time.

A debate arising, it was on motion of Mr. D'Autremont, adjourned.

INTERIM SUPPLY

The Assembly, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Finance to consider resolutions for Interim Supply.

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Cline:

That a sum not exceeding four hundred fifty-seven million, six hundred twenty-seven thousand dollars be granted to Her Majesty, on account, for the twelve months ending March 31, 2001.

A debate arising and the question being put, it was agreed to.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Cline:

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, 2001, the sum of four hundred fifty-seven million, six hundred twenty-seven thousand dollars be granted out of the General Revenue Fund.

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

THE APPROPRIATION ACT, 2000 (NO. 2)

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Cline, by leave of the Assembly: That Bill No. 72 – The Appropriation Act, 2000 (No. 2) – be now 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 55(2), the said Bill was then read a second and third time and passed under its title.

ROYAL ASSENT

12:05 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 several Bills which, in the name of the Assembly, I present to Your Honour and to which Bills I respectfully request Your Honour's Assent.

The Deputy Clerk of the Assembly then read the titles of the Bills that had been passed severally as follows:

- Bill No. 18 – The Public Employees Pension Plan Amendment Act, 2000
- Bill No. 301 – The Mennonite Central Committee Saskatchewan Act
- Bill No. 302 – The Renaming of The Regina Golf Club Act
- Bill No. 303 – The Saskatchewan Roman Catholic Dioceses Reorganization Act

Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor then replied: "In Her Majesty's name, I assent to these Bills."

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. 72 – The Appropriation Act, 2000 (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.

12:09 p.m.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 12:10 p.m. until Monday at 1:30 p.m.

RETURNS, REPORTS AND PAPERS TABLED

The following paper was laid upon the Table:

By the Hon. Mr. Cline:

Financial Statements Compendium, 1998-99, Parts A and B

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 4)

MONDAY, MAY 29, 2000
(48TH DAY)

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: Elhard, Heppner, Julé, Draude, Boyd, Gantfoer, Eagles, Wall, Bakken, Bjornerud, Weekes, Harpauer, Wiberg, Hart, Allchurch, and Kwiatkowski.

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

According to Order, the Clerk having favourably reported on the same pursuant to Rule 12(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 federal and provincial governments to reduce fuel taxes.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 101)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to provide reliable cellular service in the districts of Strasbourg, Duval, Govan, and Bulyea.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 220)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS / DÉPÔT DE PROJETS DE LOI

The following Bills were received, read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time at the next sitting:

Les projets de loi suivants sont reçus, lus une première fois, et la deuxième lecture en est fixée à la prochaine séance:

Bill No. 216 – The Justice System Review Act

(Mr. Wall)

Bill No. 74 – The Alcohol and Gaming Regulation Amendment Act, 2000

(Hon. Ms. Hamilton)

Bill No. 75 – The Alcohol and Gaming Regulation Amendment Act, 2000 (No. 2)

Projet de loi n° 75 – Loi n° 2 de 2000 modifiant la Loi de 1997 sur la réglementation des boissons alcoolisées et des jeux de hasard

(Hon. Ms. / L'hon. Mme Hamilton)

STATEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

Last Thursday, the Member for Prince Albert Carlton (Mr. Kowalsky) raised a point of order regarding certain comments made by the Member for Saskatchewan Rivers (Mr. Wiberg) during the second reading debate on Bill No. 1 - *The Farm Financial Stability Amendment Act, 1999*. At the time, the Member for Saskatchewan Rivers was invited to clarify his comments. However, after reviewing the record, I wish to reiterate the tenor of my earlier statements.

On several occasions during this debate, the allegation was made that Bill No. 1 would permit the government to seize farm property, revoke loan guarantees and take other punitive action against individuals and organizations who might withdraw their support for the government or cancel their membership in the New Democratic Party.

It is not the role of the Speaker to research the accuracy of what is spoken in debate. Rather, it is up to individual Members to challenge the opinions of their colleagues through interventions of their own. Once again I remind you that Members are responsible for the words that they choose to use. Their words may be enthusiastic, as the Member for Saskatchewan Rivers noted last week, but that enthusiasm must be tempered by honest beliefs and an absence of insinuations and aspersions levelled against colleagues.

Since the start of this Legislature, I have made several rulings in which I have reminded Members of the practices of this Assembly and the rules governing debates. I call upon all Members to put forward their views forcefully but to do so in a manner in which the character and motives of their colleagues are not called into question.

During the course of his comments, the Member for Saskatchewan Rivers alleged on page 1347 of *Hansard* that the government was using its budgets to “. . . steal back that money . . .” that belonged to various farming groups. Then on page 1349, the allegation was made that students were being “bribed” to remain in Saskatchewan. These comments are unparliamentary and similar to those which I addressed in my statement on May 12th. Even though they may have been directed at the Government generally, individual Members on the government side found them personally offensive.

I therefore ask the Member for Saskatchewan Rivers to withdraw these comments and apologize to the House.

Thereupon Mr. Wiberg withdrew the remarks and apologized.

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Questions Nos. 146, 147 and 148, they were answered. (See Appendix)

SECOND READINGS / DEUXIÈME LECTURE

Bill No. 61 – The Engineering and Geoscience Professions Amendment Act, 2000

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Sonntag: That Bill No. 61 – The Engineering and Geoscience Professions Amendment Act, 2000 – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 43 – The Summary Offences Procedure Amendment Act, 2000

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Axworthy: That Bill No. 43 – The Summary Offences Procedure Amendment Act, 2000 – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 48 – The Adult Guardianship and Co-decision-making Act

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Axworthy: That Bill No. 48 – The Adult Guardianship and Co-decision-making Act – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 52 – The Wildlife Amendment Act, 2000
Projet de loi n° 52 – Loi de 2000 modifiant la Loi sur la faune

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Belanger: That Bill No. 52 – The Wildlife Amendment Act, 2000 – be now read a second time.

L'hon. M. Belanger propose: Que le projet de loi n° 52 – Loi de 2000 modifiant la Loi sur la faune – soit maintenant lu une deuxième fois.

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

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

Bill No. 53 – The Wildlife Act Consequential Amendment Act, 2000

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Belanger: That Bill No. 53 – Wildlife Act Consequential Amendment Act, 2000 – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 60 – The Forest Resources Management Amendment Act, 2000

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Belanger: That Bill No. 60 – The Forest Resources Management Amendment Act, 2000 – be now read a second time.

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

ADJOURNED DEBATES**Bill No. 6 – The Mentally Disordered Persons Amendment Act, 1999**

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Axworthy: That Bill No. 6 – The Mentally Disordered Persons Amendment Act, 1999 – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 7 – The Student Assistance and Student Aid Fund Amendment Act, 1999

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Hagel: That Bill No. 7 – The Student Assistance and Student Aid Fund Amendment Act, 1999 – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 10 – The Department of Health Amendment Act, 1999

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Ms. Atkinson: That Bill No. 10 – The Department of Health Amendment Act, 1999 – be now read a second time.

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

COMMITTEE OF FINANCE

The Assembly, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Finance to consider Estimates for the Department of Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs.

The Committee recessed from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

The Committee being resumed, it then considered Estimates for the Department of Health.

The Committee then considered Estimates for the Department of Social Services.

Progress was reported and the Committee given leave to sit again.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 10:27 p.m. until Tuesday at 1:30 p.m.

RETURNS, REPORTS AND PAPERS TABLED

The following paper was laid upon the Table:

By the Hon. Ms. Crofford:

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Workers' Compensation Board for the year ended
December 31, 1999

(Sessional Paper No. 226)

TUESDAY, MAY 30, 2000
(49TH DAY)

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: Julé, Gantfoer, Peters, Eagles, Bakken, McMorris, Harpauer, Wiberg, Hart, Allchurch, and Kwiatkowski.

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

According to Order, the Clerk having favourably reported on the same pursuant to Rule 12(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 ensure the Lanigan and Watrous hospitals remain open.

(Sessional Paper No. 227)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to discontinue the use of public money for funding events that are pornographic in nature.

(Sessional Paper No. 228)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to provide reliable cellular service in the districts of Prud'Homme, Bruno, Vonda, and Cudworth.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 216)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were received, read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time at the next sitting:

Bill No. 207 – The Balanced Budget Act, 2000

(Mr. Krawetz)

Bill No. 208 – The Government Accountability Act

(Mr. Krawetz)

Bill No. 76 – The Research Council Amendment Act, 2000

(Hon. Mr. Lautermilch)

Bill No. 77 – The Saskatchewan Human Rights Code Amendment Act, 2000

(Hon. Mr. Axworthy)

Bill No. 78 – The Highway Traffic Amendment Act, 2000 (No. 2)

(Hon. Mr. Nilson)

SPEAKER TABLES REPORT

The Speaker laid before the Assembly, in accordance with the provisions of section 14 of *The Provincial Auditor Act*, the 2000 Spring Report of the Provincial Auditor

(Sessional Paper No. 229)

STATEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

I have reviewed our practice regarding the occurrence of the 75 Minute Debate when the House does not sit on an intervening Tuesday.

On most occasions, only Tuesdays that were actually sitting days were considered in the decision regarding when the next 75 Minute Debate was to take place. In view of this practice, I wish to inform you that the 75 Minute Debate will be deferred until next Tuesday. It will remain as the Government's turn next week.

PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Motion No. 8, it was moved by Ms. Bakken, seconded by Mr. Gantefer:

That this Assembly urges the provincial government to put a moratorium on any further hospital or health centre closures at least until the government's promised comprehensive review of health care in Saskatchewan is completed.

A debate arising, it was moved by Ms. Jones, seconded by Mr. Addley, in amendment thereto:

That all the words after the word "Assembly" be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

urges the provincial government to examine district proposals for hospital or health centre conversions to ensure that adequate services are maintained and that the communities have a chance to provide input into plans.

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

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 4:56 p.m. until Wednesday at 1:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 31, 2000
(50TH DAY)

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: Elhard, Julé, Draude, Gantefoer, Toth, Peters, Eagles, Wall, Bakken, Bjornerud, D'Autremont, Weekes, Brkich, Harpauer, Wiberg, Hart, Allchurch, Stewart, and Kwiatkowski.

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

According to Order, the Clerk having favourably reported on the same pursuant to Rule 12(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 halt any plans to proceed with the amalgamation of municipalities in Saskatchewan.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 34)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the federal and provincial governments to reduce fuel taxes.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 101)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to provide reliable cellular service in the districts of Strasbourg, Duval, Govan, and Bulyea.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 220)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to ensure the Lanigan and Watrous hospitals remain open.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 227)

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON TOBACCO CONTROL

Mr. Kowalsky, Chair of the Special Committee on Tobacco Control, presented the First Report of the said Committee.

(Sessional Paper No. 230)

On motion of Mr. Kowalsky, seconded by Ms. Eagles:

Ordered, That the First Report of the Special Committee on Tobacco Control be now concurred in.

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 149, 150, and 151, they were answered. (See Appendix)

SECOND READINGS

Bill No. 73 – The Licensed Practical Nurses Act, 2000

The Hon. Ms. Atkinson, 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. 73 – The Licensed Practical Nurses Act, 2000 – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 25 – The Irrigation Amendment Act, 2000

The Hon. Mr. Sonntag, 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. 25 – The Irrigation Amendment Act, 2000 – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 65 – The Crown Corporations Amendment Act, 2000

The Hon. Mr. Nilson, 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. 65 – The Crown Corporations Amendment Act, 2000 – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 62 – The Miscellaneous Statutes Repeal (Regulatory Reform) Act, 2000

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Axworthy: That Bill No. 62 – The Miscellaneous Statutes Repeal (Regulatory Reform) Act, 2000 – be now read a second time.

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

ADJOURNED DEBATES**Bill No. 17 – The Child Care Amendment Act, 2000**

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen: That Bill No. 17 – The Child Care Amendment Act, 2000 – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 15 – The Department of Justice Amendment Act, 2000

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Axworthy: That Bill No. 15 – The Department of Justice Amendment Act, 2000 – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 16 – The Justice Statutes (Consumer Protection) Amendment Act, 2000

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Axworthy: That Bill No. 16 – The Justice Statutes (Consumer Protection) Amendment Act, 2000 – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 19 – The Saskatchewan Telecommunications Amendment Act, 2000

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Nilson: That Bill No. 19 – The Saskatchewan Telecommunications Amendment Act, 2000 – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 20 – The Saskatchewan Telecommunications Holding Corporation Amendment Act, 2000

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Nilson: That Bill No. 20 – The Saskatchewan Telecommunications Holding Corporation Amendment Act, 2000 – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 26 – The Tabling of Documents Amendment Act, 2000

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Axworthy: That Bill No. 26 – The Tabling of Documents Amendment Act, 2000 – be now read a second time.

The debate continuing, it was moved by Mr. Wall:

That the Assembly do now proceed to Private Members’ Public Bills and Orders, Second Readings, Item No. 5, Bill No. 231 – The Fire-fighter Protection from Liability Act.

The question being put on the motion, it was negated on the following Recorded Division:

YEAS – 19

Hermanson	Elhard	Julé	Krawetz
Draude	Boyd	Gantefoer	Toth
Wall	Bakken	Bjornerud	McMorris
Brkich	Harpauer	Wakefield	Wiberg
Hart	Stewart	Kwiatkowski	

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Romanow	Hagel	Van Mulligen	MacKinnon
Melenchuk	Cline	Atkinson	Goulet
Lautermilch	Lorjé	Serby	Belanger
Nilson	Crofford	Hillson	Kowalsky
Sonntag	Hamilton	Prebble	Jones
Yates	Axworthy	Junor	Kasperski
Wartman	Addley		

The question being put on Second Reading of Bill No. 26, it was agreed to and the said Bill was, accordingly, read a second time and referred to a Committee of the Whole at the next sitting.

COMMITTEE OF FINANCE

The Assembly, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Finance to consider Estimates for the Department of Justice.

Progress was reported and the Committee given leave to sit again.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 5:04 p.m. until Thursday at 1:30 p.m.

RETURNS, REPORTS AND PAPERS TABLED

The following paper was laid upon the Table:

By the Hon. Mr. Axworthy:

Amendments to the Bylaws of the following Professional Association:

Saskatchewan Society of Occupational Therapists

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 16)

THURSDAY, JUNE 1, 2000
(51ST DAY)

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: Heppner, Draude, Gantefoer, Toth, Peters, Eagles, Bakken, Bjornerud, D'Autremont, McMorris, Weekes, Brkich, Harpauer, Hart, Allchurch, and Kwiatkowski.

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

According to Order, the Clerk having favourably reported on the same pursuant to Rule 12(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 keep the boundary road near Okema Beach open.
(Sessional Paper No. 231)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the federal and provincial governments to reduce fuel taxes.
(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 101)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to ensure the Lanigan and Watrous hospitals remain open.
(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 227)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

Bill No. 79 – The Saskatchewan Centre of the Arts Act, 2000

(Hon. Ms. Crofford)

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 152 and 153, they were answered. (See Appendix)

The Order of the Day being called for Question No. 154, pursuant to Rule 42(5), it was transferred to Motions for Returns (Debatable) No. 16.

SECOND READINGS / DEUXIÈME LECTURE

Bill No. 69 – The Urban Municipality Amendment Act, 2000

The Hon. Mr. Serby, 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. 69 – The Urban Municipality Amendment Act, 2000 – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 68 – The Rural Municipality Amendment Act, 2000

The Hon. Mr. Serby, 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. 68 – The Rural Municipality Amendment Act, 2000 – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 67 – The Northern Municipalities Amendment Act, 2000

The Hon. Mr. Serby, 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. 67 – The Northern Municipalities Amendment Act, 2000 – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 70 – The Education (Elimination of Business Tax) Amendment Act, 2000
Projet de loi n° 70 – Loi de 2000 modifiant la Loi sur l'éducation
(élimination de la taxe professionnelle)

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Serby: That Bill No. 70 – The Education (Elimination of Business Tax) Amendment Act, 2000 – be now read a second time.

L'hon. M. Serby propose: Que le projet de loi n° 70 – Loi de 2000 modifiant la Loi sur l'éducation (élimination de la taxe professionnelle) – soit maintenant lu une deuxième fois.

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

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

ADJOURNED DEBATES

Bill No. 14 – The Film Employment Tax Credit Amendment Act, 2000

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Serby: That Bill No. 14 – The Film Employment Tax Credit Amendment Act, 2000 – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 22 – The Local Improvements Amendment Act, 2000

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Serby: That Bill No. 22 – The Local Improvements Amendment Act, 2000 – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 23 – The Planning and Development Amendment Act, 2000

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Serby: That Bill No. 23 – The Planning and Development Amendment Act, 2000 – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 37 – The Public Libraries Amendment Act, 2000

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Serby: That Bill No. 37 – The Public Libraries Amendment Act, 2000 – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 44 – The Insurance Premiums Tax Amendment Act, 2000

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Cline: That Bill No. 44 – The Insurance Premiums Tax Amendment Act, 2000 – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 45 – The Fuel Tax Act, 2000

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Cline: That Bill No. 45 – The Fuel Tax Act, 2000 – be now read a second time.

The debate continuing, it was on motion of Mr. D'Autremont, adjourned.

On motion of Mr. Kowalsky:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 4:56 p.m. until Friday at 10:00 a.m.

RETURNS, REPORTS AND PAPERS TABLED

The following paper was laid upon the Table:

By the Hon. Mr. Serby:

Financial Statements of the Northern Revenue Sharing Trust Account for the year ended December 31, 1999, including Supplementary Information

(Sessional Paper No. 232)

FRIDAY, JUNE 2, 2000
(52ND DAY)

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: Heppner, Julé, Krawetz, Gantefoer, Toth, Peters, Eagles, Bakken, Bjornerud, McMorris, Weekes, Brkich, Harpauer, Wakefield, Wiberg, Hart, Allchurch, Stewart, and Kwiatkowski.

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

According to Order, the Clerk having favourably reported on the same pursuant to Rule 12(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 halt any plans to proceed with the amalgamation of municipalities in Saskatchewan.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 34)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the federal and provincial governments to reduce fuel taxes.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 101)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to ensure the Lanigan and Watrous hospitals remain open.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 227)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS / DÉPÔT DE PROJETS DE LOI

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

Le projet de loi suivant est reçu, lu une première fois, et la deuxième lecture en est fixée à la prochaine séance:

Bill No. 80 – The Court of Appeal Act, 2000

Projet de loi n° 80 – Loi de 2000 sur la Cour d'appel

(Hon. Mr. / L'hon. M. Axworthy)

PRIORITY OF DEBATE

The Orders of the Day having been called, Mr. D'Autremont, from his place in the Assembly, made a request pursuant to Rule 19 to move a priority of debate motion.

STATEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

This morning the Opposition House Leader delivered a notice for "Priority of Debate" to the Office of the Clerk, as is required under Rule 19(2). As Members are aware, it is the Speaker's responsibility to determine whether the matter should receive urgent consideration and be permitted to proceed.

The Opposition House Leader cites in his case a cautionary letter that I had delivered to each member on June 1, 2000, with respect to the prohibition on the use of public funds to influence the by-election to be held in the constituency of Wood River on June 26, 2000. The Member goes on to make a case that an unlevel playing field presently exists because of certain unproclaimed sections of *The Election Act, 1996*, as well as because of some other issues. The Member states that this state of affairs breaks the spirit of my letter and that, because of the pending election, the issue should be debated today.

Under Rule 19(5), there are a number of conditions that any case must meet before the Speaker shall authorize a priority of debate. In this particular case, the Speaker has no difficulty deciding this is a matter proper to be discussed or that it comes under the administrative responsibilities of government and ministerial action. However, Rule 19(5) also states (and I quote), "The Speaker also shall have regard to the probability of the matter being brought before the House within reasonable time by other means."

I point out to all honourable Members that the vacancy in the Wood River seat was announced by the Speaker in the Assembly on May 24th. The Opposition House Leader could have given notice on Friday May 26th for the motion he would like to move today and it could have been debated on May 30th. As well, notice could be given today under Rule 18(2) and this motion will be on the Order Paper on Tuesday June 6th.

In addition, this has been an ongoing matter since 1996. There have been several by-elections and a general election during that time. This by-election does not constitute a new development in this dispute. I therefore find that the Member has not made a sufficient case for the urgency of the matter and the request is denied.

A second matter arising from the request concerns me. In making the request the Member violated the principle that the Chair must not be brought into the debate. The Member's letter blatantly attempts to involve the Speaker in the debate by referring to a letter from the Speaker to all Members that was sent in the Speaker's administrative capacity regarding Members' expenses.

This attempt to involve the Chair in debate and to pressure the Chair is improper and unacceptable in parliamentary practice, as all experienced Members know. I ask for the Member's co-operation in avoiding this in the future.

SECOND READINGS / DEUXIÈME LECTURE**Bill No. 55 – The Land Titles Act, 2000**

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Axworthy: That Bill No. 55 – The Land Titles Act, 2000 – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 57 – The Land Surveys Act, 2000

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Axworthy: That Bill No. 57 – The Land Surveys Act, 2000 – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 58 – The Condominium Property Amendment Act, 2000

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Axworthy: That Bill No. 58 – The Condominium Property Amendment Act, 2000 – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 56 – The Land Titles Consequential Amendment Act, 2000**Projet de loi n° 56 – Loi de 2000 apportant des modifications corrélatives à la loi intitulée
The Land Titles Act, 2000**

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Axworthy: That Bill No. 56 – The Land Titles Consequential Amendment Act, 2000 – be now read a second time.

L'hon. M. Axworthy propose: Que le Projet de loi n° 56 – Loi de 2000 apportant des modifications corrélatives à la loi intitulée The Land Titles Act, 2000 – soit maintenant lu une deuxième fois.

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

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

Bill No. 71 – The Health Districts Amendment Act, 2000

The Hon. Ms. Atkinson, 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. 71 – The Health Districts Amendment Act, 2000 – be now read a second time.

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

ADJOURNED DEBATES

Bill No. 40 – The Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technologies Act

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Hagel: That Bill No. 40 – The Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technologies Act – be now read a second time.

The debate continuing, it was moved by Mr. McMorris, seconded by Mr. D’Autremont:

That the Assembly do now proceed to Private Members’ Public Bills and Orders, Second Readings, Item No. 4, Bill No. 211 – The Health-care Funding Audit Act.

The question being put on the motion, it was negatived on the following Recorded Division:

YEAS – 19

Hermanson	Julé	Krawetz	Gantefoer
Toth	Peters	Eagles	Bakken
Bjornerud	D’Autremont	McMorris	Weekes
Brkich	Harpauer	Wakefield	Wiberg
Hart	Allchurch	Kwiatkowski	

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Romanow	Trew	Van Mulligen	Lingenfelter
Melenchuk	Atkinson	Goulet	Lautermilch
Thomson	Lorjé	Belanger	Nilson
Hillson	Kowalsky	Sonntag	Hamilton
Prebble	Jones	Higgins	Yates
Harper	Axworthy	Junor	Kasperski
Wartman	Addley		

The debate continuing on Second Reading of Bill No. 40, it was on motion of Mr. D’Autremont, adjourned.

Bill No. 39 – The Department of Post-Secondary Education and Skills Training Act, 2000

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Hagel: That Bill No. 39 – The Department of Post-Secondary Education and Skills Training Act, 2000 – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 29 – The Residential Tenancies Amendment Act, 2000

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Axworthy: That Bill No. 29 – The Residential Tenancies Amendment Act, 2000 – be now read a second time.

The debate continuing, it was on motion of Mr. D'Autremont, adjourned.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 12:07 p.m. until Monday at 1:30 p.m.

MONDAY, JUNE 5, 2000
(53RD DAY)

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: Julé, Draude, Gantfoer, Peters, Eagles, Wall, Bakken, Bjornerud, McMorris, Weekes, Brkich, Harpauer, Wakefield, Hart, Allchurch, Stewart, and Kwiatkowski.

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

According to Order, the Clerk having favourably reported on the same pursuant to Rule 12(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 ensure the Cupar health care center remains open.

(Sessional Paper No. 233)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to halt any plans to proceed with the amalgamation of municipalities in Saskatchewan.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 34)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the federal and provincial governments to reduce fuel taxes.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 101)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to abandon plans to confiscate municipal reserve accounts.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 161)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to ensure the Lanigan and Watrous hospitals remain open.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 227)

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 155 to 159, they were answered. (See Appendix)

The Order of the Day being called for Question No. 160, pursuant to Rule 43(1), the answer was Tabled and converted by the Clerk to Return No. 17 by reason of its length.

(Sessional Paper No. 234)

SECOND READINGS / DEUXIÈME LECTURE

Bill No. 74 – The Alcohol and Gaming Regulation Amendment Act, 2000

Moved by the Hon. Ms. Hamilton: That Bill No. 74 – The Alcohol and Gaming Regulation Amendment Act, 2000 – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 75 – The Alcohol and Gaming Regulation Amendment Act, 2000 (No. 2)
Projet de loi n° 75 – Loi n° 2 de 2000 modifiant la Loi de 1997 sur la réglementation
des boissons alcoolisées et des jeux de hasard

Moved by the Hon. Ms. Hamilton: That Bill No. 75 – The Alcohol and Gaming Regulation Amendment Act, 2000 (No. 2) – be now read a second time.

L'hon. Mme Hamilton propose: Que le projet de loi n° 75 – Loi n° 2 de 2000 modifiant la Loi de 1997 sur la réglementation des boissons alcoolisées et des jeux de hasard – soit maintenant lu une deuxième fois.

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

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

Bill No. 76 – The Research Council Amendment Act, 2000

The Hon. Mr. Lautermilch, 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. 76 – The Research Council Amendment Act, 2000 – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 77 – The Saskatchewan Human Rights Code Amendment Act, 2000

The Hon. Mr. Axworthy, 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. 77 – The Saskatchewan Human Rights Code Amendment Act, 2000 – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 78 – The Highway Traffic Amendment Act, 2000 (No. 2)

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Nilson: That Bill No. 78 – The Highway Traffic Amendment Act, 2000 (No. 2) – be now read a second time.

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

ADJOURNED DEBATES / DÉBATS AJOURNÉS

Bill No. 64 – The Fiscal Stabilization Fund Act

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Cline: That Bill No. 64 – The Fiscal Stabilization Fund Act – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 41 – The Medical Profession Amendment Act, 2000

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Ms. Atkinson: That Bill No. 41 – The Medical Profession Amendment Act, 2000 – 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 and referred to a Committee of the Whole at the next sitting.

Bill No. 13 – The Education Amendment Act, 2000

Projet de loi n° 13 – Loi de 2000 modifiant la Loi de 1995 sur l'éducation

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Melenchuk: That Bill No. 13 – The Education Amendment Act, 2000 – be now read a second time.

L'Assemblée reprend le débat ajourné sur la motion de l'hon. M. Melenchuk: Que le projet de loi n° 13 – Loi de 2000 modifiant la Loi de 1995 sur l'éducation – soit maintenant lu une deuxième fois.

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

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

Bill No. 28 – The Ombudsman and Children's Advocate Amendment Act, 2000

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Axworthy: That Bill No. 28 – The Ombudsman and Children's Advocate Amendment Act, 2000 – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 27 – The Certified Management Accountants Act

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Cline: That Bill No. 27 – The Certified Management Accountants 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 and referred to a Committee of the Whole at the next sitting.

Bill No. 31 – The Police Amendment Act, 2000

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Axworthy: That Bill No. 31 – The Police Amendment Act, 2000 – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 32 – The Municipal Employees’ Pension Amendment Act, 2000

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Cline: That Bill No. 32 – The Municipal Employees’ Pension Amendment Act, 2000 – 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 and referred to a Committee of the Whole at the next sitting.

Bill No. 38 – The Electronic Information and Documents Act, 2000

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Axworthy: That Bill No. 38 – The Electronic Information and Documents Act, 2000 – 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 and referred to a Committee of the Whole at the next sitting.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 4:46 p.m. until Tuesday at 1:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, JUNE 6, 2000
(54TH DAY)

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: Hermanson, Draude, Gantfoer, Jones, Eagles, Harper, Wall, Bakken, Bjornerud, Weekes, Brkich, Harpauer, Wakefield, Hart, Allchurch, Stewart, and Kwiatkowski.

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

According to Order, the Clerk having favourably reported on the same pursuant to Rule 12(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 halt any plans to proceed with the amalgamation of municipalities in Saskatchewan.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 34)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the federal and provincial governments to reduce fuel taxes.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 101)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to abandon plans to confiscate municipal reserve accounts.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 161)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to provide reliable cellular service in the districts of Prud'Homme, Bruno, Vonda, and Cudworth.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 216)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to ensure the Lanigan and Watrous hospitals remain open.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 227)

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Question No. 161, it was answered. (See Appendix)

MOTION FOR A 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. Harper, seconded by Mr. Kowalsky:

That this Assembly commend Saskatchewan farm families for their determination and resoluteness in the face of last year's adversity, as demonstrated by the fact that nearly all of the year 2000 crop has been seeded in near record time.

A debate arising and the question being put, it was agreed to.

PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Motion No. 9, it was moved by Mr. Prebble, seconded by Ms. Lorzé:

That this Assembly recognize the continuing decrease in social assistance caseloads in Saskatchewan, and the reduction in child poverty in Saskatchewan in the past decade and advocate that high priority be given to further steps to reduce poverty in our province.

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

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 4:57 p.m. until Wednesday at 1:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7, 2000
(55TH DAY)

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: Krawetz, Draude, Gantfoer, Toth, Eagles, Addley, Wartman, Bjornerud, Brkich, Harpauer, Wakefield, Wiberg, Hart, Allchurch, Stewart, and Kwiatkowski.

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

According to Order, the Clerk having favourably reported on the same pursuant to Rule 12(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 legislate a total ban of smoking in all public places and workplaces in Saskatchewan.

(Sessional Paper No. 235)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the federal and provincial governments to reduce fuel taxes.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 101)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to provide reliable cellular service in the districts of Strasbourg, Duval, Govan, and Bulyea.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 220)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to ensure the Lanigan and Watrous hospitals remain open.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 227)

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 162 and 163, they were answered. (See Appendix)

SECOND READINGS / DEUXIÈME LECTURE**Bill No. 79 – The Saskatchewan Centre of the Arts Act, 2000**

The Hon. Ms. Crofford, 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. 79 – The Saskatchewan Centre of the Arts Act, 2000 – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 80 – The Court of Appeal Act, 2000**Projet de loi n° 80 – Loi de 2000 sur la Cour d'appel**

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Axworthy: That Bill No. 80 – The Court of Appeal Act, 2000 – be now read a second time.

L'hon. M. Axworthy propose: Que le projet de loi n° 80 – Loi de 2000 sur la Cour d'appel – soit maintenant lu une deuxième fois.

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

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

ADJOURNED DEBATES**Bill No. 35 – The Automobile Accident Insurance Amendment Act, 2000 (No. 2)**

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Nilson: That Bill No. 35 – The Automobile Accident Insurance Amendment Act, 2000 (No. 2) – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 36 – The Motor Carrier Amendment Act, 2000

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Nilson: That Bill No. 36 – The Motor Carrier Amendment Act, 2000 – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 47 – The Power Corporation Superannuation Amendment Act, 2000

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Nilson: That Bill No. 47 – The Power Corporation Superannuation Amendment Act, 2000 – 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 and referred to a Committee of the Whole at the next sitting.

Bill No. 54 – The Vehicle Administration Amendment Act, 2000 (No. 2)

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Nilson: That Bill No. 54 – The Vehicle Administration Amendment Act, 2000 (No. 2) – be now read a second time.

The debate continuing, it was moved by Ms. Draude, seconded by Mr. D'Autremont:

That the Assembly do now proceed to Private Members' Public Bills and Orders, Second Readings, Item No. 6, Bill No. 232 – The Automobile Accident Insurance Amendment Act, 2000.

The question being put on the motion, it was negatived on the following Recorded Division:

YEAS – 19

Hermanson	Elhard	Heppner	Krawetz
Draude	Boyd	Gantefoer	Toth
Eagles	Bakken	Bjornerud	D'Autremont
Brkich	Wakefield	Wiberg	Hart
Allchurch	Stewart	Kwiatkowski	

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Romanow	Trew	Hagel	Van Mulligen
MacKinnon	Lingenfelter	Melenchuk	Cline
Atkinson	Goulet	Lautermilch	Thomson
Lorjé	Belanger	Crofford	Hillson
Kowalsky	Hamilton	Prebble	Jones
Higgins	Yates	Harper	Axworthy
Junor	Kasperski	Wartman	Addley

The debate continuing on Second Reading of Bill No. 54, it was on motion of Mr. Bjornerud, adjourned.

Bill No. 59 – The Construction Industry Labour Relations Amendment Act, 2000

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Ms. Crofford: That Bill No. 59 – The Construction Industry Labour Relations Amendment Act, 2000 – be now read a second time.

The debate continuing, it was on motion of Mr. D'Autremont, adjourned.

COMMITTEE OF FINANCE

The Assembly, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Finance to consider Estimates for the Department of Economic and Co-operative Development.

Progress was reported and the Committee given leave to sit again.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 4:50 p.m. until Thursday at 1:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, JUNE 8, 2000
(56TH DAY)

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: Elhard, Julé, Higgins, Gantefoer, Peters, Eagles, Wall, Weekes, Brkich, Harpauer, Hart, Allchurch, Stewart, Kwiatkowski, and Prebble.

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

According to Order, the Clerk having favourably reported on the same pursuant to Rule 12(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 halt any plans to proceed with the amalgamation of municipalities in Saskatchewan.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 34)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to abandon plans to confiscate municipal reserve accounts.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 161)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to ensure the Lanigan and Watrous hospitals remain open.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 227)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to legislate a total ban of smoking in all public places and workplaces in Saskatchewan.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 235)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

Bill No. 235 – The Sex Offender Registry Act

(Ms. Julé)

STATEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

Yesterday the Opposition House Leader (Mr. D'Autremont) raised a point of order regarding whether the Deputy Premier (Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter) was required to table certain documents from which he was quoting during Question Period.

The practice of this Assembly on this matter is clear. If a Minister quotes from a "despatch or other state paper not before the House . . .", he may be called upon to table it. This was the citation in *Beauchesne's*, 6th Edition, paragraph 495, referred to by the Honourable Opposition House Leader.

However, there is no requirement for a Minister to table a document if the item is a confidential document, a document of a private nature passing between offices of a department or internal briefing notes prepared by a department for the use of a Minister. These documents are regarded as private in that they are used to prepare Ministers for deliberations in the House, whether that occurs during Oral Question Period, Committees of the Whole, or legislative committees. While Ministers sometimes share this type of material voluntarily, they are not required to table it. I direct your attention to previous rulings of the chair on February 4, 1935; December 4, 1973; April 13, 1981; December 12, 1986; and June 20, 1996.

This interpretation is also consistent with that of the Canadian House of Commons. I refer Members to a ruling of Speaker Fraser in the *Debates* of the House of Commons on October 13, 1987, pp. 9898-9.

I have reviewed the verbatim for yesterday's Question Period and it would appear that the documents cited by the Deputy Premier on page 1620 are in the nature of briefing material. However, I call upon the Minister to indicate to the House the exact nature of the documents in question. If they are not briefing material, I call upon him to table them forthwith.

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 164, 166, 167, 168 and 169, they were answered. (See Appendix)

The Order of the Day being called for Question No. 165, pursuant to Rule 42(5), it was transferred to Motions for Returns (Debatable) No. 18.

ADJOURNED DEBATES / DÉBATS AJOURNÉS**Bill No. 73 – The Licensed Practical Nurses Act, 2000**

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Ms. Atkinson: That Bill No. 73 – The Licensed Practical Nurses Act, 2000 – 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 and referred to a Committee of the Whole at the next sitting.

Bill No. 63 – The Legal Aid Amendment Act, 2000

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Axworthy: That Bill No. 63 – The Legal Aid Amendment Act, 2000 – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 66 – The Personal Property Security Amendment Act, 2000

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Axworthy: That Bill No. 66 – The Personal Property Security Amendment Act, 2000 – 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 and referred to a Committee of the Whole at the next sitting.

Bill No. 61 – The Engineering and Geoscience Professions Amendment Act, 2000

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Sonntag: That Bill No. 61 – The Engineering and Geoscience Professions Amendment Act, 2000 – 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 and referred to a Committee of the Whole at the next sitting.

Bill No. 43 – The Summary Offences Procedure Amendment Act, 2000

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Axworthy: That Bill No. 43 – The Summary Offences Procedure Amendment Act, 2000 – 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 and referred to a Committee of the Whole at the next sitting.

Bill No. 48 – The Adult Guardianship and Co-decision-making Act

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Axworthy: That Bill No. 48 – The Adult Guardianship and Co-decision-making 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 and referred to a Committee of the Whole at the next sitting.

Bill No. 52 – The Wildlife Amendment Act, 2000
Projet de loi n° 52 – Loi de 2000 modifiant la Loi sur la faune

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Belanger: That Bill No. 52 – The Wildlife Amendment Act, 2000 – be now read a second time.

L'Assemblée reprend le débat ajourné sur la motion de l'hon. M. Belanger: Que le Projet de loi n° 52 – Loi de 2000 modifiant la Loi sur la faune – soit maintenant lu une deuxième fois.

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

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

Bill No. 53 – The Wildlife Act Consequential Amendment Act, 2000

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Belanger: That Bill No. 53 – The Wildlife Act Consequential Amendment Act, 2000 – 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 and referred to a Committee of the Whole at the next sitting.

Bill No. 60 – The Forest Resources Management Amendment Act, 2000

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Belanger: That Bill No. 60 – The Forest Resources Management Amendment Act, 2000 – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 3 – The Health Labour Relations Reorganization Amendment Act, 1999

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Ms. Crofford: That Bill No. 3 – The Health Labour Relations Reorganization Amendment Act, 1999 – 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 and referred to a Committee of the Whole at the next sitting.

COMMITTEE OF FINANCE

The Assembly, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Finance to consider Estimates for the Department of Economic and Co-operative Development.

The Committee then considered Estimates for the Public Service Commission.

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2001, the sum of \$8,211,000 for Public Service Commission (Ordinary).

Progress was reported and the Committee given leave to sit again.

On motion of the Hon. Ms. MacKinnon:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 5:00 p.m. until Friday at 10:00 a.m.

FRIDAY, JUNE 9, 2000
(57TH DAY)

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: Julé, Draude, Eagles, Bakken, Weekes, Brkich, Harpauer, Wiberg, Allchurch, Stewart, Kwiatkowski, and Kowalsky.

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

According to Order, the Clerk having favourably reported on the same pursuant to Rule 12(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 halt any plans to proceed with the amalgamation of municipalities in Saskatchewan.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 34)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the federal and provincial governments to reduce fuel taxes.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 101)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to provide reliable cellular service in the districts of Prud'Homme, Bruno, Vonda, and Cudworth.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 216)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to provide reliable cellular service in the districts of Strasbourg, Duval, Govan, and Bulyea.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 220)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to ensure the Lanigan and Watrous hospitals remain open.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 227)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to legislate a total ban of smoking in all public places and workplaces in Saskatchewan.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 235)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were received, read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time at the next sitting:

- Bill No. 81 – The Income Tax Act, 2000
(Hon. Mr. Cline)
- Bill No. 82 – The Income Tax Amendment Act, 2000
(Hon. Mr. Cline)
- Bill No. 83 – The Income Tax Consequential Amendment Act, 2000
(Hon. Mr. Cline)
- Bill No. 84 – The Education and Health Tax Amendment Act, 2000
(Hon. Mr. Cline)
- Bill No. 85 – The Post-Secondary Graduate Tax Credit Act
(Hon. Mr. Hagel)

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

The Assembly, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

The following Bills were reported without amendment, read the third time and passed:

- Bill No. 46 – The Tobacco Tax Amendment Act, 2000
- Bill No. 27 – The Certified Management Accountants
- Bill No. 26 – The Tabling of Documents Amendment Act, 2000

The Committee was given leave to sit again.

COMMITTEE OF FINANCE

The Assembly, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Finance to consider Estimates for the Department of Post-Secondary Education and Skills Training.

The Committee then considered Estimates for the Department of Environment and Resource Management.

Progress was reported and the Committee given leave to sit again.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 2:02 p.m. until Monday at 1:30 p.m.

MONDAY, JUNE 12, 2000
(58TH DAY)

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: Julé, Draude, Gantfoer, Yates, Peters, Eagles, Wall, Weekes, Brkich, Harpauer, Prebble, Wiberg, Hart, Allchurch, Stewart, Kwiatkowski, and Van Mulligen.

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

According to Order, the Clerk having favourably reported on the same pursuant to Rule 12(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 the necessary resources to restore the Paddockwood Access Road to an acceptable state.

(Sessional Paper No. 236)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to halt any plans to proceed with the amalgamation of municipalities in Saskatchewan.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 34)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to ensure the Lanigan and Watrous hospitals remain open.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 227)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to legislate a total ban of smoking in all public places and workplaces in Saskatchewan.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 235)

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 170, 171 and 172, they were answered. (See Appendix)

ADJOURNED DEBATES / DÉBATS AJOURNÉS

Bill No. 62 – The Miscellaneous Statutes Repeal (Regulatory Reform) Act, 2000

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Axworthy: That Bill No. 62 – The Miscellaneous Statutes Repeal (Regulatory Reform) Act, 2000 – 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 and referred to a Committee of the Whole at the next sitting.

Bill No. 70 – The Education (Elimination of Business Tax) Amendment Act, 2000**Projet de loi n° 70 – Loi de 2000 modifiant la Loi sur l'éducation
(élimination de la taxe professionnelle)**

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Serby: That Bill No. 70 – The Education (Elimination of Business Tax) Amendment Act, 2000 – be now read a second time.

L'Assemblée reprend le débat ajourné sur la motion de l'hon. M. Serby: Que le projet de loi n° 70 – Loi de 2000 modifiant la Loi sur l'éducation (élimination de la taxe professionnelle) – soit maintenant lu une deuxième fois.

The debate continuing and 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 at the next sitting.

Le débat se poursuit et la motion, mise aux voix, est adoptée et, en conséquence, ledit projet de loi est lu une deuxième fois et déféré à un Comité plénier à la prochaine séance.

Bill No. 71 – The Health Districts Amendment Act, 2000

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Ms. Atkinson: That Bill No. 71 – The Health Districts Amendment Act, 2000 – 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 and referred to a Committee of the Whole at the next sitting.

Bill No. 74 – The Alcohol and Gaming Regulation Amendment Act, 2000

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Ms. Hamilton: That Bill No. 74 – The Alcohol and Gaming Regulation Amendment Act, 2000 – 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 and referred to a Committee of the Whole at the next sitting.

Bill No. 75 – The Alcohol and Gaming Regulation Amendment Act, 2000 (No. 2)
Projet de loi n° 75 – Loi n° 2 de 2000 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. Ms. Hamilton: That Bill No. 75 – The Alcohol and Gaming Regulation Amendment Act, 2000 (No. 2) – be now read a second time.

L'Assemblée reprend le débat ajourné sur la motion de l'hon. Mme Hamilton: Que le projet de loi n° 75 – Loi no 2 de 2000 modifiant la Loi de 1997 sur la réglementation des boissons alcoolisées et des jeux de hasard – soit maintenant lu une deuxième fois.

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 at the next sitting.

La motion, mise aux voix, est adoptée et, en conséquence, ledit projet de loi est lu une deuxième fois et déferé à un Comité plénier à la prochaine séance.

Bill No. 76 – The Research Council Amendment Act, 2000

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Lautermilch: That Bill No. 76 – The Research Council Amendment Act, 2000 – 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 and referred to a Committee of the Whole at the next sitting.

Bill No. 77 – The Saskatchewan Human Rights Code Amendment Act, 2000

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Axworthy: That Bill No. 77 – The Saskatchewan Human Rights Code Amendment Act, 2000 – 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 and referred to a Committee of the Whole at the next sitting.

Bill No. 9 – The Child and Family Services Amendment Act, 1999 (No. 2)

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen: That Bill No. 9 – The Child and Family Services Amendment Act, 1999 (No. 2) – 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 and referred to a Committee of the Whole at the next sitting.

Bill No. 6 – The Mentally Disordered Persons Amendment Act, 1999

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Axworthy: That Bill No. 6 – The Mentally Disordered Persons Amendment Act, 1999 – 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 and referred to a Committee of the Whole at the next sitting.

Bill No. 5 – The Parks Amendment Act, 1999

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Belanger: That Bill No. 5 – The Parks Amendment Act, 1999 – 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 and referred to a Committee of the Whole at the next sitting.

Bill No. 17 – The Child Care Amendment Act, 2000

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen: That Bill No. 17 – The Child Care Amendment Act, 2000 – 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 and referred to a Committee of the Whole at the next sitting.

Bill No. 59 – The Construction Industry Labour Relations Amendment Act, 2000

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Ms. Crofford: That Bill No. 59 – The Construction Industry Labour Relations Amendment Act, 2000 – be now read a second time.

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

COMMITTEE OF FINANCE

The Assembly, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Finance to consider Estimates for the Department of Health.

The Committee then considered Estimates for the Department of Agriculture and Food.

The Committee recessed from 5:05 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

The Committee being resumed, it then considered Estimates for the Department of Highways and Transportation.

The Committee then considered Estimates for the Department of Municipal Affairs, Culture and Housing.

The Committee then considered Estimates for the Saskatchewan Municipal Board.

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2001, the sum of \$975,000 for Saskatchewan Municipal Board (Ordinary).

The Committee then considered Estimates for the Department of Energy and Mines.

Progress was reported and the Committee given leave to sit again.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 10:20 p.m. until Tuesday at 1:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, JUNE 13, 2000
(59TH DAY)

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: Julé, Draude, Gantfoer, Peters, Eagles, McMorris, Weekes, Brkich, Harpauer, Wiberg, Hart, Allchurch, Stewart, and Kwiatkowski.

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

According to Order, the Clerk having favourably reported on the same pursuant to Rule 12(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 pass comprehensive legislation to protect children from tobacco use.

(Sessional Paper No. 237)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to halt any plans to proceed with the amalgamation of municipalities in Saskatchewan.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 34)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to provide reliable cellular service in the districts of Prud'Homme, Bruno, Vonda, and Cudworth.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 216)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to ensure the Lanigan and Watrous hospitals remain open.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 227)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to ensure the Cupar health care center remains open.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 233)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to legislate a total ban of smoking in all public places and workplaces in Saskatchewan.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 235)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to provide the necessary resources to restore the Paddockwood Access Road to an acceptable state.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 236)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

Bill No. 218 – The Saskatchewan Farm Security Amendment Act, 2000

(Mr. Bjornerud)

SPEAKER TABLES REPORT

The Speaker laid before the Assembly the Special Report of the Provincial Ombudsman for the calendar year 1999.

(Sessional Paper No. 238)

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 173, 174 and 175, they were answered. (See Appendix)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Motion No. 10, it was moved by Mr. Elhard, seconded by Mr. Bjornerud:

That this Assembly urges the government to set aside any plans to revert Saskatchewan highways back to gravel, commit that the government will not download responsibility for current numbered highways onto local governments, and to consult with local residents and to cooperate in finding and implementing other alternatives.

A debate arising, it was moved by Mr. Yates, seconded by Mr. Harper, in amendment thereto:

That all the words after the words "Assembly" be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

endorses the government's efforts to obtain federal funding and involvement in a highways and transportation policy that would respond to the needs of Saskatchewan.

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

Unanimous consent having been granted, the Assembly proceeded to Government Orders.

ADJOURNED DEBATES / DÉBATS AJOURNÉS**Bill No. 1 – The Farm Financial Stability Amendment Act, 1999**

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter: That Bill No. 1 – The Farm Financial Stability Amendment Act, 1999 – 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 and referred to a Committee of the Whole at the next sitting.

Bill No. 2 – The Animal Identification Amendment Act, 1999

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter: That Bill No. 2 – The Animal Identification Amendment Act, 1999 – 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 and referred to a Committee of the Whole at the next sitting.

Bill No. 24 – The Department of Agriculture Amendment Act, 2000

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter: That Bill No. 24 – The Department of Agriculture Amendment Act, 2000 – 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 and referred to a Committee of the Whole at the next sitting.

Bill No. 7 – The Student Assistance and Student Aid Fund Amendment Act, 1999

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Hagel: That Bill No. 7 – The Student Assistance and Student Aid Fund Amendment Act, 1999 – 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 and referred to a Committee of the Whole at the next sitting.

Bill No. 39 – The Department of Post-Secondary Education and Skills Training Act, 2000

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Hagel: That Bill No. 39 – The Department of Post-Secondary Education and Skills Training Act, 2000 – 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 and referred to a Committee of the Whole at the next sitting.

Bill No. 40 – The Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technologies Act

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Hagel: That Bill No. 40 – The Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technologies 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 and referred to a Committee of the Whole at the next sitting.

**Bill No. 13 – The Education Amendment Act, 2000
Projet de loi n° 13 – Loi de 2000 modifiant la Loi de 1995 sur l'éducation**

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Melenchuk: That Bill No. 13 – The Education Amendment Act, 2000 – be now read a second time.

L'Assemblée reprend le débat ajourné sur la motion de l'hon. M. Melenchuk: Que le projet de loi n° 13 – Loi de 2000 modifiant la Loi de 1995 sur l'éducation – soit maintenant lu une deuxième fois.

The debate continuing and 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 at the next sitting.

Le débat se poursuit et la motion, mise aux voix, est adoptée et, en conséquence, ledit projet de loi est lu une deuxième fois et déferé à un Comité plénier à la prochaine séance.

COMMITTEE OF FINANCE

The Assembly, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Finance to consider Estimates for Saskatchewan Water Corporation.

The Committee then considered Estimates for the Department of Education.

Progress was reported and the Committee given leave to sit again.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 6:32 p.m. until Wednesday at 1:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14, 2000
(60TH DAY)

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: Draude, Gantfoer, Toth, Peters, Eagles, Bakken, Bjornerud, McMorris, Weekes, Harpauer, Allchurch, and Stewart.

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

According to Order, the Clerk having favourably reported on the same pursuant to Rule 12(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 halt any plans to proceed with the amalgamation of municipalities in Saskatchewan.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 34)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to provide reliable cellular service in the districts of Prud'Homme, Bruno, Vonda, and Cudworth.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 216)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to ensure the Lanigan and Watrous hospitals remain open.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 227)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to provide the necessary resources to restore the Paddockwood Access Road to an acceptable state.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 236)

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON COMMUNICATION

The Speaker, as Chair of the Standing Committee on Communication, presented the First Report of the said Committee which is as follows:

Your Committee has considered the recommendations of the Public Documents Committee, under *The Archives Act*, contained in Retention and Disposal Schedules comprising Sessional Paper No. 219 including Schedule No. 341 – Capital Pension Plan; Schedule No. 342 – Saskatchewan Health - Drug Plan and Extended Benefits; Schedule No. 343 – Saskatchewan Agriculture and Food - Lands Branch this First Session of the Twenty-fourth Legislature and referred to the Committee by the Assembly on May 9, 2000.

Your Committee recommends to the Assembly that the recommendations of the Public Documents Committee on Schedule Nos. 341, 342, and 343 be accepted.

Your Committee considered the issue of its role in the review and approval of Retention and Disposal Schedules. The Committee makes the following recommendation to the Legislative Assembly:

That *The Archives Act* be amended so that Retention and Disposal Schedule recommendations, made under the authority of section 11 of the said Act, may be approved without reference to the Standing Committee on Communication; and further

That the government take into consideration, when amending *The Archives Act*, that provision be made so that the said Schedules continue to be tabled in the Legislative Assembly and that the Speaker be the final authority on the approval of Retention and Disposal Schedules.

It is your Committee's intention to revisit the legislative review process of Retention and Disposal Schedules in three years time, if *The Archives Act* is amended to reflect the recommendations of this report.

Your Committee reviewed the Report of the Legislative Library for the period ended March 31, 1998.

The Committee also considered issues related to the broadcast of the legislative proceedings. Your Committee has directed the Director of Broadcast Services to investigate and make proposals with respect to increasing the accessibility of the broadcast of legislative proceedings through the services of the Saskatchewan Communication Network, or by other means.

(Sessional Paper No. 239)

On motion of Mr. Trew, seconded by Mr. D'Autremont:

Ordered, That the First Report of the Standing Committee on Communication be now concurred in.

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Question No. 176, it was answered. (See Appendix)

By leave, a correction was tabled to Question No. 171. (See Appendix)

ADJOURNED DEBATES

Bill No. 15 – The Department of Justice Amendment Act, 2000

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Axworthy: That Bill No. 15 – The Department of Justice Amendment Act, 2000 – 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 and referred to a Committee of the Whole at the next sitting.

Bill No. 16 – The Justice Statutes (Consumer Protection) Amendment Act, 2000

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Axworthy: That Bill No. 16 – The Justice Statutes (Consumer Protection) Amendment Act, 2000 – 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 at the next sitting.

Bill No. 28 – The Ombudsman and Children’s Advocate Amendment Act, 2000

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Axworthy: That Bill No. 28 – The Ombudsman and Children’s Advocate Amendment Act, 2000 – 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 and referred to a Committee of the Whole at the next sitting.

Bill No. 29 – The Residential Tenancies Amendment Act, 2000

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Axworthy: That Bill No. 29 – The Residential Tenancies Amendment Act, 2000 – 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 and referred to a Committee of the Whole at the next sitting.

Bill No. 31 – The Police Amendment Act, 2000

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Axworthy: That Bill No. 31 – The Police Amendment Act, 2000 – 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 and referred to a Committee of the Whole at the next sitting.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

The Assembly, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

During consideration of Bill No. 4 – The Saskatchewan Pension Plan Amendment Act, 1999 – it was moved by the Hon. Mr. Cline:

Amend Clause 1 of the printed Bill by striking out “*The Saskatchewan Pension Plan Amendment Act, 1999*” and substituting “*The Saskatchewan Pension Plan Amendment Act, 2000*”.

The amendment was agreed to.

The question being put on clause 1, as amended, it was agreed to.

The following Bill was reported with amendment, considered as amended, and by leave of the Assembly, read the third time and passed:

Bill No. 4 – The Saskatchewan Pension Plan Amendment Act, 2000

The following Bill was reported without amendment, read the third time and passed:

Bill No. 32 – The Municipal Employees' Pension Amendment Act, 2000

The Committee was given leave to sit again.

ADJOURNED DEBATES

Bill No. 59 – The Construction Industry Labour Relations Amendment Act, 2000

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Ms. Crofford: That Bill No. 59 – The Construction Industry Labour Relations Amendment Act, 2000 – be now read a second time.

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

COMMITTEE OF FINANCE

The Assembly, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Finance to consider Estimates for the Saskatchewan Property Management Corporation.

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2001, the sum of \$22,017,000 for Saskatchewan Property Management Corporation (Ordinary).

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ended March 31, 2000, the sum of \$626,000 for Saskatchewan Property Management Corporation (Ordinary).

The Committee then considered Estimates for the Department of Finance.

Progress was reported and the Committee given leave to sit again.

On motion of the Hon. Ms. MacKinnon:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 5:08 p.m. until Thursday at 1:30 p.m.

RETURNS, REPORTS AND PAPERS TABLED

The following paper was laid upon the Table:

By the Hon. Mr. Axworthy:

Amendments to the Bylaws of the following Professional Association:

Saskatchewan Psychological Association

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 16)

THURSDAY, JUNE 15, 2000
(61ST DAY)

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: Draude, Bakken, Gantefoer, Bjornerud, Weekes, Harpauer, Allchurch, and Stewart.

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

According to Order, the Clerk having favourably reported on the same pursuant to Rule 12(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 halt any plans to proceed with the amalgamation of municipalities in Saskatchewan.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 34)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to ensure the Lanigan and Watrous hospitals remain open.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 227)

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Question No. 177, pursuant to Rule 43(1), the answer was Tabled and converted by the Clerk to Return No. 19 by reason of its length.

(Sessional Paper No. 240)

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

The Assembly, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

During consideration of Bill No. 73 – The Licensed Practical Nurses Act, 2000 – it was moved by Mr. Gantefoer:

Clause 2 of the printed Bill is amended by repealing clause (i) and substituting the following:

“(i) **‘practise as a licensed practical nurse’** means to provide professional nursing care and health-care services in accordance with the standards of practice and the guidelines established by the bylaws:

(i) on an independent basis where a person has a defined health condition that has predictable outcome; or

(ii) in partnership with other health-care professionals and providers where a person has a defined health condition that:

(A) does not have a predictable outcome and the complexity of care increases; or

(B) does not have a predictable outcome and an advanced level of knowledge is required to co-ordinate and direct the type and course of care required by a person.”

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

YEAS – 13

Hermanson	Heppner	Krawetz	Draude
Gantfoer	Toth	Wall	Bakken
Bjornerud	Weekes	Harpauer	Allchurch
Stewart			

NAYS – 28

Romanow	Hagel	Van Mulligen	Lingenfelter
Melenchuk	Atkinson	Goulet	Lautermilch
Thomson	Lorjé	Serby	Belanger
Nilson	Crofford	Hillson	Kowalsky
Sonntag	Hamilton	Prebble	Jones
Higgins	Yates	Harper	Axworthy
Junor	Kasperski	Wartman	Addley

The following Bill was reported without amendment:

Bill No. 73 – The Licensed Practical Nurses Act, 2000

The Committee was given leave to sit again

THIRD READING

Moved by the Hon. Ms. Atkinson: That Bill No. 73 – The Licensed Practical Nurses Act, 2000 – be now read the third time and passed under its title.

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

YEAS – 41

Romanow	Trew	Hagel	Van Mulligen
Lingenfelter	Melenchuk	Atkinson	Goulet
Lautermilch	Thomson	Lorjé	Serby
Belanger	Nilson	Crofford	Hillson
Kowalsky	Hamilton	Prebble	Jones
Higgins	Yates	Harper	Axworthy
Junor	Kasperski	Wartman	Addley
Hermanson	Heppner	Krawetz	Draude
Gantefoer	Toth	Wall	Bakken
Bjornerud	Weekes	Harpauer	Allchurch
Stewart			

NAYS – 00

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

ADJOURNED DEBATES**Bill No. 10 – The Department of Health Amendment Act, 1999**

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Ms. Atkinson: That Bill No. 10 – The Department of Health Amendment Act, 1999 – 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 and referred to a Committee of the Whole at the next sitting.

Bill No. 14 – The Film Employment Tax Credit Amendment Act, 2000

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Serby: That Bill No. 14 – The Film Employment Tax Credit Amendment Act, 2000 – 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 and referred to a Committee of the Whole at the next sitting.

Bill No. 22 – The Local Improvements Amendment Act, 2000

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Serby: That Bill No. 22 – The Local Improvements Amendment Act, 2000 – 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 and referred to a Committee of the Whole at the next sitting.

Bill No. 23 – The Planning and Development Amendment Act, 2000

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Serby: That Bill No. 23 – The Planning and Development Amendment Act, 2000 – 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 and referred to a Committee of the Whole at the next sitting.

Bill No. 19 – The Saskatchewan Telecommunications Amendment Act, 2000

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Nilson: That Bill No. 19 – The Saskatchewan Telecommunications Amendment Act, 2000 – 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 and referred to a Committee of the Whole at the next sitting.

Bill No. 20 – The Saskatchewan Telecommunications Holding Corporation Amendment Act, 2000

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Nilson: That Bill No. 20 – The Saskatchewan Telecommunications Holding Corporation Amendment Act, 2000 – 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 and referred to a Committee of the Whole at the next sitting.

Bill No. 35 – The Automobile Accident Insurance Amendment Act, 2000 (No. 2)

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Nilson: That Bill No. 35 – The Automobile Accident Insurance Amendment Act, 2000 (No. 2) – 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 and referred to a Committee of the Whole at the next sitting.

Bill No. 36 – The Motor Carrier Amendment Act, 2000

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Nilson: That Bill No. 36 – The Motor Carrier Amendment Act, 2000 – 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 and referred to a Committee of the Whole at the next sitting.

Bill No. 54 – The Vehicle Administration Amendment Act, 2000 (No. 2)

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Nilson: That Bill No. 54 – The Vehicle Administration Amendment Act, 2000 (No. 2) – 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 and referred to a Committee of the Whole at the next sitting.

Bill No. 78 – The Highway Traffic Amendment Act, 2000 (No. 2)

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Nilson: That Bill No. 78 – The Highway Traffic Amendment Act, 2000 (No. 2) – 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 and referred to a Committee of the Whole at the next sitting.

COMMITTEE OF FINANCE

The Assembly, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Finance to consider Estimates for the Department of Labour.

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2001, the sum of \$12,658,000 for Labour (Ordinary).

Progress was reported and the Committee given leave to sit again.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 5:24 p.m. until Friday at 10:00 a.m.

FRIDAY, JUNE 16, 2000
(62ND DAY)

PRAYERS

10:00 a.m.

PRESENTING PETITIONS

Petitions of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan were presented and laid upon the Table by the following Members: Julé, Toth, Harpauer, Hart, and Stewart.

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

According to Order, the Clerk having favourably reported on the same pursuant to Rule 12(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 halt any plans to proceed with the amalgamation of municipalities in Saskatchewan.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 34)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to ensure the Lanigan and Watrous hospitals remain open.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 227)

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Question No. 178, pursuant to Rule 43(1), the answer was Tabled and converted by the Clerk to Return No. 20 by reason of its length.

(Sessional Paper No. 241)

The Order of the Day being called for Question No. 179, pursuant to Rule 42(5), it was transferred to Motions for Returns (Debatable) No. 21.

ADJOURNED DEBATES

Bill No. 45 – The Fuel Tax Act, 2000

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Cline: That Bill No. 45 – The Fuel Tax Act, 2000 – 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 and referred to a Committee of the Whole at the next sitting.

Bill No. 44 – The Insurance Premiums Tax Amendment Act, 2000

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Cline: That Bill No. 44 – The Insurance Premiums Tax Amendment Act, 2000 – 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 and referred to a Committee of the Whole at the next sitting.

Bill No. 25 – The Irrigation Amendment Act, 2000

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Sonntag: That Bill No. 25 – The Irrigation Amendment Act, 2000 – 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 and referred to a Committee of the Whole at the next sitting.

Bill No. 34 – The Saskatchewan Evidence Amendment Act, 2000

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Axworthy: That Bill No. 34 – The Saskatchewan Evidence Amendment Act, 2000 – 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 and referred to a Committee of the Whole at the next sitting.

Bill No. 37 – The Public Libraries Amendment Act, 2000

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Serby: That Bill No. 37 – The Public Libraries Amendment Act, 2000 – 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 and referred to a Committee of the Whole at the next sitting.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE / COMITÉ PLÉNIER

The Assembly, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

During consideration of Bill No. 3 – The Health Labour Relations Reorganization Amendment Act, 1999 – it was moved by the Hon. Ms. Crofford:

Amend Clause 1 of the printed Bill by striking out “The Health Labour Relations Reorganization Amendment Act, 1999” and substituting “The Health Labour Relations Reorganization Amendment Act, 2000”.

A debate arising and the question being put it was agreed to.

The question being put on clause 1 as amended, it was agreed to.

The following Bill was reported with amendment, considered as amended, and by leave of the Assembly read the third time and passed:

Bill No. 3 – The Health Labour Relations Reorganization Amendment Act, 2000

The following Bills were reported without amendment, read the third time and passed: Les projets de loi suivants sont rapportés sans amendement, lus une troisième fois et adoptés:

Bill No. 41 – The Medical Profession Amendment Act, 2000

Bill No. 30 – The Vital Statistics Amendment Act, 2000
Projet de loi n° 30 – Loi de 2000 modifiant la Loi de 1995 sur les services de l'état civil

Bill No. 48 – The Adult Guardianship and Co-decision-making Act

Bill No. 38 – The Electronic Information and Documents Act, 2000

Bill No. 66 – The Personal Property Security Amendment Act, 2000

Bill No. 43 – The Summary Offences Procedure Amendment Act, 2000

The Committee was given leave to sit again.

COMMITTEE OF FINANCE

The Assembly, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Finance to consider Estimates for the Department of Justice.

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2001, the sum of \$213,283,000 for Justice (Ordinary).

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ended March 31, 2000, the sum of \$17,550,000 for Justice (Ordinary).

Progress was reported and the Committee given leave to sit again.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 2:58 p.m. until Monday at 1:30 p.m.

MONDAY, JUNE 19, 2000
(63RD DAY)

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: Julé, Peters, Wall, Weekes, Wiberg, Addley, Hart, Allchurch, and Stewart.

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

According to Order, the Clerk having favourably reported on the same pursuant to Rule 12(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 ensure the Lanigan and Watrous hospitals remain open.
(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 227)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to ensure the Cupar health care center remains open.
(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 233)

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 180 and 181, they were answered. (See Appendix)

The Order of the Day being called for Question No. 182, pursuant to Rule 42(5), it was transferred to Motions for Returns (Debatable) No. 22.

SECOND READINGS

Bill No. 82 – The Income Tax Amendment Act, 2000

The Hon. Mr. Cline, 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. 82 – The Income Tax Amendment Act, 2000 – be now read a second time.

A debate arising, it was on motion of Mr. D'Autremont, adjourned.

Bill No. 81 – The Income Tax Act, 2000

The Hon. Mr. Cline, 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. 81 – The Income Tax Act, 2000 – be now read a second time.

A debate arising, it was on motion of Mr. D’Autremont, adjourned.

Bill No. 84 – The Education and Health Tax Amendment Act, 2000

The Hon. Mr. Cline, 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. 84 – The Education and Health Tax Amendment Act, 2000 – be now read a second time.

A debate arising, it was on motion of Mr. D’Autremont, adjourned.

Bill No. 83 – The Income Tax Consequential Amendment Act, 2000

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Cline: That Bill No. 83 – The Income Tax Consequential Amendment Act, 2000 – be now read a second time.

A debate arising, it was on motion of Mr. D’Autremont, adjourned.

Bill No. 85 – The Post-Secondary Graduate Tax Credit Act

The Hon. Mr. Hagel, 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. 85 – The Post-Secondary Graduate Tax Credit Act – be now read a second time.

A debate arising, it was on motion of Mr. D’Autremont, adjourned.

ADJOURNED DEBATES / DÉBATS AJOURNÉS

Bill No. 55 – The Land Titles Act, 2000

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Axworthy: That Bill No. 55 – The Land Titles Act, 2000 – 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 and referred to a Committee of the Whole at the next sitting.

Bill No. 57 – The Land Surveys Act, 2000

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Axworthy: That Bill No. 57 – The Land Surveys Act, 2000 – 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 and referred to a Committee of the Whole at the next sitting.

Bill No. 58 – The Condominium Property Amendment Act, 2000

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Axworthy: That Bill No. 58 – The Condominium Property Amendment Act, 2000 – 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 and referred to a Committee of the Whole at the next sitting.

Bill No. 56 – The Land Titles Consequential Amendment Act, 2000

**Projet de loi n° 56 – Loi de 2000 apportant des modifications corrélatives à la loi intitulée
The Land Titles Act, 2000**

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Axworthy: That Bill No. 56 – The Land Titles Consequential Amendment Act, 2000 – be now read a second time.

L'Assemblée reprend le débat ajourné sur la motion de l'hon. M. Axworthy: Que le projet de loi n° 56 – Loi de 2000 apportant des modifications corrélatives à la loi intitulée The Land Titles Act, 2000 – soit maintenant lu une deuxième fois.

The debate continuing and 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 at the next sitting.

Le débat se poursuit et la motion, mise aux voix, est adoptée et, en conséquence, ledit projet de loi est lu une deuxième fois et déferé à un Comité plénier à la prochaine séance.

Bill No. 79 – The Saskatchewan Centre of the Arts Act, 2000

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Ms. Crofford: That Bill No. 79 – The Saskatchewan Centre of the Arts Act, 2000 – 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 and referred to a Committee of the Whole at the next sitting.

Bill No. 69 – The Urban Municipality Amendment Act, 2000

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Serby: That Bill No. 69 – The Urban Municipality Amendment Act, 2000 – 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 and referred to a Committee of the Whole at the next sitting.

Bill No. 68 – The Rural Municipality Amendment Act, 2000

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Serby: That Bill No. 68 – The Rural Municipality Amendment Act, 2000 – 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 and referred to a Committee of the Whole at the next sitting.

Bill No. 67 – The Northern Municipalities Amendment Act, 2000

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Serby: That Bill No. 67 – The Northern Municipalities Amendment Act, 2000 – 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 and referred to a Committee of the Whole at the next sitting.

Bill No. 50 – The Interpretation Amendment Act, 2000**Projet de loi n° 50 – Loi de 2000 modifiant la Loi d'interprétation de 1995**

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Axworthy: That Bill No. 50 – The Interpretation Amendment Act, 2000 – be now read a second time.

L'Assemblée reprend le débat ajourné sur la motion de l'hon. M. Axworthy: Que le projet de loi n° 50 – Loi de 2000 modifiant la Loi d'interprétation de 1995 – soit maintenant lu une deuxième fois.

The debate continuing and 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 at the next sitting.

Le débat se poursuit et la motion, mise aux voix, est adoptée et, en conséquence, ledit projet de loi est lu une deuxième fois et déferé à un Comité plénier à la prochaine séance.

Bill No. 51 – The Interpretation Act Consequential Amendment Act, 2000

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Axworthy: That Bill No. 51 – The Interpretation Act Consequential Amendment Act, 2000 – 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 and referred to a Committee of the Whole at the next sitting.

Bill No. 59 – The Construction Industry Labour Relations Amendment Act, 2000

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Ms. Crofford: That Bill No. 59 – The Construction Industry Labour Relations Amendment Act, 2000 – be now read a second time.

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

Bill No. 42 – The Cattle Marketing Deductions Amendment Act, 2000

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter: That Bill No. 42 – The Cattle Marketing Deductions Amendment Act, 2000 – be now read a second time.

The debate continuing it was moved by Mr. Boyd, seconded by Mr. D'Autremont:

That the Assembly do now proceed to Private Members' Public Bills and Orders, Second Readings, Item No. 5, Bill No. 231 – The Fire-fighter Protection from Liability Act.

The question being put on the motion, it was negated on the following Recorded Division:

YEAS – 19

Heppner	Julé	Draude	Boyd
Gantefoer	Peters	Eagles	Wall
Bakken	Bjornerud	D'Autremont	McMorris
Weekes	Harpauer	Wiberg	Hart
Allchurch	Stewart	Kwiatkowski	

NAYS – 28

Trew	Hagel	Van Mulligen	MacKinnon
Lingenfelter	Melenchuk	Cline	Atkinson
Lautermilch	Thomson	Lorjé	Serby
Belanger	Nilson	Crofford	Hillson
Kowalsky	Hamilton	Prebble	Jones
Higgins	Yates	Harper	Axworthy
Junor	Kasperski	Wartman	Addley

The question being put on Second Reading of Bill No. 42, it was agreed to and the said Bill was, accordingly, read a second time and referred to a Committee of the Whole at the next sitting.

COMMITTEE OF FINANCE

The Assembly, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Finance to consider Estimates for the Saskatchewan Research Council.

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2001, the sum of \$8,677,000 for Saskatchewan Research Council (Ordinary).

Progress was reported and the Committee given leave to sit again.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

The Assembly, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

The Committee recessed from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

During consideration of Bill No. 7 – The Student Assistance and Student Aid Fund Amendment Act, 1999 – it was moved by the Hon. Mr. Hagel:

Amend Clause 1 of the printed Bill by striking out “*The Student Assistance and Student Aid Fund Amendment Act, 1999*” and substituting “*The Student Assistance and Student Aid Fund Amendment Act, 2000*”.

The amendment was agreed to.

The question being put on clause 1, as amended, it was agreed to.

During consideration of Bill No. 35 – The Automobile Accident Insurance Amendment Act, 2000 (No. 2) – it was moved by the Hon. Mr. Nilson:

Amend Clause 10 of the printed Bill:

- (a) by renumbering it as subsection (1) of Clause 10;
- (b) by striking out clause (1)(b) and substituting the following:

“(b) by repealing clause (e) and substituting the following:

‘(e) to sound equipment or communications equipment located within or attached to the vehicle, other than equipment prescribed in the regulations;

‘(e.1) to radar warning devices’; and

- (c) by adding the following subsection after subsection (1) of Clause 10:

“(2) The following subsection is added after subsection 38(3):

‘(3.1) In clause (3)(e.1), ‘**radar warning device**’ means any device designed or intended for use in a motor vehicle to warn the driver of the presence of radar or laser speed measuring equipment in the vicinity, and includes any device designed or intended for use in a motor vehicle to interfere with the effective operation of radar or laser speed measuring equipment”’.

The amendment was agreed to.

The question being put on clause 10, as amended, it was agreed to.

During consideration of Bill No. 9 – The Child and Family Services Amendment Act, 1999 (No. 2) – it was moved by the Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen:

Amend Clause 1 of the printed Bill by striking out “*The Child and Family Services Amendment Act, 1999 (No. 2)*” and substituting “*The Child and Family Services Amendment Act, 2000*”.

Amend the Long Title of the printed Bill by striking out “(No. 2)”.

The amendments were agreed to.

The question being put on the clause 1 and the long title, as amended, they were agreed to.

The following Bills were reported with amendment, considered as amended, and by leave of the Assembly, read the third time and passed:

Bill No. 7 – The Student Assistance and Student Aid Fund Amendment Act, 2000

Bill No. 35 – The Automobile Accident Insurance Amendment Act, 2000 (No. 2)

Bill No. 9 – The Child and Family Services Amendment Act, 2000

The following Bills were reported without amendment, read the third time and passed:

Bill No. 76 – The Research Council Amendment Act, 2000

Bill No. 40 – The Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technologies Act

Bill No. 39 – The Department of Post-Secondary Education and Skills Training Act, 2000

Bill No. 36 – The Motor Carrier Amendment Act, 2000

Bill No. 54 – The Vehicle Administration Amendment Act, 2000 (No. 2)

Bill No. 78 – The Highway Traffic Amendment Act, 2000 (No. 2)

Bill No. 17 – The Child Care Amendment Act, 2000

The Committee was given leave to sit again.

COMMITTEE OF FINANCE

The Assembly, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Finance to consider Estimates for the Department of Social Services.

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2001, the sum of \$575,258,000 for Social Services (Ordinary).

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ended March 31, 2000, the sum of \$1,600,000 for Social Services (Ordinary).

The Committee then considered Estimates for the Department of Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs.

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Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2001, the sum of \$34,754,000 for Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs (Ordinary).

Progress was reported and the Committee given leave to sit again.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 12:40 a.m. until Tuesday at 1:30 p.m.

RETURNS, REPORTS AND PAPERS TABLED

The following paper was laid upon the Table:

By the Hon. Mr. Axworthy:

Amendments to the Bylaws of the following Professional Associations:

- Law Society of Saskatchewan
- College of Physicians and Surgeons of Saskatchewan
- Saskatchewan Institute of Agrologists
- Saskatchewan College of Physical Therapists

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 16)

TUESDAY, JUNE 20, 2000
(64TH DAY)

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: Draude, Gantfoer, Peters, Eagles, Wall, Bakken, Weekes, Harpauer, Addley, Hart, Allchurch, Kwiatkowski, and Thomson.

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

According to Order, the Clerk having favourably reported on the same pursuant to Rule 12(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 halt any plans to proceed with the amalgamation of municipalities in Saskatchewan.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 34)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to provide funding for the Swift Current Regional Hospital.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 36)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to provide reliable cellular service in the districts of Prud'Homme, Bruno, Vonda, and Cudworth.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 216)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to provide reliable cellular service in the districts of Strasbourg, Duval, Govan, and Bulyea.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 220)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to ensure the Lanigan and Watrous hospitals remain open.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 227)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to legislate a total ban of smoking in all public places and workplaces in Saskatchewan.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 235)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to provide the necessary resources to restore the Paddockwood Access Road to an acceptable state.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 236)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS / DÉPÔT DE PROJETS DE LOI

The following Bills were received, read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time at the next sitting:

Les projets de loi suivants sont reçus, lus une première fois, et la deuxième lecture en est fixée à la prochaine séance:

Bill No. 219 – The Saskatchewan Property Rights Act

(Mr. D'Autremont)

Bill No. 229 – The Children's Law Amendment Act, 2000

Projet de loi n° 229 – Loi de 2000 modifiant la Loi de 1997 sur le droit de l'enfance

(Ms. / Mme Draude)

STATEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

Yesterday an allegation was made during Statements by Members which I feel must be addressed. The subject of the Member for Rosthern's (Mr. Heppner) statement concerned accessibility to the Legislative Building and the role played by the security staff in carrying out the security policy.

The security of all that transpires in the Legislative Building is the responsibility of the Speaker and the Board of Internal Economy. This includes ensuring that there is a safe environment for all individuals who work within the precincts, while maintaining reasonable access to visitors, organizations and others who wish to visit or carry out business in this building.

Since the start of this year, there have been many occasions where individuals and groups have been permitted to use the Legislative Building as the venue for publicizing their opinions. Where they have abided by the security policy set by the Board of Internal Economy, they have been permitted to proceed. Where they have not, it has been the responsibility of the staff of the Sergeant-at-Arms to take the appropriate steps to uphold the security policy. The Member for Rosthern's comments yesterday can be construed as questioning the impartiality of the security staff in upholding this policy.

I wish to reiterate comments I made in a ruling on April 17, 2000, in which I cautioned Members not to attack those individuals who are not able to respond. Reflections on the impartiality of the Speaker or the staff of this Assembly impugn the spirit of Rule 32. As your Speaker, I am not concerned about how such comments may offend me personally. It is, however, my duty to protect the integrity and impartiality of the legislative staff and the Office of the Speaker. These individuals may not participate in the debate and thus cannot answer any allegations made by a Member on the floor.

The Member is correct in identifying the Speaker as being responsible for the administration of the Assembly. The Member should also be aware that it is not in order to raise issues respecting the Speaker's administrative responsibilities on the floor of the Assembly. I refer Members to *Beauchesne's* 6th Ed. page 119 which expresses this long-standing practice:

“If information relating to matters under the jurisdiction of the Speaker is required, it must be obtained privately.”

The reason for this practice, as I noted earlier, is that the Speaker cannot participate in debate or respond to questions in the House.

Commenting publicly in this Assembly is not the appropriate forum in which to raise such concerns. Members are welcome to meet with me in my office at any time to discuss concerns they may have with the administration of the Assembly. It is my intention to raise the Honourable Member’s concerns later this afternoon during my weekly meeting with the House Leaders. I invite the Member for Rosthern and any other interested Member to join us. A meeting such as this is the appropriate forum in which to address these issues.

I wish to remind Members that these are your rules, not those of the Chair. In my experience, it has always been prudent to canvass all sides of an issue before drawing conclusions. I encourage all Members to put forward a positive example for the citizens of the Province.

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 183 to 186, they were answered. (See Appendix)

The Order of the Day being called for Question No. 187, pursuant to Rule 42(5), it was transferred to Motions for Returns (Debatable) No. 23.

Unanimous consent having been granted, the Assembly proceeded to Government Orders.

ADJOURNED DEBATES / DÉBATS AJOURNÉS

Bill No. 65 – The Crown Corporations Amendment Act, 2000

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Nilson: That Bill No. 65 – The Crown Corporations Amendment Act, 2000 – 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 and referred to a Committee of the Whole at the next sitting.

Bill No. 49 – The Highways and Transportation Amendment Act, 2000

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Sonntag: That Bill No. 49 – The Highways and Transportation Amendment Act, 2000 – 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 and referred to a Committee of the Whole at the next sitting.

Bill No. 52 – The Wildlife Amendment Act, 2000
Projet de loi n° 52 – Loi de 2000 modifiant la Loi sur la faune

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Belanger: That Bill No. 52 – The Wildlife Amendment Act, 2000 – be now read a second time.

L'Assemblée reprend le débat ajourné sur la motion de l'hon. M. Belanger: Que le projet de loi n° 52 – Loi de 2000 modifiant la Loi sur la faune – soit maintenant lu une deuxième fois.

The debate continuing and 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 at the next sitting.

Le débat se poursuit et la motion, mise aux voix, est adoptée et, en conséquence, ledit projet de loi est lu une deuxième fois et déferé à un Comité plénier à la prochaine séance.

Bill No. 60 – The Forest Resources Management Amendment Act, 2000

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Belanger: That Bill No. 60 – The Forest Resources Management Amendment Act, 2000 – 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 and referred to a Committee of the Whole at the next sitting.

Bill No. 63 – The Legal Aid Amendment Act, 2000

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Axworthy: That Bill No. 63 – The Legal Aid Amendment Act, 2000 – 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 and referred to a Committee of the Whole at the next sitting.

Bill No. 59 – The Construction Industry Labour Relations Amendment Act, 2000

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Ms. Crofford: That Bill No. 59 – The Construction Industry Labour Relations Amendment Act, 2000 – be now read a second time.

The debate continuing, it was moved by Mr. Wall, seconded by Mr. Wakefield, in amendment thereto:

That all the words after the word “That” be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

“Bill 59, The Construction Industry Labour Relations Amendment Act, 2000, be not now read a second time but that it be read a second time this day six months hence.”

The debate continuing and the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived on the following Recorded Division:

YEAS – 22

Hermanson	Elhard	Julé	Krawetz
Draude	Boyd	Gantefoer	Toth
Peters	Eagles	Wall	Bakken
Bjornerud	D'Autremont	McMorris	Weekes
Brkich	Harpauer	Wakefield	Hart
Allchurch	Kwiatkowski		

NAYS – 30

Romanow	Trew	Hagel	Van Mulligen
MacKinnon	Lingenfelter	Melenchuk	Cline
Atkinson	Goulet	Lautermilch	Thomson
Lorjé	Belanger	Nilson	Crofford
Hillson	Kowalsky	Sonntag	Hamilton
Prebble	Jones	Higgins	Yates
Harper	Axworthy	Junor	Kasperski
Wartman	Addley		

The debate continuing on the main motion, it was on motion of Mr. Bjornerud, adjourned.

COMMITTEE OF FINANCE

The Assembly, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Finance to consider Estimates for the Department of Finance.

The Committee then considered Estimates for the Centenary Capital Fund.

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2001, the sum of \$30,000,000 for Centenary Capital Fund (Ordinary).

Progress was reported and the Committee given leave to sit again.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE / COMITÉ PLÉNIER

The Assembly, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

The Committee recessed from 4:55 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

During consideration of Bill No. 10 – The Department of Health Amendment Act, 1999 – it was moved by the Hon. Ms. Atkinson:

Amend Clause 1 of the printed Bill by striking out “*The Department of Health Amendment Act, 1999*” and substituting “*The Department of Health Amendment Act, 2000*”.

The amendment was agreed to.

The question being put on clause 1, as amended, it was agreed to.

During consideration of Bill No. 77 – The Saskatchewan Human Rights Code Amendment Act, 2000 – it was moved by Mr. Wall:

Clause 2(1)(m.01) as being enacted by clause 3 of the printed Bill is amended by:

- (a) striking out “**and**” following subclause (xiii);
- (b) by adding “; **and**” following subclause (xiv); and
- (c) by adding the following subclause after clause (xiv):

“(xv) employment status as:

- (A) a unionized employee; or
- (B) a non-unionized employee”.

The debate continuing and the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived on the following Recorded Division:

YEAS – 15

Hermanson	Elhard	Julé	Krawetz
Draude	Boyd	Wall	Bakken
Bjornerud	D’Autremont	Weekes	Wakefield
Wiberg	Allchurch	Kwiatkowski	

NAYS – 27

Trew	Hagel	Van Mulligen	Lingenfelter
Melenchuk	Cline	Goulet	Lautermilch
Thomson	Lorjé	Serby	Belanger
Nilson	Crofford	Hillson	Kowalsky
Sonntag	Hamilton	Jones	Higgins
Yates	Harper	Axworthy	Junor
Kasperski	Wartman	Addley	

During consideration of Bill No. 69 – The Urban Municipality Amendment Act, 2000 – it was moved by the Hon. Mr. Serby:

Amend subsection 237.1(4.2) of *The Urban Municipality Act, 1984*, as being enacted by Clause 21 of the printed Bill, by striking out “consecutive”.

The amendment was agreed to.

The question being put on clause 21, as amended, it was agreed to.

During consideration of Bill No. 68 – The Rural Municipality Amendment Act, 2000 – it was moved by the Hon Mr. Serby:

Amend subsection 283.2(4.2) of *The Rural Municipality Act, 1989*, as being enacted by Clause 19 of the printed Bill, by striking out “consecutive”.

The amendment was agreed to.

The question being put on clause 19, as amended, it was agreed to.

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Serby:

Add the following Clause after Clause 39 of the printed Bill:

“Section 339.2 amended

39.1 The following subsection is added after subsection 339.2(5):

‘(6) At the request of or with the consent of the board of an organized hamlet, the council may, by bylaw pursuant to subsection (1), provide that a minimum tax be applied to land, improvements or both within the organized hamlet that may be different from the minimum tax applied elsewhere in the municipality’ “.

The amendment was agreed to.

The question being put on clause 39, as amended, it was agreed to.

During consideration of Bill No. 67 – The Northern Municipalities Amendment Act, 2000 – it was moved by the Hon Mr. Serby:

Amend subsection 193.1(4.2) of *The Northern Municipalities Act*, as being enacted by Clause 8 of the printed Bill, by striking out “consecutive”.

The amendment was agreed to.

The question being put on clause 8, as amended, it was agreed to.

During consideration of Bill No. 13 – The Education Amendment Act, 2000 – it was moved by the Hon. Mr. Melenchuk:

Amend clause 19 of the printed Bill by striking out “*The Department of Post-Secondary Education and Skills Training Act*” wherever it appears and in each case substituting “*The Department of Post-Secondary Education and Skills Training Act, 2000*”.

Pendant l’étude du Projet de loi n° 13 – Loi de 2000 modifiant la Loi de 1995 sur l’éducation – L’hon. M. Melenchuk propose:

Modifiez le paragraphe 19 de la *Loi de 2000 modifiant la Loi de 1995 sur l’éducation* par suppression des mots “*The Department of Post-Secondary Education and Skills Training Act*” partout où ils apparaissent et leur remplacement dans chaque cas par les mots “*The Department of Post-Secondary Education and Skills Training Act, 2000*”.

The amendment was agreed to.

L'amendement est adopté.

The question being put on clause 19, as amended, it was agreed to.

Le clause 19, tel que modifié, mise aux voix, est adopté.

The following Bills were reported with amendment, considered as amended, and by leave of the Assembly, read the third time and passed:

Les projets de loi suivant sont rapportés avec amendements, étudiés tel que modifiés, et avec la permission de l'Assemblée, lus une troisième fois et adoptés:

Bill No. 10 – The Department of Health Amendment Act, 2000

Bill No. 69 – The Urban Municipality Amendment Act, 2000

Bill No. 68 – The Rural Municipality Amendment Act, 2000

Bill No. 67 – The Northern Municipalities Amendment Act, 2000

Bill No. 13 – The Education Amendment Act, 2000

Projet de loi n° 13 – Loi de 2000 modifiant la Loi de 1995 sur l'éducation

The following Bills were reported without amendment, read the third time and passed:

Bill No. 45 – The Fuel Tax Act, 2000

Bill No. 44 – The Insurance Premiums Tax Amendment Act, 2000

Bill No. 71 – The Health Districts Amendment Act, 2000

Bill No. 62 – The Miscellaneous Statutes Repeal (Regulatory Reform) Act, 2000

Bill No. 29 – The Residential Tenancies Amendment Act, 2000

Bill No. 77 – The Saskatchewan Human Rights Code Amendment Act, 2000

Bill No. 15 – The Department of Justice Amendment Act, 2000

Bill No. 28 – The Ombudsman and Children's Advocate Amendment Act, 2000

Bill No. 37 – The Public Libraries Amendment Act, 2000

The Committee was given leave to sit again.

COMMITTEE OF FINANCE

The Assembly, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Finance to consider Estimates for the Department of Education.

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2001, the sum of \$485,446,000 for Education (Ordinary).

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ended March 31, 2000, the sum of \$1,300,000 for Education (Ordinary).

Progress was reported and the Committee given leave to sit again.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 11:56 p.m. until Wednesday at 1:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21, 2000
(65TH DAY)

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: Draude, Gantfoer, Peters, Eagles, Thomson, Wall, Bakken, Bjornerud, Weekes, Wartman, Harpauer, Wiberg, Allchurch, Stewart, Kwiatkowski, and Addley.

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

According to Order, the Clerk having favourably reported on the same pursuant to Rule 12(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 ensure the Nokomis Health Centre remains open.

(Sessional Paper No. 242)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to rescind the recent large increases in nursing home fees.

(Sessional Paper No. 243)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to ensure the Lanigan and Watrous hospitals remain open.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 227)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to ensure the Cupar health care center remains open.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 233)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to legislate a total ban of smoking in all public places and workplaces in Saskatchewan.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 235)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were received, read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time at the next sitting:

Bill No. 215 – The Referendum and Plebiscite Amendment Act, 2000

(Mr. Wall)

Bill No. 223 – The Trade Union Amendment Act, 2000

(Ms. Harpauer)

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 188 to 196, they were answered. (See Appendix)

ADJOURNED DEBATES / DÉBATS AJOURNÉS

Bill No. 82 – The Income Tax Amendment Act, 2000

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Cline: That Bill No. 82 – The Income Tax Amendment Act, 2000 – be now read a second time.

The debate continuing it was moved by Mr. Wakefield, seconded by Mr. Weekes:

That the Assembly do now proceed to Private Members' Public Bills and Orders, Second Readings, Item No. 17, Bill No. 234 – The Trade Union Amendment Act, 2000 (Freedom of Speech in the Workplace).

The question being put on the motion, it was negatived on the following Recorded Division:

YEAS – 24

Hermanson	Elhard	Heppner	Julé
Krawetz	Draude	Boyd	Gantefoer
Toth	Peters	Eagles	Wall
Bakken	Bjornerud	D'Autremont	Weekes
Brkich	Harpauer	Wakefield	Wiberg
Hart	Allchurch	Stewart	Kwiatkowski

NAYS – 30

Romanow	Trew	Hagel	Van Mulligen
MacKinnon	Lingenfelter	Melenchuk	Cline
Atkinson	Lautermilch	Thomson	Lorjé
Serby	Belanger	Nilson	Crofford
Hillson	Kowalsky	Sonntag	Hamilton
Prebble	Jones	Higgins	Yates
Harper	Axworthy	Junor	Kasperski
Wartman	Addley		

The question being put on Second Reading of Bill No. 82, it was agreed to and the said Bill was, accordingly, read a second time and referred to a Committee of the Whole at the next sitting.

Bill No. 81 – The Income Tax Act, 2000

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Cline: That Bill No. 81 – The Income Tax Act, 2000 – be now read a second time.

The debate continuing it was moved by Mr. Wakefield, seconded by Mr. Weekes:

That the Assembly do now proceed to Private Members’ Public Bills and Orders, Second Readings, Item No. 16, Bill No. 233 – The Democratic Unionism Act.

The question being put on the motion, it was negated on the following Recorded Division:

YEAS – 24

Hermanson	Elhard	Heppner	Julé
Krawetz	Draude	Boyd	Gantfoer
Toth	Peters	Eagles	Wall
Bakken	Bjornerud	D’Autremont	Weekes
Brkich	Harpauer	Wakefield	Wiberg
Hart	Allchurch	Stewart	Kwiatkowski

NAYS – 28

Trew	Hagel	Van Mulligen	Lingenfelter
Melenchuk	Cline	Atkinson	Lautermilch
Thomson	Lorjé	Serby	Belanger
Nilson	Crofford	Hillson	Kowalsky
Sonntag	Hamilton	Prebble	Jones
Higgins	Yates	Harper	Axworthy
Junor	Kasperski	Wartman	Addley

The question being put on Second Reading of Bill No. 81, it was agreed to and the said Bill was, accordingly, read a second time and referred to a Committee of the Whole at the next sitting.

Bill No. 83 – The Income Tax Consequential Amendment Act, 2000

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Cline: That Bill No. 83 – The Income Tax Consequential Amendment Act, 2000 – 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 and referred to a Committee of the Whole at the next sitting.

Bill No. 84 – The Education and Health Tax Amendment Act, 2000

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Cline: That Bill No. 84 – The Education and Health Tax Amendment Act, 2000 – be now read a second time.

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

YEAS – 29

Romanow	Trew	Hagel	Van Mulligen
Lingenfelter	Melenchuk	Cline	Atkinson
Lautermilch	Thomson	Lorjé	Serby
Belanger	Nilson	Crofford	Hillson
Kowalsky	Sonntag	Hamilton	Prebble
Jones	Higgins	Yates	Harper
Axworthy	Junor	Kasperski	Wartman
Addley			

NAYS – 24

Hermanson	Elhard	Heppner	Julé
Krawetz	Draude	Gantefoer	Boyd
Toth	Peters	Eagles	Wall
Bakken	Bjornerud	D'Autremont	Weekes
Brkich	Harpauer	Wakefield	Wiberg
Hart	Allchurch	Stewart	Kwiatkowski

The said Bill was, accordingly, read a second time and referred to a Committee of the Whole at the next sitting.

Bill No. 85 – The Post-Secondary Graduate Tax Credit Act

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Hagel: That Bill No. 85 – The Post-Secondary Graduate Tax Credit 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 and referred to a Committee of the Whole at the next sitting.

Bill No. 80 – The Court of Appeal Act, 2000

Projet de loi n° 80 – Loi de 2000 sur la Cour d'appel

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Axworthy: That Bill No. 80 – The Court of Appeal Act, 2000 – be now read a second time.

L'Assemblée reprend le débat ajourné sur la motion de l'hon. M. Axworthy: Que le projet de loi n° 80 – Loi de 2000 sur la Cour d'appel – soit maintenant lu une deuxième fois.

The debate continuing, it was moved by Mr. Wall, seconded by Mr. Hermanson:

Le débat poursuit, et sur la motion proposée par M. Wall, appuyée par M. Hermanson que:

“That the Assembly do now proceed to Private Members' Public Bills and Orders, Second Readings, Item No. 5, Bill No. 231 – The Fire-fighter Protection from Liability Act.”

The question being put on the motion, it was negatived on the following Recorded Division:

La motion, mise aux voix, est rejeté par le vote suivant:

YEAS / POUR – 24

Hermanson	Elhard	Heppner	Julé
Krawetz	Draude	Boyd	Gantefoer
Toth	Peters	Eagles	Wall
Bakken	Bjornerud	D'Autremont	Weekes
Brkich	Harpauer	Wakefield	Wiberg
Hart	Allchurch	Stewart	Kwiatkowski

NAYS / CONTRE – 28

Trew	Hagel	Van Mulligen	Lingenfelter
Melenchuk	Cline	Atkinson	Lautermilch
Thomson	Lorjé	Serby	Belanger
Nilson	Crofford	Hillson	Kowalsky
Sonntag	Hamilton	Prebble	Jones
Higgins	Yates	Harper	Axworthy
Junor	Kasperski	Wartman	Addley

The question being put on Second Reading of Bill No. 80, it was agreed to and the said Bill was, accordingly, read a second time and referred to a Committee of the Whole at the next sitting.

La motion, mise aux voix, est adoptée et, en conséquence, ledit projet de loi est lu une deuxième fois et déféré à un Comité plénier à la prochaine séance.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

The Assembly, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

The following Bill was reported without amendment, read the third time and passed:

Bill No. 65 – The Crown Corporations Amendment Act, 2000

The Committee was given leave to sit again.

ROYAL ASSENT

4:37 p.m.

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

Son Honneur le Lieutenant gouverneur fait son entrée dans la Chambre et prend place au Trône.

The Speaker addressed Her Honour:

Le Président s'adresse à Son Honneur:

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

QU'IL PLAISE À VOTRE HONNEUR:

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

Cette Assemblée législative, au cours de la présente session, a adopté des projets de loi que je présente à Votre Honneur, au nom de l'Assemblée, et que de demande respectueusement à Votre Honneur de sanctionner.

The Clerk of the Assembly then read the titles of the Bills that had been passed severally as follows:

La Greffière de l'Assemblée a donné lecture des titres du projets de loi adoptés comme suit:

- Bill No. 46 – The Tobacco Tax Amendment Act, 2000
- Bill No. 27 – The Certified Management Accountants Act
- Bill No. 26 – The Tabling of Documents Amendment Act, 2000
- Bill No. 4 – The Saskatchewan Pension Plan Amendment Act, 2000
- Bill No. 32 – The Municipal Employees' Pension Amendment Act, 2000
- Bill No. 73 – The Licensed Practical Nurses Act, 2000
- Bill No. 41 – The Medical Profession Amendment Act, 2000
- Bill No. 30 – The Vital Statistics Amendment Act, 2000
- Projet de loi n° 30 – Loi de 2000 modifiant la Loi de 1995 sur les services de l'état civil
- Bill No. 3 – The Health Labour Relations Reorganization Amendment Act, 2000
- Bill No. 48 – The Adult Guardianship and Co-decision-making Act
- Bill No. 38 – The Electronic Information and Documents Act, 2000
- Bill No. 66 – The Personal Property Security Amendment Act, 2000
- Bill No. 43 – The Summary Offences Procedure Amendment Act, 2000
- Bill No. 76 – The Research Council Amendment Act, 2000
- Bill No. 40 – The Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technologies Act
- Bill No. 39 – The Department of Post-Secondary Education and Skills Training Act, 2000
- Bill No. 7 – The Student Assistance and Student Aid Fund Amendment Act, 2000
- Bill No. 35 – The Automobile Accident Insurance Amendment Act, 2000 (No. 2)

- Bill No. 36 – The Motor Carrier Amendment Act, 2000
- Bill No. 54 – The Vehicle Administration Amendment Act, 2000 (No. 2)
- Bill No. 78 – The Highway Traffic Amendment Act, 2000 (No. 2)
- Bill No. 9 – The Child and Family Services Amendment Act, 2000
- Bill No. 17 – The Child Care Amendment Act, 2000
- Bill No. 45 – The Fuel Tax Act, 2000
- Bill No. 44 – The Insurance Premiums Tax Amendment Act, 2000
- Bill No. 71 – The Health Districts Amendment Act, 2000
- Bill No. 10 – The Department of Health Amendment Act, 2000
- Bill No. 62 – The Miscellaneous Statutes Repeal (Regulatory Reform) Act, 2000
- Bill No. 29 – The Residential Tenancies Amendment Act, 2000
- Bill No. 77 – The Saskatchewan Human Rights Code Amendment Act, 2000
- Bill No. 15 – The Department of Justice Amendment Act, 2000
- Bill No. 28 – The Ombudsman and Children’s Advocate Amendment Act, 2000
- Bill No. 37 – The Public Libraries Amendment Act, 2000
- Bill No. 69 – The Urban Municipality Amendment Act, 2000
- Bill No. 68 – The Rural Municipality Amendment Act, 2000
- Bill No. 67 – The Northern Municipalities Amendment Act, 2000
- Bill No. 13 – The Education Amendment Act, 2000
- Projet de loi n° 13 – Loi de 2000 modifiant la Loi de 1995 sur l’éducation

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

Son Honneur le Lieutenant gouverneur alors a répondu: “Au nom de Sa Majestée, je sanctionne ces projets de loi.”

Her Honour then retired from the Chamber.

Son Honneur se retire de la Chambre.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE / COMITÉ PLÉNIER

The Assembly, according to Order, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Conformément au Règlement, l'Assemblée se forme en Comité plénier.

The following Bills were reported without amendment, read the third time and passed:

Les projets de loi suivants sont rapportés sans amendement, lus une troisième fois et adoptés:

Bill No. 47 – The Power Corporation Superannuation Amendment Act, 2000

Bill No. 19 – The Saskatchewan Telecommunications Amendment Act, 2000

Bill No. 20 – The Saskatchewan Telecommunications Holding Corporation Amendment Act, 2000

Bill No. 74 – The Alcohol and Gaming Regulation Amendment Act, 2000

Bill No. 75 – The Alcohol and Gaming Regulation Amendment Act, 2000 (No. 2)

Projet de loi n° 75 – Loi no 2 de 2000 modifiant la Loi de 1997 sur la réglementation des boissons alcoolisées et des jeux de hasard

The Committee was given leave to sit again.

COMMITTEE OF FINANCE

The Assembly, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Finance to consider Estimates for the Department of Health.

Progress was reported and the Committee given leave to sit again.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 6:23 p.m. until Thursday at 1:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, JUNE 22, 2000
(66TH DAY)

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: Julé, Draude, Gantfoer, Toth, Eagles, Thomson, Bakken, Addley, Weekes, Wartman, Brkich, Harpauer, Wiberg, Hart, Allchurch, and Stewart.

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

According to Order, the Clerk having favourably reported on the same pursuant to Rule 12(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 cellular service to Lake Alma.
(Sessional Paper No. 244)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to pass comprehensive tobacco control legislation.
(Sessional Paper No. 245)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to ensure the Lanigan and Watrous hospitals remain open.
(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 227)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to legislate a total ban of smoking in all public places and workplaces in Saskatchewan.
(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 235)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to provide the necessary resources to restore the Paddockwood Access Road to an acceptable state.
(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 236)

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE / COMITÉ PLÉNIER

The Assembly, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

During consideration of Bill No. 6 – The Mentally Disordered Persons Amendment Act, 1999 – it was moved by the Hon. Mr. Axworthy:

Amend Clause 1 of the printed Bill by striking out “*The Mentally Disordered Persons Amendment Act, 1999*” and substituting “*The Mentally Disordered Persons Amendment Act, 2000*”.

The amendment was agreed to.

The question being put on Clause 1, as amended, it was agreed to.

The following Bill was reported with amendment, considered as amended, and by leave of the Assembly, read the third time and passed:

Bill No. 6 – The Mentally Disordered Persons Amendment Act, 2000

The following Bills were reported without amendment, read the third time and passed: Les projets de loi suivants sont rapportés sans amendement, lus une troisième fois et adoptés:

Bill No. 70 – The Education (Elimination of Business Tax) Amendment Act, 2000

Projet de loi n° 70 – Loi de 2000 modifiant la Loi sur l’éducation (élimination de la taxe professionnelle)

Bill No. 14 – The Film Employment Tax Credit Amendment Act, 2000

Bill No. 22 – The Local Improvements Amendment Act, 2000

Bill No. 23 – The Planning and Development Amendment Act, 2000

Bill No. 16 – The Justice Statutes (Consumer Protection) Amendment Act, 2000

Bill No. 31 – The Police Amendment Act, 2000

Bill No. 34 – The Saskatchewan Evidence Amendment Act, 2000

Bill No. 79 – The Saskatchewan Centre of the Arts Act, 2000

Bill No. 61 – The Engineering and Geoscience Professions Amendment Act, 2000

Bill No. 49 – The Highways and Transportation Amendment Act, 2000

The Committee was given leave to sit again.

COMMITTEE OF FINANCE

The Assembly, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Finance to consider Estimates for the Department of Economic and Co-operative Development.

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2001, the sum of \$59,939,000 for Economic and Co-operative Development (Ordinary).

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2001, the sum of \$9,160,000 for Economic and Co-operative Development (Lending and Investing Activities).

Progress was reported and the Committee given leave to sit again.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 6:19 p.m. until Friday at 10:00 a.m.

FRIDAY, JUNE 23, 2000
(67TH DAY)

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: Toth, Eagles, Bakken, McMorris, Weekes, Harpauer, Wakefield, Addley, Kowalsky, Wiberg, Hart, Thomson, Allchurch, Wartman, Stewart, Prebble, and Kwiatkowski.

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

According to Order, the Clerk having favourably reported on the same pursuant to Rule 12(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 halt any plans to proceed with the amalgamation of municipalities in Saskatchewan.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 34)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to provide reliable cellular service in the districts of Strasbourg, Duval, Govan, and Bulyea.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 220)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to ensure the Lanigan and Watrous hospitals remain open.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 227)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to legislate a total ban of smoking in all public places and workplaces in Saskatchewan.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 235)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to provide the necessary resources to restore the Paddockwood Access Road to an acceptable state.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 236)

SPEAKER TABLES REPORT

The Speaker laid before the Assembly, in accordance with the provisions of section 14 of *The Provincial Auditor Act*, the Annual Report on Operations of the Office of the Provincial Auditor for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2000.

(Sessional Paper No. 246)

MOTION PURSUANT TO RULE 46

Leave of the Assembly having been granted, pursuant to Rule 46, it was moved by the Hon. Mr. Sonntag, seconded by Mr. Wartman:

That this Assembly call on the Federal Government to immediately provide more funding to relieve increased pressures on Saskatchewan's rural road system due to accelerated consolidation of the grain handling and transportation system.

A debate arising it was moved by Mr. Elhard, seconded by Mr. D'Autremont, in amendment thereto:

That the following words be added to the motion:

“but recognizes as well that the provincial government is responsible for the state of Saskatchewan's highways.”

The debate continuing and the question being put on the amendment, it was negatived on the following Recorded Division:

YEAS – 22

Elhard	Heppner	Krawetz	Draude
Boyd	Gantefoer	Toth	Eagles
Wall	Bakken	Bjornerud	D'Autremont
McMorris	Weekes	Brkich	Harpauer
Wakefield	Wiberg	Hart	Allchurch
Stewart	Kwiatkowski		

NAYS – 28

Trew	Hagel	Van Mulligen	MacKinnon
Lingenfelter	Melenchuk	Cline	Goulet
Lautermilch	Thomson	Lorjé	Serby
Belanger	Nilson	Crofford	Kowalsky
Sonntag	Hamilton	Prebble	Jones
Higgins	Yates	Harper	Axworthy
Junor	Kasperski	Wartman	Addley

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

YEAS – 50

Trew	Hagel	Van Mulligen	MacKinnon
Lingenfelter	Melenchuk	Cline	Goulet
Lautermilch	Thomson	Lorjé	Serby
Belanger	Nilson	Crofford	Kowalsky
Sonntag	Hamilton	Prebble	Jones
Higgins	Yates	Harper	Axworthy
Junor	Kasperski	Wartman	Addley
Elhard	Heppner	Krawetz	Draude
Boyd	Gantefoer	Toth	Eagles
Wall	Bakken	Bjornerud	D'Autremont
McMorris	Weekes	Brkich	Harpauer
Wakefield	Wiberg	Hart	Allchurch
Stewart	Kwiatkowski		

NAYS – 00

TRANSMITTAL MOTION

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Sonntag, by leave of the Assembly:

Ordered, That the Speaker, on behalf of the Legislative Assembly transmit copies and verbatim transcripts of the Rule 46 motion and debate, with respect to the increased pressures on Saskatchewan's rural road system due to accelerated consolidation of the grain handling and transportation to the Prime Minister of Canada, the Federal Minister of Highways and Transportation and the Federal Minister responsible for the Canadian Wheat Board.

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Question No. 197, it was answered. (See Appendix)

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

The Assembly, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

During consideration of Bill No. 1 – The Farm Financial Stability Amendment Act, 1999 – it was moved by the Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter:

Amend Clause 1 of the printed Bill by striking out “*The Farm Financial Stability Amendment Act, 1999*” and substituting “*The Farm Financial Stability Amendment Act, 2000*”.

The amendment was agreed to.

The question being put on Clause 1, as amended, it was agreed to.

During consideration of Bill No. 2 – The Animal Identification Amendment Act, 1999 – it was moved by the Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter:

Amend Clause 1 of the printed Bill by striking out “*The Animal Identification Amendment Act, 1999*” and substituting “*The Animal Identification Amendment Act, 2000*”.

The amendment was agreed to.

The question being put on Clause 1, as amended, it was agreed to.

The following Bills were reported with amendment, considered as amended, and by leave of the Assembly, read the third time and passed:

Bill No. 1 – The Farm Financial Stability Amendment Act, 2000

Bill No. 2 – The Animal Identification Amendment Act, 2000

The following Bills were reported without amendment, read the third time and passed:

Bill No. 24 – The Department of Agriculture Amendment Act, 2000

Bill No. 42 – The Cattle Marketing Deductions Amendment Act, 2000

Bill No. 25 – The Irrigation Amendment Act, 2000

The Committee was given leave to sit again.

COMMITTEE OF FINANCE

The Assembly, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Finance to consider Estimates for the Saskatchewan Water Corporation.

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2001, the sum of \$9,444,000 for Saskatchewan Water Corporation (Ordinary).

Progress was reported and the Committee given leave to sit again.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 2:17 p.m. until Monday at 1:30 p.m.

RETURNS, REPORTS AND PAPERS TABLED

The following paper was laid upon the Table:

By the Hon. Mr. Axworthy:

Amendments to the Bylaws of the following Professional Associations:

Saskatchewan Real Estate Commission
Saskatchewan Land Surveyors Association
Institute of Chartered Accountants of Saskatchewan

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 16)

MONDAY, JUNE 26, 2000
(68TH DAY)

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: Julé, Draude, Gantfoer, Peters, Eagles, Addley, Bakken, Bjornerud, Wartman, D'Autremont, McMorris, Weekes, Harpauer, Wiberg, Hart, Allchurch, Stewart, and Kwiatkowski.

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

According to Order, the Clerk having favourably reported on the same pursuant to Rule 12(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 halt any plans to proceed with the amalgamation of municipalities in Saskatchewan.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 34)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to ensure the Lanigan and Watrous hospitals remain open.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 227)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to ensure the Cupar health care center remains open.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 233)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to legislate a total ban of smoking in all public places and workplaces in Saskatchewan.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 235)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to provide the necessary resources to restore the Paddockwood Access Road to an acceptable state.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 236)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to provide cellular service to Lake Alma.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 244)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to pass comprehensive tobacco control legislation.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 245)

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 198 to 201, they were answered. (See Appendix)

ADJOURNED DEBATES**Bill No. 64 – The Fiscal Stabilization Fund Act**

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Mr. Cline: That Bill No. 64 – The Fiscal Stabilization Fund 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 and referred to a Committee of the Whole at the next sitting.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE / COMITÉ PLÉNIER

The Assembly, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

During consideration of Bill No. 5 – The Parks Amendment Act, 1999 – it was moved by the Hon. Mr. Belanger:

Amend Clause 1 of the printed Bill by striking out “*The Parks Amendment Act, 1999*” and substituting “*The Parks Amendment Act, 2000*”.

The amendment was agreed to.

The question being put on Clause 1, as amended, it was agreed to.

During consideration of Bill No. 81 – The Income Tax Act, 2000 – it was moved by the Hon. Mr. Cline:

Amend the description of TS in subsection (4) of Clause 8 of the printed Bill by adding “on the individual’s income for the year” after “by the individual”.

The amendment was agreed to.

The question being put on Clause 8, as amended, it was agreed to.

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Cline:

Amend the description of TS in subsection (2) of Clause 9 of the printed Bill by adding “on the trust’s income for the year” after “by the trust”.

The amendment was agreed to.

The question being put on Clause 9, as amended, it was agreed to.

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Cline:

Strike out Clause 12 of the printed Bill and substitute the following:

“Spousal credit

12 For the purpose of computing the tax payable pursuant to this Act for a taxation year by an individual described in paragraph (a) of the description of B in subsection 118(1) of the federal Act, there may be deducted a spousal credit in an amount B determined in accordance with the following formula:

$$B = AP \times [\$8,000 - (SI - \$800)]$$

where:

AP is the appropriate percentage for the taxation year; and

SI is the greater of \$800 and:

(a) the income for the year of the individual’s spouse or common-law partner; or

(b) where the individual and the individual’s spouse or common-law partner are living separate and apart at the end of the taxation year because of a breakdown of the marriage or common-law partnership, the income for the year of the spouse or common-law partner while married or in the common-law partnership and not so separated”.

The amendment was agreed to.

The question being put on Clause 12, as amended, it was agreed to.

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Cline:

Strike out Clause 13 of the printed Bill and substitute the following:

“Equivalent-to-spouse credit

13 For the purpose of computing the tax payable pursuant to this Act for a taxation year by an individual described in paragraph (b) of the description of B in subsection 118(1) of the federal Act who does not claim a spousal credit pursuant to section 12 for the taxation year, there may be deducted an equivalent-to-spouse credit in an amount C determined in accordance with the following formula:

$$C = AP \times [\$8,000 - (EI - \$800)]$$

where:

AP is the appropriate percentage for the taxation year; and

EI is the greater of:

(a) \$800; and

(b) the income for the year of the person with respect to whom the equivalent-to-spouse credit is being claimed”.

The amendment was agreed to.

The question being put on Clause 13, as amended, it was agreed to.

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Cline:

Strike out Clause 19 of the printed Bill and substitute the following:

“Dependent child credit

19(1) Subject to subsections (2) and (3), for the purpose of computing the tax payable pursuant to this Act for a taxation year by an individual who is resident in Saskatchewan on the last day of the taxation year, there may be deducted, with respect to each child described in subsection (2), a dependent child credit in an amount I determined in accordance with the following formula:

$$I = AP \times Y$$

where:

AP is the appropriate percentage for the taxation year; and

Y is:

(a) \$1,500 for the 2001 taxation year;

(b) \$2,000 for the 2002 taxation year; and

(c) \$2,500 for the 2003 taxation year and subsequent taxation years.

(2) Subsection (1) applies with respect to a child who:

(a) is residing with the individual on the last day of the taxation year or, in the case of a child who dies during the taxation year, is residing with the individual on the date of the child’s death; and

(b) is a qualified dependant, as defined in section 122.6 of the federal Act, of the individual at any time during the taxation year.

(3) If an individual claims an equivalent-to-spouse credit pursuant to section 13 for a taxation year with respect to a child described in subsection (2), the individual is not entitled to a dependent child credit pursuant to subsection (1) with respect to that child for that taxation year”.

The amendment was agreed to.

The question being put on Clause 19, as amended, it was agreed to.

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Cline:

Strike out Clause 20 of the printed Bill and substitute the following:

“Senior supplementary credit

20(1) For the purpose of computing the tax payable pursuant to this Act for a taxation year by an individual described in subsection (2), there may be deducted a senior supplementary credit in an amount J determined in accordance with the following formula:

$$J = AP \times Y$$

where:

AP is the appropriate percentage for the taxation year; and

Y is:

- (a) \$500 for the 2001 taxation year;
- (b) \$750 for the 2002 taxation year; and
- (c) \$1,000 for the 2003 taxation year and subsequent taxation years.

(2) Subsection (1) applies with respect to an individual:

- (a) who is resident in Saskatchewan on the last day of the taxation year and has attained the age of 65 years before the end of the taxation year; or
- (b) who dies during the taxation year, is resident in Saskatchewan on the date of death and has attained the age of 65 years before the date of death”.

The amendment was agreed to.

The question being put on Clause 20, as amended, it was agreed to.

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Cline:

Strike out Clause 23 of the printed Bill and substitute the following:

“Mental or physical impairment credit

23(1) Subject to subsection (2), for the purpose of computing the tax payable pursuant to this Act for a taxation year by an individual who is eligible for a deduction pursuant to subsection 118.3(1) of the federal Act, there may be deducted a credit with respect to mental or physical impairment in an amount K calculated in accordance with the following formula:

$$K = AP \times \$4,293$$

where AP is the appropriate percentage for the taxation year.

(2) In the case of an individual who is entitled to a credit pursuant to subsection (1) and has not attained the age of 18 years before the end of the taxation year, the amount K calculated pursuant to subsection (1) is to be increased by an amount S calculated in accordance with the following formula:

$$S = AP \times [\$2941 - (C - \$2,000)]$$

where:

AP is the appropriate percentage for the taxation year; and

C is the total of all amounts each of which is an amount paid in the taxation year for the care or supervision of the individual and included in computing a deduction pursuant to section 63, 64 or 118.2 of the federal Act for the taxation year.

(3) Subsection (2) applies only if the proposal contained in paragraph (15) of the Notice of Ways and Means Motion to Amend the *Income Tax Act* tabled in the House of Commons on February 28, 2000 is enacted, with or without amendments, by the Parliament of Canada and comes into force.

(4) For the purpose of computing the tax payable pursuant to this Act for a taxation year by an individual who is eligible for a deduction pursuant to subsection 118.3(2) of the federal Act with respect to a person described in that subsection, there may be deducted a credit with respect to mental or physical impairment in an amount KD calculated in accordance with the following formula:

$$KD = K - T$$

where:

K is the amount K calculated pursuant to subsection (1) in computing the tax payable pursuant to this Act by that person for the taxation year; and

T is the amount of that person's tax payable pursuant to this Act for the taxation year computed before any deductions are taken except pursuant to sections 11 to 20 and 28.

(5) Subsection 118.3(3) of the federal Act applies for the purposes of subsection (4)”.

The amendment was agreed to.

The question being put on Clause 23, as amended, it was agreed to.

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Cline:

Strike out Clause 46 of the printed Bill and substitute the following:

“Lump sum payments for previous years

46(1) Subject to subsection (2), there must be added in computing an individual’s tax payable pursuant to this Act for a taxation year an amount equal to 65% of the total of any amounts added pursuant to section 120.3 or 120.31 of the federal Act or section 40 of the *Income Tax Application Rules* (Canada) for the purpose of computing the individual’s tax payable pursuant to Part I of the federal Act for the taxation year.

(2) The tax payable pursuant to subsection (1) for a taxation year by an individual described in clause 6(1)(b) or (c) is the amount T calculated in accordance with the following formula:

$$T = TS \times \frac{A}{B}$$

where:

TS is the amount of tax otherwise payable pursuant to subsection (1) for the taxation year by the individual;

A is the individual’s income earned in the taxation year in Saskatchewan; and

B is the individual’s income for the year”.

The amendment was agreed to.

The question being put on Clause 46, as amended, it was agreed to.

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Cline:

Strike out Clause 47 of the printed Bill and substitute the following:

“Minimum tax

47(1) If an individual is required to pay tax pursuant to section 127.5 of the federal Act with respect to a taxation year, the amount of tax that the individual is required to pay pursuant to this Act with respect to that taxation year is the greater of:

(a) the tax payable pursuant to Division 1 less any applicable deductions the individual is entitled to pursuant to Divisions 2 and 3; and

(b) subject to subsection (2), 50% of the tax payable pursuant to section 127.5 of the federal Act.

(2) For the purposes of clause (1)(b), the tax payable pursuant to section 127.5 of the federal Act for a taxation year by an individual described in clause 6(1)(b) or (c) is deemed to be the amount T calculated in accordance with the following formula:

$$T = TS \times \frac{A}{B}$$

where:

TS is the amount of tax otherwise payable pursuant to section 127.5 of the federal Act for the taxation year by the individual;

A is the individual's income earned in the taxation year in Saskatchewan; and

B is the individual's income for the year".

The amendment was agreed to.

The question being put on Clause 47, as amended, it was agreed to.

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Cline:

Strike out Clause 48 of the printed Bill and substitute the following:

"Tax on split income

48(1) Subject to subsections (2) and (3), section 120.4 of the federal Act applies for the purposes of this Act.

(2) The tax payable pursuant to subsection (1) for a taxation year by an individual described in clause 6(1)(b) or (c) is the amount T calculated in accordance with the following formula:

$$T = TS \times \frac{A}{B}$$

where:

TS is the amount of tax otherwise payable pursuant to subsection (1) for the taxation year by the individual;

A is the individual's income earned in the taxation year in Saskatchewan; and

B is the individual's income for the year.

(3) In applying subsection 120.4(2) of the federal Act for the purposes of this Act, the percentage set out in clause 8(1)(c), 8(2)(c) or 8(3)(c) of this Act, as the case may be, for the taxation year is to be used instead of the percentage set out in subsection 120.4(2) of the federal Act".

The amendment was agreed to.

The question being put on Clause 48, as amended, it was agreed to.

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Cline:

Strike out Clause 49 of the printed Bill and substitute the following:

“Ordering of credits

49 In computing an individual’s tax payable pursuant to this Act, the following sections must be applied in the following order:

sections 11, 12, 13, 19, 14, 15, 16, 17, 20, 28, 18, 23, 26, 24 and 25, subsections 29(3) and 29(1) and sections 22, 21, 27 and 32”.

The amendment was agreed to.

The question being put on Clause 49, as amended, it was agreed to.

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Cline:

Amend Clause 51 of the printed Bill:

(a) in subsection (1) by striking out clause (e) and substituting the following:

“(e) in section 23:

(i) the amount expressed in dollars in the formula in subsection (1); and

(ii) the amounts expressed in dollars in the formula in subsection (2)”;

(b) in subsection (2) by striking out “paragraph 117.1(1)(c)” and substituting “paragraph 117.1(1)(a)”.

The amendment was agreed to.

The question being put on Clause 51, as amended, it was agreed to.

During consideration of Bill No. 84 – The Education and Health Tax Amendment Act, 2000 – and the question being put on Clause 19, it was agreed to on the following Recorded Division:

YEAS – 30

Romanow	Hagel	Van Mulligen	MacKinnon
Lingenfelter	Melenchuk	Cline	Atkinson
Goulet	Lautermilch	Thomson	Lorjé
Serby	Belanger	Nilson	Crofford
Hillson	Kowalsky	Sonntag	Hamilton
Prebble	Jones	Higgins	Yates
Harper	Axworthy	Junor	Kasperski
Wartman	Addley		

NAYS – 20

Hermanson	Heppner	Julé	Krawetz
Draude	Boyd	Gantefoer	Peters
Eagles	Wall	Bakken	Bjornerud
D'Autremont	McMorris	Harpauer	Wakefield
Wiberg	Hart	Allchurch	Kwiatkowski

The Committee recessed from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

The following Bills were reported with amendment, considered as amended, and by leave of the Assembly, read the third time and passed:

Bill No. 5 – The Parks Amendment Act, 2000

Bill No. 81 – The Income Tax Act, 2000

The following Bills were reported without amendment, read the third time and passed:

Les projets de loi suivants sont rapportés sans amendement, lus une troisième fois et adoptés:

Bill No. 52 – The Wildlife Amendment Act, 2000

Projet de loi n° 52 – Loi de 2000 modifiant la Loi sur la faune

Bill No. 53 – The Wildlife Act Consequential Amendment Act, 2000

Bill No. 60 – The Forest Resources Management Amendment Act, 2000

Bill No. 82 – The Income Tax Amendment Act, 2000

Bill No. 83 – The Income Tax Consequential Amendment Act, 2000

Bill No. 84 – The Education and Health Tax Amendment Act, 2000

Bill No. 85 – The Post-Secondary Graduate Tax Credit Act

The Committee was given leave to sit again.

COMMITTEE OF FINANCE

The Assembly, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Finance to consider Estimates for the Department of Health.

The Committee then considered Estimates for the Department of Highways and Transportation.

Progress was reported and the Committee given leave to sit again.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 11:13 p.m. until Tuesday at 1:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, JUNE 27, 2000
(69TH DAY)

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: Julé, Draude, Thomson, Gantfoer, Addley, Peters, Eagles, Higgins, Wartman, Wall, Bakken, Nilson, Bjornerud, D'Autremont, McMorris, Weekes, Brkich, Harpauer, Wiberg, Hart, Allchurch, and Stewart.

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

According to Order, the Clerk having favourably reported on the same pursuant to Rule 12(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 begin reconstruction of Highway 47 from the Handsworth turnoff to Junction No. 1 Highway.

(Sessional Paper No. 247)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to set aside any plans to revert Saskatchewan highways back to gravel.

(Sessional Paper No. 248)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to halt any plans to proceed with the amalgamation of municipalities in Saskatchewan.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 34)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to ensure the Lanigan and Watrous hospitals remain open.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 227)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to legislate a total ban of smoking in all public places and workplaces in Saskatchewan.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 235)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to provide the necessary resources to restore the Paddockwood Access Road to an acceptable state.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 236)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to rescind the recent large increases in nursing home fees.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 243)

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON CROWN CORPORATIONS

Mr. Thomson, Chair of the Standing Committee on Crown Corporations, presented the First Report of the said Committee which is as follows:

Your Committee, in reviewing its business for the current Legislature, has concluded that the ability to hold hearings away from the City of Regina is needed in order to fully carry out its terms of reference.

Your Committee recommends, therefore that the Assembly do authorize the Standing Committee on Crown Corporations to hold meetings away from the seat of government.

(Sessional Paper No. 249)

On motion of Mr. Thomson, seconded by Mr. Harper:

Ordered, That the First Report of the Standing Committee on Crown Corporations be now concurred in.

MOTION REGARDING THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON TOBACCO CONTROL

On motion of Mr. Kowalsky, seconded by Ms. Eagles, by leave of the Assembly:

Ordered, That the Special Committee on Tobacco Control be authorized, during any period of adjournment of the First Session of the Twenty-fourth Legislature, to make a report on its enquiries by filing the same with the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly; and that the report shall be distributed in accordance with *The Tabling of Documents Act*.

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 202 to 205, they were answered. (See Appendix)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Motion No. 11, it was moved by Mr. Krawetz, seconded by Mr. Boyd:

That this Assembly expresses its non-confidence in the current provincial government.

A debate arising and the question being put, it was negatived on the following Recorded Division:

YEAS – 24

Hermanson	Elhard	Heppner	Julé
Krawetz	Draude	Boyd	Gantefoer
Toth	Eagles	Wall	Bakken
Bjornerud	D'Autremont	McMorris	Weekes
Brkich	Harpauer	Wakefield	Wiberg
Hart	Allchurch	Stewart	Kwiatkowski

NAYS – 30

Romanow	Hagel	Van Mulligen	MacKinnon
Lingenfelter	Melenchuk	Cline	Atkinson
Goulet	Lautermilch	Thomson	Lorjé
Serby	Belanger	Nilson	Crofford
Hillson	Kowalsky	Sonntag	Hamilton
Prebble	Jones	Higgins	Yates
Harper	Axworthy	Junor	Kasperski
Wartman	Addley		

Unanimous consent having been granted, the Assembly proceeded to Government Orders.

ADJOURNED DEBATES

Bill No. 59 – The Construction Industry Labour Relations Amendment Act, 2000

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Hon. Ms. Crofford: That Bill No. 59 – The Construction Industry Labour Relations Amendment Act, 2000 – 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 and referred to a Committee of the Whole at the next sitting.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE / COMITÉ PLÉNIER

The Assembly, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

The following Bills were reported without amendment, read the third time and passed: Les projets de loi suivants sont rapportés sans amendement, lus une troisième fois et adoptés:

Bill No. 63 – The Legal Aid Amendment Act, 2000

Bill No. 50 – The Interpretation Amendment Act, 2000
Projet de loi n° 50 – Loi de 2000 modifiant la Loi d'interprétation de 1995

Bill No. 51 – The Interpretation Act Consequential Amendment Act, 2000

Bill No. 80 – The Court of Appeal Act, 2000
Projet de loi n° 80 – Loi de 2000 sur la Cour d'appel

The Committee was given leave to sit again.

MOTION REGARDING THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON CROWN CORPORATIONS

On motion of Mr. Thomson, seconded by Mr. McMorris, by leave of the Assembly:

Ordered, That the Standing Committee on Crown Corporations have the authority to travel and hold meetings away from the seat of Government in order that the fullest representations may be received without unduly inconveniencing those desiring to be heard.

The Assembly recessed from 5:08 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

BILL NO. 86 – THE WOOD RIVER CONSTITUENCY BY-ELECTION ACT

Leave of the Assembly having been granted, the following Bill was received, read the first time, and by leave of the Assembly and pursuant to Rule 55, ordered to be read a second time later this day:

Bill No. 86 – The Wood River Constituency By-election Act

(Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter)

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter: That Bill No. 86 – The Wood River Constituency By-election Act – 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 by leave of the Assembly and pursuant to Rule 55, referred to Committee of the Whole later this day.

The Assembly, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

The following Bill was reported without amendment, read the third time and passed:

Bill No. 86 – The Wood River Constituency By-election Act

The Committee was given leave to sit again.

ROYAL ASSENT

7:08 p.m.

His Honour the Administrator, having entered the Chamber, took his seat upon the Throne.

The Speaker addressed His Honour:

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

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

The Deputy Clerk of the Assembly then read the titles of the Bills that had been passed severally as follows:

- Bill No. 65 – The Crown Corporations Amendment Act, 2000
- Bill No. 47 – The Power Corporation Superannuation Amendment Act, 2000
- Bill No. 19 – The Saskatchewan Telecommunications Amendment Act, 2000
- Bill No. 20 – The Saskatchewan Telecommunications Holding Corporation Amendment Act, 2000
- Bill No. 74 – The Alcohol and Gaming Regulation Amendment Act, 2000
- Bill No. 75 – The Alcohol and Gaming Regulation Amendment Act, 2000 (No. 2)
- Projet de loi n° 75 – Loi n° 2 de 2000 modifiant la Loi de 1997 sur la réglementation des boissons alcoolisées et des jeux de hasard
- Bill No. 70 – The Education (Elimination of Business Tax) Amendment Act, 2000
- Projet de loi n° 70 – Loi de 2000 modifiant la Loi sur l'éducation (élimination de la taxe professionnelle)
- Bill No. 14 – The Film Employment Tax Credit Amendment Act, 2000
- Bill No. 22 – The Local Improvements Amendment Act, 2000
- Bill No. 23 – The Planning and Development Amendment Act, 2000
- Bill No. 6 – The Mentally Disordered Persons Amendment Act, 2000
- Bill No. 16 – The Justice Statutes (Consumer Protection) Amendment Act, 2000
- Bill No. 31 – The Police Amendment Act, 2000
- Bill No. 34 – The Saskatchewan Evidence Amendment Act, 2000
- Bill No. 79 – The Saskatchewan Centre of the Arts Act, 2000

- Bill No. 61 – The Engineering and Geoscience Professions Amendment Act, 2000
- Bill No. 49 – The Highways and Transportation Amendment Act, 2000
- Bill No. 1 – The Farm Financial Stability Amendment Act, 2000
- Bill No. 2 – The Animal Identification Amendment Act, 2000
- Bill No. 24 – The Department of Agriculture Amendment Act, 2000
- Bill No. 42 – The Cattle Marketing Deductions Amendment Act, 2000
- Bill No. 25 – The Irrigation Amendment Act, 2000
- Bill No. 52 – The Wildlife Amendment Act, 2000
Projet de loi n° 52 – Loi de 2000 modifiant la Loi sur la faune
- Bill No. 53 – The Wildlife Act Consequential Amendment Act, 2000
- Bill No. 5 – The Parks Amendment Act, 2000
- Bill No. 60 – The Forest Resources Management Amendment Act, 2000
- Bill No. 82 – The Income Tax Amendment Act, 2000
- Bill No. 81 – The Income Tax Act, 2000
- Bill No. 83 – The Income Tax Consequential Amendment Act, 2000
- Bill No. 84 – The Education and Health Tax Amendment Act, 2000
- Bill No. 85 – The Post-Secondary Graduate Tax Credit Act
- Bill No. 63 – The Legal Aid Amendment Act, 2000
- Bill No. 50 – The Interpretation Amendment Act, 2000
Projet de loi n° 50 – Loi de 2000 modifiant la Loi d'interprétation de 1995
- Bill No. 51 – The Interpretation Act Consequential Amendment Act, 2000
- Bill No. 80 – The Court of Appeal Act, 2000
Projet de loi n° 80 – Loi de 2000 sur la Cour d'appel
- Bill No. 86 – The Wood River Constituency By-election Act

His Honour the Administrator then replied: “In Her Majesty’s name, I assent to these Bills.”

His Honour then retired from the Chamber.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE / COMITÉ PLÉNIER

The Assembly, according to Order, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

The following Bills were reported without amendment, read the third time and passed:

Les projets de loi suivants sont rapportés sans amendement, lus une troisième fois et adoptés:

Bill No. 55 – The Land Titles Act, 2000

Bill No. 56 – The Land Titles Consequential Amendment Act, 2000

Projet de loi n° 56 – Loi de 2000 apportant des modifications corrélatives à la loi intitulée The Land Titles Act, 2000

Bill No. 57 – The Land Surveys Act, 2000

Bill No. 58 – The Condominium Property Amendment Act, 2000

Bill No. 64 – The Fiscal Stabilization Fund Act

The Committee was given leave to sit again.

COMMITTEE OF FINANCE

The Assembly, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Finance to consider Estimates for the Fiscal Stabilization Fund.

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2001, the sum of \$405,000,000 for the Fiscal Stabilization Fund (Transfer).

The Committee then considered Estimates for the Department of Agriculture and Food.

Progress was reported and the Committee given leave to sit again.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 9:42 p.m. until Wednesday at 1:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28, 2000
(70TH DAY)

1:30 p.m.

PRAYERS

SEATING OF THE MEMBER FOR WOOD RIVER

Before Orders of the Day, Mr. Delwood F. (Yogi) Huyghebaert, Member for the Constituency of Wood River, having previously taken the Oath, according to law, and subscribed the Roll containing the same, took his seat in the Assembly.

PRESENTING PETITIONS

Petitions of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan were presented and laid upon the Table by the following Members: Elhard, Heppner, Julé, Thomson, Krawetz, Addley, Hermanson, Draude, Kowalsky, Eagles, Bakken, Bjornerud, and D'Autremont.

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

According to Order, the Clerk having favourably reported on the same pursuant to Rule 12(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 federal and provincial governments to reduce fuel taxes.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 101)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to provide reliable cellular service in the districts of Prud'Homme, Bruno, Vonda, and Cudworth.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 216)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to ensure the Lanigan and Watrous hospitals remain open.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 227)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to ensure the Cupar health care center remains open.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 233)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to legislate a total ban of smoking in all public places and workplaces in Saskatchewan.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 235)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to provide the necessary resources to restore the Paddockwood Access Road to an acceptable state.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 236)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to rescind the recent large increases in nursing home fees.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 243)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to provide cellular service to Lake Alma.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 244)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to begin reconstruction of Highway 47 from the Handsworth turnoff to Junction No. 1 Highway.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 247)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to set aside any plans to revert Saskatchewan highways back to gravel.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 248)

**INTERIM REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE
TO PREVENT THE ABUSE AND EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN THROUGH THE SEX TRADE**

Ms. Julé and Mr. Prebble, Co-Chairs of the Special Committee To Prevent the Abuse and Exploitation of Children Through the Sex Trade, presented the Interim Report of the said Committee.

(Sessional Paper No. 250)

On motion of Mr. Prebble, seconded by Ms. Julé:

Ordered, That the Interim Report of the Special Committee to Prevent the Abuse and Exploitation of Children Through the Sex Trade be now concurred in.

On motion of Mr. Prebble, seconded by Ms. Julé, by leave of the Assembly:

Ordered, That the Special Committee to Prevent the Abuse and Exploitation of Children Through the Sex Trade be authorized, during any period of adjournment of the First Session of the Twenty-fourth Legislature, to make a report on its enquiries by filing the same with the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly; and that the report shall be distributed in accordance with *The Tabling of Documents Act*.

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

The Order of the Day being called for Question Nos. 206 to 210, they were answered. (See Appendix)

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

The Assembly, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

During consideration of Bill No. 59 – The Construction Industry Labour Relations Amendment Act, 2000 – and the question being put on Clause 1, it was agreed to on the following Recorded Division:

YEAS – 27

Romanow	Hagel	Van Mulligen	MacKinnon
Lingenfelter	Melenchuk	Atkinson	Goulet
Lautermilch	Thomson	Lorjé	Serby
Belanger	Nilson	Crofford	Hillson
Kowalsky	Sonntag	Hamilton	Prebble
Jones	Higgins	Yates	Harper
Axworthy	Junor	Kasperski	

NAYS – 23

Hermanson	Elhard	Heppner	Julé
Draude	Boyd	Stewart	Eagles
Wall	Bakken	Bjornerud	D'Autremont
McMorris	Weekes	Kwiatkowski	Brkich
Harpauer	Wakefield	Wiberg	Hart
Allchurch	Peters	Huyghebaert	

The question being put on Clause 2, it was agreed to on the following Recorded Division:

YEAS – 27

Romanow	Hagel	Van Mulligen	MacKinnon
Lingenfelter	Melenchuk	Atkinson	Goulet
Lautermilch	Thomson	Lorjé	Serby
Belanger	Nilson	Crofford	Hillson
Kowalsky	Sonntag	Hamilton	Prebble
Jones	Higgins	Yates	Harper
Axworthy	Junor	Kasperski	

NAYS – 23

Hermanson	Elhard	Heppner	Julé
Draude	Boyd	Stewart	Eagles
Wall	Bakken	Bjornerud	D'Autremont
McMorris	Weekes	Kwiatkowski	Brkich
Harpauer	Wakefield	Wiberg	Hart
Allchurch	Peters	Huyghebaert	

Moved by Mr. Weekes:

Amend Clause 3 of the printed Bill by repealing clause 2(m) as being enacted by *The Construction Industry Labour Relations Amendment Act, 2000* and substituting the following:

- “(m) **‘representative employers’ organization’** means an employers’ organization that is:
- (i) recommended to the minister by a majority of all employers who are parties to province-wide agreements for the respective trade division; and
 - (ii) designated by the minister”.

The question being put on the amendment, it was negatived on the following Recorded Division:

YEAS – 23

Hermanson	Elhard	Heppner	Julé
Draude	Boyd	Stewart	Eagles
Wall	Bakken	Bjornerud	D’Autremont
McMorris	Weekes	Kwiatkowski	Brkich
Harpauer	Wakefield	Wiberg	Hart
Allchurch	Peters	Huyghebaert	

NAYS – 27

Romanow	Hagel	Van Mulligen	MacKinnon
Lingenfelter	Melenchuk	Atkinson	Goulet
Lautermilch	Thomson	Lorjé	Serby
Belanger	Nilson	Crofford	Hillson
Kowalsky	Sonntag	Hamilton	Prebble
Jones	Higgins	Yates	Harper
Axworthy	Junor	Kasperski	

The question being put on Clause 3, it was agreed to on the following Recorded Division:

YEAS – 27

Romanow	Hagel	Van Mulligen	MacKinnon
Lingenfelter	Melenchuk	Atkinson	Goulet
Lautermilch	Thomson	Lorjé	Serby
Belanger	Nilson	Crofford	Hillson
Kowalsky	Sonntag	Hamilton	Prebble
Jones	Higgins	Yates	Harper
Axworthy	Junor	Kasperski	

NAYS – 23

Hermanson	Elhard	Heppner	Julé
Draude	Boyd	Stewart	Eagles
Wall	Bakken	Bjornerud	D’Autremont
McMorris	Weekes	Kwiatkowski	Brkich
Harpauer	Wakefield	Wiberg	Hart
Allchurch	Peters	Huyghebaert	

The question being put on Clause 4, it was agreed to on the following Recorded Division:

YEAS – 27

Romanow	Hagel	Van Mulligen	MacKinnon
Lingenfelter	Melenchuk	Atkinson	Goulet
Lautermilch	Thomson	Lorjé	Serby
Belanger	Nilson	Crofford	Hillson
Kowalsky	Sonntag	Hamilton	Prebble
Jones	Higgins	Yates	Harper
Axworthy	Junor	Kasperski	

NAYS – 23

Hermanson	Elhard	Heppner	Julé
Draude	Boyd	Stewart	Eagles
Wall	Bakken	Bjornerud	D’Autremont
McMorris	Weekes	Kwiatkowski	Brkich
Harpauer	Wakefield	Wiberg	Hart
Allchurch	Peters	Huyghebaert	

The question being put on Clause 5, it was agreed to on the following Recorded Division:

YEAS – 27

Romanow	Hagel	Van Mulligen	MacKinnon
Lingenfelter	Melenchuk	Atkinson	Goulet
Lautermilch	Thomson	Lorjé	Serby
Belanger	Nilson	Crofford	Hillson
Kowalsky	Sonntag	Hamilton	Prebble
Jones	Higgins	Yates	Harper
Axworthy	Junor	Kasperski	

NAYS – 23

Hermanson	Elhard	Heppner	Julé
Draude	Boyd	Stewart	Eagles
Wall	Bakken	Bjornerud	D’Autremont
McMorris	Weekes	Kwiatkowski	Brkich
Harpauer	Wakefield	Wiberg	Hart
Allchurch	Peters	Huyghebaert	

Moved by Mr. Weekes:

Amend Clause 6 of the printed Bill as being enacted by section 10.1 of *The Construction Industry Labour Relations Amendment Act, 2000* by striking out “designated pursuant to section 9.1, or designated by the minister pursuant to section 10,”.

The question being put on the amendment, it was negatived on the following Recorded Division:

YEAS – 24

Hermanson	Elhard	Heppner	Julé
Krawetz	Draude	Boyd	Stewart
Eagles	Wall	Bakken	Bjornerud
D’Autremont	McMorris	Weekes	Kwiatkowski
Brkich	Harpauer	Wakefield	Wiberg
Hart	Allchurch	Peters	Huyghebaert

NAYS – 27

Romanow	Hagel	Van Mulligen	MacKinnon
Lingenfelter	Melenchuk	Atkinson	Goulet
Lautermilch	Thomson	Lorjé	Serby
Belanger	Nilson	Crofford	Hillson
Kowalsky	Sonntag	Hamilton	Prebble
Jones	Higgins	Yates	Harper
Axworthy	Junor	Kasperski	

The question being put on Clause No. 6, it was agreed to on the following Recorded Division:

YEAS – 27

Romanow	Hagel	Van Mulligen	MacKinnon
Lingenfelter	Melenchuk	Atkinson	Goulet
Lautermilch	Thomson	Lorjé	Serby
Belanger	Nilson	Crofford	Hillson
Kowalsky	Sonntag	Hamilton	Prebble
Jones	Higgins	Yates	Harper
Axworthy	Junor	Kasperski	

NAYS – 24

Hermanson	Elhard	Heppner	Julé
Krawetz	Draude	Boyd	Stewart
Eagles	Wall	Bakken	Bjornerud
D’Autremont	McMorris	Weekes	Kwiatkowski
Brkich	Harpauer	Wakefield	Wiberg
Hart	Allchurch	Peters	Huyghebaert

The question being put on Clause 7, it was agreed to on the following Recorded Division:

YEAS – 27

Romanow	Hagel	Van Mulligen	MacKinnon
Lingenfelter	Melenchuk	Atkinson	Goulet
Lautermilch	Thomson	Lorjé	Serby
Belanger	Nilson	Crofford	Hillson
Kowalsky	Sonntag	Hamilton	Prebble
Jones	Higgins	Yates	Harper
Axworthy	Junor	Kasperski	

NAYS – 24

Hermanson	Elhard	Heppner	Julé
Krawetz	Draude	Boyd	Stewart
Eagles	Wall	Bakken	Bjornerud
D'Autremont	McMorris	Weekes	Kwiatkowski
Brkich	Harpauer	Wakefield	Wiberg
Hart	Allchurch	Peters	Huyghebaert

The question being put on Clause 8, it was agreed to on the following Recorded Division:

YEAS – 27

Romanow	Hagel	Van Mulligen	MacKinnon
Lingenfelter	Melenchuk	Atkinson	Goulet
Lautermilch	Thomson	Lorjé	Serby
Belanger	Nilson	Crofford	Hillson
Kowalsky	Sonntag	Hamilton	Prebble
Jones	Higgins	Yates	Harper
Axworthy	Junor	Kasperski	

NAYS – 24

Hermanson	Elhard	Heppner	Julé
Krawetz	Draude	Boyd	Stewart
Eagles	Wall	Bakken	Bjornerud
D'Autremont	McMorris	Weekes	Kwiatkowski
Brkich	Harpauer	Wakefield	Wiberg
Hart	Allchurch	Peters	Huyghebaert

The question being put on Clause 9, it was agreed to on the following Recorded Division:

YEAS – 27

Romanow	Hagel	Van Mulligen	MacKinnon
Lingenfelter	Melenchuk	Atkinson	Goulet
Lautermilch	Thomson	Lorjé	Serby
Belanger	Nilson	Crofford	Hillson
Kowalsky	Sonntag	Hamilton	Prebble
Jones	Higgins	Yates	Harper
Axworthy	Junor	Kasperski	

NAYS – 24

Hermanson	Elhard	Heppner	Julé
Krawetz	Draude	Boyd	Stewart
Eagles	Wall	Bakken	Bjornerud
D'Autremont	McMorris	Weekes	Kwiatkowski
Brkich	Harpauer	Wakefield	Wiberg
Hart	Allchurch	Peters	Huyghebaert

The question being put on Clause 10, it was agreed to on the following Recorded Division:

YEAS – 27

Romanow	Hagel	Van Mulligen	MacKinnon
Lingenfelter	Melenchuk	Atkinson	Goulet
Lautermilch	Thomson	Lorjé	Serby
Belanger	Nilson	Crofford	Hillson
Kowalsky	Sonntag	Hamilton	Prebble
Jones	Higgins	Yates	Harper
Axworthy	Junor	Kasperski	

NAYS – 24

Hermanson	Elhard	Heppner	Julé
Krawetz	Draude	Boyd	Stewart
Eagles	Wall	Bakken	Bjornerud
D'Autremont	McMorris	Weekes	Kwiatkowski
Brkich	Harpauer	Wakefield	Wiberg
Hart	Allchurch	Peters	Huyghebaert

Moved by Mr. Weekes:

Amend Clause 11 of the printed Bill:

(a) in subsection (1), by repealing subsection 18(1) as being enacted by *The Construction Industry Labour Relations Amendment Act, 2000* and substituting the following:

“(1) On the application of an employer or a trade union affected, the board may declare a company unionized only after a proper certification proceedings are followed and no union organization may take place without a vote by the employees affected”; and

(b) in subsection (2), by repealing clause 18(4)(b) as being enacted by *The Construction Industry Labour Relations Amendment Act, 2000* and substituting the following:

“(b) are bound by a designation of a representative employers’ organization designated by the minister pursuant to subsection 10”.

The question being put on the amendment, it was negatived on the following Recorded Division:

YEAS – 24

Hermanson	Elhard	Heppner	Julé
Krawetz	Draude	Boyd	Stewart
Eagles	Wall	Bakken	Bjornerud
D’Autremont	McMorris	Weekes	Kwiatkowski
Brkich	Harpauer	Wakefield	Wiberg
Hart	Allchurch	Peters	Huyghebaert

NAYS – 27

Romanow	Hagel	Van Mulligen	MacKinnon
Lingenfelter	Melenchuk	Atkinson	Goulet
Lautermilch	Thomson	Lorjé	Serby
Belanger	Nilson	Crofford	Hillson
Kowalsky	Sonntag	Hamilton	Prebble
Jones	Higgins	Yates	Harper
Axworthy	Junor	Kasperski	

The question being put on Clause 11, it was agreed to on the following Recorded Division:

YEAS – 27

Romanow	Hagel	Van Mulligen	MacKinnon
Lingenfelter	Melenchuk	Atkinson	Goulet
Lautermilch	Thomson	Lorjé	Serby
Belanger	Nilson	Crofford	Hillson
Kowalsky	Sonntag	Hamilton	Prebble
Jones	Higgins	Yates	Harper
Axworthy	Junor	Kasperski	

NAYS – 24

Hermanson	Elhard	Heppner	Julé
Krawetz	Draude	Boyd	Stewart
Eagles	Wall	Bakken	Bjornerud
D'Autremont	McMorris	Weekes	Kwiatkowski
Brkich	Harpauer	Wakefield	Wiberg
Hart	Allchurch	Peters	Huyghebaert

The question being put on Clause 12, it was agreed to on the following Recorded Division:

YEAS – 27

Romanow	Hagel	Van Mulligen	MacKinnon
Lingenfelter	Melenchuk	Atkinson	Goulet
Lautermilch	Thomson	Lorjé	Serby
Belanger	Nilson	Crofford	Hillson
Kowalsky	Sonntag	Hamilton	Prebble
Jones	Higgins	Yates	Harper
Axworthy	Junor	Kasperski	

NAYS – 24

Hermanson	Elhard	Heppner	Julé
Krawetz	Draude	Boyd	Stewart
Eagles	Wall	Bakken	Bjornerud
D'Autremont	McMorris	Weekes	Kwiatkowski
Brkich	Harpauer	Wakefield	Wiberg
Hart	Allchurch	Peters	Huyghebaert

The question being put on Clause 13, it was agreed to on the following Recorded Division:

YEAS – 27

Romanow	Hagel	Van Mulligen	MacKinnon
Lingenfelter	Melenchuk	Atkinson	Goulet
Lautermilch	Thomson	Lorjé	Serby
Belanger	Nilson	Crofford	Hillson
Kowalsky	Sonntag	Hamilton	Prebble
Jones	Higgins	Yates	Harper
Axworthy	Junor	Kasperski	

NAYS – 24

Hermanson	Elhard	Heppner	Julé
Krawetz	Draude	Boyd	Stewart
Eagles	Wall	Bakken	Bjornerud
D'Autremont	McMorris	Weekes	Kwiatkowski
Brkich	Harpauer	Wakefield	Wiberg
Hart	Allchurch	Peters	Huyghebaert

The question being put on Clause 14, it was agreed to on the following Recorded Division:

YEAS – 27

Romanow	Hagel	Van Mulligen	MacKinnon
Lingenfelter	Melenchuk	Atkinson	Goulet
Lautermilch	Thomson	Lorjé	Serby
Belanger	Nilson	Crofford	Hillson
Kowalsky	Sonntag	Hamilton	Prebble
Jones	Higgins	Yates	Harper
Axworthy	Junor	Kasperski	

NAYS – 24

Hermanson	Elhard	Heppner	Julé
Krawetz	Draude	Boyd	Stewart
Eagles	Wall	Bakken	Bjornerud
D'Autremont	McMorris	Weekes	Kwiatkowski
Brkich	Harpauer	Wakefield	Wiberg
Hart	Allchurch	Peters	Huyghebaert

The question being put on Clause 15, it was agreed to on the following Recorded Division:

YEAS – 27

Romanow	Hagel	Van Mulligen	MacKinnon
Lingenfelter	Melenchuk	Atkinson	Goulet
Lautermilch	Thomson	Lorjé	Serby
Belanger	Nilson	Crofford	Hillson
Kowalsky	Sonntag	Hamilton	Prebble
Jones	Higgins	Yates	Harper
Axworthy	Junor	Kasperski	

NAYS – 24

Hermanson	Elhard	Heppner	Julé
Krawetz	Draude	Boyd	Stewart
Eagles	Wall	Bakken	Bjornerud
D'Autremont	McMorris	Weekes	Kwiatkowski
Brkich	Harpauer	Wakefield	Wiberg
Hart	Allchurch	Peters	Huyghebaert

Moved by the Hon. Ms. Crofford:

Amend Column 2 of the Schedule to *The Construction Industry Labour Relations Act, 1992*, as being enacted by Clause 16 of the printed Bill, by striking out “Glazier”.

A debate arising and the question being put on the amendment, it was agreed to.

The question being put on Clause 16, as amended, it was agreed to on the following Recorded Division:

YEAS – 27

Romanow	Hagel	Van Mulligen	MacKinnon
Lingenfelter	Melenchuk	Atkinson	Goulet
Lautermilch	Thomson	Lorjé	Serby
Belanger	Nilson	Crofford	Hillson
Kowalsky	Sonntag	Hamilton	Prebble
Jones	Higgins	Yates	Harper
Axworthy	Junor	Kasperski	

NAYS – 24

Hermanson	Elhard	Heppner	Julé
Krawetz	Draude	Boyd	Stewart
Eagles	Wall	Bakken	Bjornerud
D’Autremont	McMorris	Weekes	Kwiatkowski
Brkich	Harpauer	Wakefield	Wiberg
Hart	Allchurch	Peters	Huyghebaert

The question being put on Clause 17, it was agreed to on the following Recorded Division:

YEAS – 27

Romanow	Hagel	Van Mulligen	MacKinnon
Lingenfelter	Melenchuk	Atkinson	Goulet
Lautermilch	Thomson	Lorjé	Serby
Belanger	Nilson	Crofford	Hillson
Kowalsky	Sonntag	Hamilton	Prebble
Jones	Higgins	Yates	Harper
Axworthy	Junor	Kasperski	

NAYS – 24

Hermanson	Elhard	Heppner	Julé
Krawetz	Draude	Boyd	Stewart
Eagles	Wall	Bakken	Bjornerud
D’Autremont	McMorris	Weekes	Kwiatkowski
Brkich	Harpauer	Wakefield	Wiberg
Hart	Allchurch	Peters	Huyghebaert

Moved by Mr. Weekes:

Clause 18 of the printed Bill is amended by striking out “proclamation” and substituting “July 1, 2001”.

The question being put the amendment, it was negatived on the following Recorded Division:

YEAS – 24

Hermanson	Elhard	Heppner	Julé
Krawetz	Draude	Boyd	Stewart
Eagles	Wall	Bakken	Bjornerud
D’Autremont	McMorris	Weekes	Kwiatkowski
Brkich	Harpauer	Wakefield	Wiberg
Hart	Allchurch	Peters	Huyghebaert

NAYS – 27

Romanow	Hagel	Van Mulligen	MacKinnon
Lingenfelter	Melenchuk	Atkinson	Goulet
Lautermilch	Thomson	Lorjé	Serby
Belanger	Nilson	Crofford	Hillson
Kowalsky	Sonntag	Hamilton	Prebble
Jones	Higgins	Yates	Harper
Axworthy	Junor	Kasperski	

The question being put on Clause 18, it was agreed to on the following Recorded Division:

YEAS – 27

Romanow	Hagel	Van Mulligen	MacKinnon
Lingenfelter	Melenchuk	Atkinson	Goulet
Lautermilch	Thomson	Lorjé	Serby
Belanger	Nilson	Crofford	Hillson
Kowalsky	Sonntag	Hamilton	Prebble
Jones	Higgins	Yates	Harper
Axworthy	Junor	Kasperski	

NAYS – 24

Hermanson	Elhard	Heppner	Julé
Krawetz	Draude	Boyd	Stewart
Eagles	Wall	Bakken	Bjornerud
D’Autremont	McMorris	Weekes	Kwiatkowski
Brkich	Harpauer	Wakefield	Wiberg
Hart	Allchurch	Peters	Huyghebaert

The following Bill was reported with amendment, considered as amended, and ordered for third reading at the next sitting:

Bill No. 59 – The Construction Industry Labour Relations Amendment Act, 2000

The Committee was given leave to sit again.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 8:29 p.m. until Thursday at 1:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, JUNE 29, 2000
(71ST DAY)

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: Julé, Hermanson, Draude, Stewart, Eagles, Wall, Bakken, Bjornerud, D'Autremont, McMorris, Weekes, Brkich, Harpauer, Wakefield, Wiberg, Hart, Allchurch, and Peters.

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

According to Order, the Clerk having favourably reported on the same pursuant to Rule 12(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 pass legislation to protect children from tobacco use.

(Sessional Paper No. 251)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to repeal the provision of the Personal Injury Benefits contained in *The Automobile Insurance Act*.

(Sessional Paper No. 252)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to halt any plans to proceed with the amalgamation of municipalities in Saskatchewan.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 34)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to provide reliable cellular service in the districts of Prud'Homme, Bruno, Vonda, and Cudworth.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 216)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to ensure the Lanigan and Watrous hospitals remain open.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 227)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to legislate a total ban of smoking in all public places and workplaces in Saskatchewan.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 235)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to rescind the recent large increases in nursing home fees.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 243)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to provide cellular service to Lake Alma.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 244)

Of citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly praying that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to begin reconstruction of Highway 47 from the Handsworth turnoff to Junction No. 1 Highway.

(Addendum to Sessional Paper No. 247)

THIRD READING

Bill No. 59 – The Construction Industry Labour Relations Amendment Act, 2000

Moved by the Hon. Ms. Crofford: That Bill No. 59 – The Construction Industry Labour Relations Amendment Act, 2000 – 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 – 31

Romanow	Trew	Hagel	Van Mulligen
MacKinnon	Lingenfelter	Melenchuk	Cline
Atkinson	Goulet	Lautermilch	Thomson
Lorjé	Serby	Belanger	Nilson
Crofford	Hillson	Kowalsky	Sonntag
Hamilton	Prebble	Jones	Higgins
Yates	Harper	Axworthy	Junor
Kasperski	Wartman	Addley	

NAYS – 26

Hermanson	Elhard	Heppner	Julé
Krawetz	Draude	Boyd	Gantefoer
Toth	Stewart	Eagles	Wall
Bakken	Bjornerud	D'Autremont	McMorris
Weekes	Kwiatkowski	Brkich	Harpauer
Wakefield	Wiberg	Hart	Allchurch
Peters	Huyghebaert		

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

COMMITTEE OF FINANCE

The Assembly, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Finance to consider Estimates for Executive Council.

The question being put on subvote EX01 (Administration) it was agreed to on the following Recorded Division:

YEAS – 30

Romanow	Trew	Hagel	Van Mulligen
MacKinnon	Lingenfelter	Melenchuk	Cline
Atkinson	Goulet	Lautermilch	Thomson
Lorjé	Serby	Belanger	Nilson
Crofford	Hillson	Kowalsky	Sonntag
Hamilton	Jones	Higgins	Yates
Harper	Axworthy	Junor	Kasperski
Wartman	Addley		

NAYS – 26

Hermanson	Elhard	Heppner	Julé
Krawetz	Draude	Boyd	Gantefoer
Toth	Stewart	Eagles	Wall
Bakken	Bjornerud	D'Autremont	McMorris
Weekes	Kwiatkowski	Brkich	Harpauer
Wakefield	Wiberg	Hart	Allchurch
Peters	Huyghebaert		

The question being put on subvote EX02 (Accommodation and Central Services) it was agreed to on division.

The question being put on subvote EX07 (Premier's Office) it was agreed to on division.

The question being put on subvote EX04 (Cabinet Secretariat and Cabinet Planning Unit) it was agreed to on division.

The question being put on subvote EX03 (Communications Coordination and Media Services) it was agreed to on division.

The question being put on subvote EX08 (House Business and Research) it was agreed to on division.

The question being put on the resolution:

That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2001, the sum of \$6,668,000 for Executive Council (Ordinary).

It was agreed to on the following Recorded Division:

YEAS – 30

Romanow	Trew	Hagel	Van Mulligen
MacKinnon	Lingenfelter	Melenchuk	Cline
Atkinson	Goulet	Lautermilch	Thomson
Lorjé	Serby	Belanger	Nilson
Crofford	Hillson	Kowalsky	Sonntag
Hamilton	Jones	Higgins	Yates
Harper	Axworthy	Junor	Kasperski
Wartman	Addley		

NAYS – 26

Hermanson	Elhard	Heppner	Julé
Krawetz	Draude	Boyd	Gantefoer
Toth	Stewart	Eagles	Wall
Bakken	Bjornerud	D'Autremont	McMorris
Weekes	Kwiatkowski	Brkich	Harpauer
Wakefield	Wiberg	Hart	Allchurch
Peters	Huyghebaert		

The Committee then considered Estimates for the Department of Agriculture and Food.

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2001, the sum of \$248,748,000 for Agriculture and Food (Ordinary).

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2001, the sum of \$10,400,000 for Agriculture and Food (Lending and Investing Activities).

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ended March 31, 2000, the sum of \$90,002,000 for Agriculture and Food (Ordinary).

The Committee then considered Estimates for the Department of Energy and Mines.

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2001, the sum of \$17,024,000 for Energy and Mines (Ordinary).

The Committee then considered Estimates for the Department of Environment and Resource Management.

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2001, the sum of \$116,924,000 for Environment and Resource Management (Ordinary).

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ended March 31, 2000, the sum of \$47,366,000 for Environment and Resource Management (Ordinary).

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2001, the sum of \$50,000,000 for Environment and Resource Management – Forest Fire Contingency (Ordinary).

The Committee then considered Estimates for the Department of Finance.

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2001, the sum of \$101,618,000 for Finance (Ordinary).

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ended March 31, 2000, the sum of \$1,424,000 for Finance (Ordinary).

The Committee then considered Estimates for the Department of Health.

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2001, the sum of \$1,977,697,000 for Health (Ordinary).

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ended March 31, 2000, the sum of \$46,482,000 for Health (Ordinary).

The Committee then considered Estimates for the Health Transition Fund.

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2001, the sum of \$150,000,000 for Health – Transition Fund (Ordinary).

The Committee then considered Estimates for the Department of Highways and Transportation.

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2001, the sum of \$250,044,000 for Highways and Transportation (Ordinary).

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2001, the sum of \$3,823,000 for Highways and Transportation (Lending and Investing Activities).

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ended March 31, 2000, the sum of \$2,200,000 for Highways and Transportation (Ordinary).

The Committee then considered Estimates for the Department of Municipal Affairs, Culture and Housing.

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2001, the sum of \$175,279,000 for Municipal Affairs, Culture and Housing (Ordinary).

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ended March 31, 2000, the sum of \$3,871,000 for Municipal Affairs, Culture and Housing (Ordinary).

The Committee then considered Estimates for the Department of Post-Secondary Education and Skills Training.

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2001, the sum of \$494,066,000 for Post-Secondary Education and Skills Training (Ordinary).

Summary of Resolutions adopted:

GENERAL REVENUE FUND

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES 1999-2000

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2000 the following sums:

BUDGETARY EXPENSES

1.	For Agriculture and Food	\$ 90,002,000
2.	For Education	1,300,000
3.	For Environment and Resource Management	47,366,000
4.	For Finance	1,424,000
5.	For Health	46,482,000
6.	For Highways and Transportation	2,200,000
7.	For Justice	17,550,000
8.	For Municipal Affairs, Culture and Housing.....	3,871,000
9.	For Saskatchewan Property Management Corporation	626,000
10.	For Social Services	1,600,000

GENERAL REVENUE FUND**MAIN ESTIMATES 2000-2001**

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2001 the following sums:

BUDGETARY EXPENSES

1.	For Agriculture and Food	\$ 248,748,000
2.	For Centenary Capital Fund	30,000,000
3.	For Economic and Co-operative Development	59,939,000
4.	For Education.....	485,446,000
5.	For Energy and Mines	17,024,000
6.	For Environment and Resource Management	116,924,000
7.	For Environment and Resource Management – Forest Fire Contingency	50,000,000
8.	For Executive Council	6,668,000
9.	For Finance	101,618,000
10.	For Health	1,977,697,000
11.	For Health – Transition Fund	150,000,000
12.	For Highways and Transportation	250,044,000
13.	For Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs	34,754,000
14.	For Justice	213,283,000
15.	For Labour	12,658,000
16.	For Municipal Affairs, Culture and Housing	175,279,000
17.	For Post-Secondary Education and Skills Training	494,066,000
18.	For Public Service Commission	8,211,000
19.	For Saskatchewan Municipal Board	975,000

20.	For Saskatchewan Property Management Corporation	22,017,000
21.	For Saskatchewan Research Council	8,677,000
22.	For Saskatchewan Water Corporation	9,444,000
23.	For Social Services	575,258,000
24.	For Women's Secretariat	1,169,000

TRANSFER

25.	For Fiscal Stabilization Fund	405,000,000
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LENDING AND INVESTING ACTIVITIES

26.	For Agriculture and Food	10,400,000
27.	For Economic and Co-operative Development	9,160,000
28.	For Highways and Transportation	3,823,000

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Cline:

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, 2000, the sum of two hundred twelve million, four hundred and twenty-one thousand dollars be granted out of the general revenue fund.

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Cline:

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, 2001, the sum of four billion, one hundred and eight million, seven hundred and twelve thousand dollars be granted out of the general revenue fund.

The question being put, it was agreed to on division.

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

MOTIONS FOR RETURNS (DEBATABLE)

Return No. 1

Moved by Ms. Julé, seconded by Mr. Heppner: That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return No. 1 showing:

To the Minister of Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs: The amount of provincial funding in 1999-00 that is budgeted to go to on-reserve services in Saskatchewan and provide what the services are.

A debate arising, it as moved by Mr. Kowalsky, seconded by Mr. Yates, in amendment thereto:

Amend Return No. 1 by deleting all words after “Aboriginal Affairs” and substitute the following:

“The on-reserve services in Saskatchewan that the Province provided funding for in the 1999-00 fiscal year?”

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

The question being put on the motion as amended, it was agreed to and an Order of the Assembly issued.

Return No. 1 was brought down and tabled by Mr. Kowalsky as Sessional Paper No. 259.

Return No. 2

Moved by Ms. Julé, seconded by Mr. Heppner: That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return No. 2 showing:

To the Minister of Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs: The amount of provincial funding that was provided for services on Indian reserves in Saskatchewan in 1998-99.

A debate arising, it as moved by Mr. Kowalsky, seconded by Mr. Yates, in amendment thereto:

Amend Return No. 2 by deleting all words after “Aboriginal Affairs” and substitute the following:

“The on-reserve services in Saskatchewan that the Province provided funding for in the 1998-99 fiscal year?”

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

The question being put on the motion as amended, it was agreed to and an Order of the Assembly issued.

Return No. 2 was brought down and tabled by Mr. Kowalsky as Sessional Paper No. 260.

Return No. 3

Moved by Ms. Julé, seconded by Mr. Heppner: That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return No. 3 showing:

To the Minister of Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs: The amount of provincial funding that was provided for services on Indian reserves in Saskatchewan in 1996-97.

A debate arising, it as moved by Mr. Kowalsky, seconded by Mr. Yates, in amendment thereto:

Amend Return No. 3 by deleting all words after “Aboriginal Affairs” and substitute the following:

“The on-reserve services in Saskatchewan that the Province provided funding for in the 1996-97 fiscal year?”

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

The question being put on the motion as amended, it was agreed to and an Order of the Assembly issued.

Return No. 3 was brought down and tabled by Mr. Kowalsky as Sessional Paper No. 261.

Return No. 4

Moved by Ms. Julé, seconded by Mr. Heppner: That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return No. 4 showing:

To the Minister of Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs: The amount of provincial funding that was provided for services on Indian reserves in Saskatchewan in 1995-96.

A debate arising, it was moved by Mr. Kowalsky, seconded by Mr. Yates, in amendment thereto:

Amend Return No. 4 by deleting all words after “Aboriginal Affairs” and substitute the following:

“The on-reserve services in Saskatchewan that the Province provided funding for in the 1995-96 fiscal year?”

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

The question being put on the motion as amended, it was agreed to and an Order of the Assembly issued.

Return No. 4 was brought down and tabled by Mr. Kowalsky as Sessional Paper No. 262.

Return No. 5

Moved by Mr. Hermanson, seconded by Mr. Krawetz: That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return No. 5 showing:

To the Minister of Executive Council: (1) The role that the Department of Executive Council plays in calling and examining Requests for Proposals from communications firms, marketing firms, market research firms and polling firms for work done by all government departments and Crown corporations. Please give a complete run down on the government's policy in awarding contracts to such agencies for this type of work. (2) The contracts of this nature that have been awarded by the government through Executive Council during the 1998-99 fiscal year. (3) Specify whether or not the tendering process in each case followed government policy. (4) The number of companies that tendered each project. (5) The company that was awarded the final contract. (6) The amount that the contract was worth. (7) The number of companies that bid on the contract, other than the company awarded the contract, in each case.

A debate arising and the question being put, it was agreed to and an Order of the Assembly issued.

Return No. 5 was brought down and tabled by Mr. Kowalsky as Sessional Paper No. 263.

Return No. 11

Moved by Mr. Heppner, seconded by Ms. Julé: That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return No. 11 showing:

To the Minister of Crown Investments Corporation: (1) The organizations that each of Saskatchewan's CIC Crowns have contributed money to in 2000 and the amount. (2) The organizations that have applied to each of these Crowns for contributions but were rejected.

A debate arising and the question being put, it was negatived on Division.

Return No. 12

Moved by Mr. Heppner, seconded by Ms. Julé: That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return No. 12 showing:

To the Minister of Crown Investments Corporation: (1) The organizations that each of Saskatchewan's CIC Crowns have contributed money to in 1999 and the amount. (2) The organizations that applied to each of these Crowns for contributions but were rejected.

A debate arising and the question being put, it was negatived.

Return No. 13

Moved by Mr. Bjornerud, seconded by Mr. Krawetz: That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return No. 13 showing:

To the Minister of Municipal Affairs, Culture and Housing: (1) In 1999-2000, the events and/or organizations that were approved by the Saskatchewan Arts Board for funding. (2) In 1999-2000, the events and/or organizations that were rejected by the Saskatchewan Arts Board for funding.

A debate arising and the question being put, it was agreed to and an Order of the Assembly issued.

Return No. 13 was brought down and tabled by Mr. Kowalsky as Sessional Paper No. 264.

Return No. 14

Moved by Mr. Hermanson, seconded by Ms. Draude: That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return No. 14 showing:

To the Government of Saskatchewan: During the 1998-1999 fiscal year, the names of all the employees of Executive Council; and for each employee, their title and the amount they were paid during fiscal year 1998-1999.

A debate arising and the question being put, it was agreed to and an Order of the Assembly issued.

Return No. 14 was brought down and tabled by Mr. Kowalsky as Sessional Paper No. 265.

Return No. 15

Moved by Mr. Hermanson, seconded by Mr. Brkich: That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return No. 15 showing:

To the Government of Saskatchewan: During the 1999-2000 fiscal year, the names of all the employees of Executive Council; and for each employee, their title and the amount they were paid during fiscal year 1999-2000.

A debate arising and the question being put, it was agreed to and an Order of the Assembly issued.

Return No. 15 was brought down and tabled by Mr. Kowalsky as Sessional Paper No. 266.

Return No. 16

Moved by Mr. Gantefoer, seconded by Ms. Bakken: That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return No. 16 showing:

To the Government of Saskatchewan: The total number of trips made by ambulances to St. Paul's Hospital in Saskatoon for the month of April, 2000, and whether detailed ambulance logs could be made available for this time period showing such trips.

A debate arising and the question being put, it was agreed to and an Order of the Assembly issued.

Return No. 16 was brought down and tabled by Mr. Kowalsky as Sessional Paper No. 267.

Return No. 18

Moved by Ms. Bakken, seconded by Mr. Wall: That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return No. 18 showing:

To the Minister of Health: Whether any of the 1999-2000 annual Health District budgets initially submitted to the Minister of Health for approval were altered by the Minister or Department of Health officials prior to their approval. If so, the districts which had their budgets altered and the specific changes made or ordered by the Minister in each case.

A debate arising and the question being put, it was agreed to and an Order of the Assembly issued.

Return No. 18 was brought down and tabled by Mr. Kowalsky as Sessional Paper No. 268.

Return No. 21

Moved by Mr. Brkich, seconded by Mr. Elhard: That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return No. 21 showing:

To the Minister of Highways and Transportation: In the last fiscal year, the amount of revenue that your department received from the sale of road building equipment either through private sale or public auction; and please provide detailed information on each item sold and the price.

A debate arising and the question being put, it was agreed to and an Order of the Assembly issued.

Return No. 21 was brought down and tabled by Mr. Kowalsky as Sessional Paper No. 269.

Return No. 22

Moved by Mr. Brkich, seconded by Mr. Elhard: That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return No. 22 showing:

To the Minister of Highways and Transportation: The amount of money that your department spent in this fiscal year on purchasing road building equipment and provide detailed information on what was purchased and the cost.

A debate arising and the question being put, it was agreed to and an Order of the Assembly issued.

Return No. 22 was brought down and tabled by Mr. Kowalsky as Sessional Paper No. 270.

Return No. 23

Moved by Ms. Bakken, seconded by Mr. Wall: That an Order of the Assembly do issue for a Return No. 23 showing:

To the Minister of Health: (1) Whether the Department of Health has sold the provincial database of personal health and drug records to any drug companies or health market research companies. If so, provide the names of the companies? (2) Whether the Department of Health has sold the provincial database of personal health and drug records to any other companies. If so, provide the names of the companies. (3) Also, the amount that the Department of Health received for those sales and where the funds go upon receipt of payment. (4) The safeguards that are in place that will ensure the confidentiality of those records representing Saskatchewan health care clients.

A debate arising and the question being put, it was agreed to and an Order of the Assembly issued.

Return No. 23 was brought down and tabled by Mr. Kowalsky as Sessional Paper No. 271.

THE APPROPRIATION ACT, 2000 (NO. 3)

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Cline, by leave of the Assembly: That Bill No. 87 – The Appropriation Act, 2000 (No. 3) – be now introduced and read the first time.

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

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Cline, by leave of the Assembly and pursuant to Rule 55: That Bill No. 87 be read a second and third time and passed under its title.

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

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Romanow	Trew	Hagel	Van Mulligen
MacKinnon	Lingenfelter	Melenchuk	Cline
Atkinson	Goulet	Lautermilch	Thomson
Lorjé	Serby	Belanger	Nilson
Crofford	Hillson	Kowalsky	Sonntag
Hamilton	Prebble	Jones	Higgins
Yates	Harper	Axworthy	Junor
Kasperski	Wartman	Addley	

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Hermanson	Elhard	Heppner	Julé
Krawetz	Draude	Boyd	Gantefoer
Toth	Stewart	Eagles	Wall
Bakken	Bjornerud	D’Autremont	McMorris
Weekes	Kwiatkowski	Brkich	Harpauer
Wakefield	Wiberg	Hart	Allchurch
Peters	Huyghebaert		

ROYAL ASSENT / SANCTION ROYALE

8:48 p.m.

His Honour the Administrator, having entered the Chamber, took his seat upon the Throne.

Son Honneur le administrateur fait son entrée dans la Chambre et prend place au Trône.

The Speaker addressed His Honour:

Le Président s’adresse à Son Honneur:

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

QU’IL PLAISE À VOTRE HONNEUR:

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

Cette Assemblée législative, au cours de la présente session, a adopté des projets de loi que je présente à Votre Honneur, au nom de l’Assemblée, et que de demande respectueusement à Votre Honneur de sanctionner.

The Clerk of the Assembly then read the titles of the Bills that had been passed severally as follows:

La Greffière de l’Assemblée a donné lecture des titres du projets de loi adoptés comme suit:

- Bill No. 55 – The Land Titles Act, 2000
- Bill No. 56 – The Land Titles Consequential Amendment Act, 2000
- Projet de loi n° 56 – Loi de 2000 apportant des modifications corrélatives à la loi intitulée The Land Titles Act, 2000
- Bill No. 57 – The Land Surveys Act, 2000
- Bill No. 58 – The Condominium Property Amendment Act, 2000
- Bill No. 59 – The Construction Industry Labour Relations Amendment Act, 2000
- Bill No. 64 – The Fiscal Stabilization Fund Act

His Honour the Administrator then replied: “In Her Majesty’s name, I assent to these Bills.”

Son Honneur le administrateur alors a répondu: “Au nom de Sa Majestée, je sanctionne ces projets de loi.”

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. 87 – The Appropriation Act, 2000 (No. 3)

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

His Honour then retired from the Chamber.

8:51 p.m.

MOTION TO ADJOURN THE SESSION

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter, seconded by Mr. D’Autremont, by leave of the Assembly:

That when this Assembly adjourns at the end of this sitting day, it shall stand adjourned to the date and time set by Mr. Speaker upon the request of the Government and that Mr. Speaker shall give each Member seven clear days notice, if possible, of such date and time.

A debate arising and the question being put, it was agreed to.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter:

Ordered, That this Assembly do now adjourn.

The Assembly adjourned at 9:06 p.m. to the call of the Chair, pursuant to an Order made this day.

RETURNS, REPORTS AND PAPERS TABLED

The following papers were laid upon the Table:

By the Hon. Mr. Nilson:

Subscription Agreement dated February 21, 2000 between Soft Tracks Enterprises Ltd., Saskatchewan Telecommunications Holding Corporation, Bell Mobility Inc., Western Technology Seed Investment Fund Limited Partnership, Working Opportunity Fund (EVCC) Ltd., Vancity Capital Corporation, and Juliana Cafik as well as a Subscription Agreement dated April 14, 2000 between 604408 Saskatchewan Ltd., Craig Broadcast Systems Inc., and Craig Wireless International Inc.

(Sessional Paper No. 253)

By the Hon. Mr. Serby:

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Arts Board for the year ended March 31, 2000

(Sessional Paper No. 254)

Financial Statements of 3231518 Canada Ltd. for the year ended December 31, 1999

(Sessional Paper No. 255)

Financial Statements of DirectWest Publishing Partnership for the year ended December 31, 1999

(Sessional Paper No. 256)

Financial Statements of SecurTek Monitoring Solutions Inc. for the year ended December 31, 1999

(Sessional Paper No. 257)

Financial Statements of IQ&A Partnership for the year ended December 31, 1999

(Sessional Paper No. 258)

TUESDAY, MARCH 20, 2001
(72ND DAY)

10:00 a.m.

RESIGNATIONS OF SPEAKER AND DEPUTY SPEAKER

The Clerk informed the Assembly of the following resignations:

Hon. Ron Osika as Speaker of the Legislative Assembly
(Sessional Paper No. 395)

Mr. Kim Trew as Deputy Speaker of the Legislative Assembly
(Sessional Paper No. 396)

10:02 a.m.

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

The Hon. Ms. Lorjé, Provincial Secretary, then said:

I am commanded by Her Honour, the Lieutenant Governor, to call upon you to proceed to elect a Speaker in order that the Assembly may be properly constituted according to law.

Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor then retired from the Chamber.

10:03 a.m.

ELECTION OF SPEAKER

The Clerk informed the Assembly that the following Members declared their intention to stand as candidates for election to the Office of Speaker:

Mr. Lindy Kasperski, Member for the Constituency of Regina Sherwood
(Sessional Paper No. 397)

Mr. Myron Kowalsky, Member for the Constituency of Prince Albert Carlton
(Sessional Paper No. 398)

Members then proceeded to cast their ballots.

The Clerk, being satisfied that the voting procedure had been completed, proceeded with the counting of the ballots.

At 10:22 a.m. the sitting was recessed during the counting of the ballots.

At 10:32 a.m. the sitting resumed and the Clerk provided the Assembly with results of the first ballot.

The Clerk having declared Mr. Myron Kowalsky, duly elected, he was conducted to the chair where, standing on the dais, he addressed the Assembly as follows:

Members of the Legislative Assembly, I wish to express my grateful thanks and humble acknowledgement of the high honour the Assembly has conferred on me. While I leave the floor of this Assembly to take the Speaker's chair, I leave behind all political partisan feelings in order that I may discharge with impartiality to all and to the best of my ability the various and important duties pertaining to the high office of Speaker.

It will be my aim and duty: to uphold the principles and traditions of the Assembly; to secure for each Member the right to express his or her opinions within the limits necessary to preserve decorum; to recognize the rights and privileges of the Honourable Members, the political groups and the Assembly itself; to facilitate the transaction of the public business in an orderly manner; and, above all, to seek to be fair and impartial in the decisions you entrust to me.

Thereupon he took the chair, and the mace was laid on the Table.

10:48 a.m.

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

The Speaker then addressed Her Honour to the following effect:

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

The Legislative Assembly has elected me as their Speaker, although I am but little able to fulfill the important duties thus assigned to me.

If, in the performance of those duties, I should at any time fall into error I pray that the fault may be imputed to me and not to the Assembly, whose servant I am.

The Hon. Ms. Lorré, Provincial Secretary, then said:

I am commanded by Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor to assure you that your words and actions will constantly receive from her the most favourable construction.

Her Honour, the Lieutenant Governor, then retired from the Chamber.

10:50 a.m.

BILLS TO SEAT NEW MEMBERS

Leave of the Assembly having been granted, the following Bill was received, read the first time, and, by leave of the Assembly and pursuant to Rule 55, ordered to be read a second time later this day:

Bill No. 89 – The Regina Elphinstone Constituency By-election Act

(Hon. Mr. Serby)

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Serby: That Bill No. 89 – The Regina Elphinstone Constituency By-election Act – 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 by leave of the Assembly and pursuant to Rule 55, referred to a Committee of the Whole later this day.

Leave of the Assembly having been granted, the following Bill was received, read the first time, and, by leave of the Assembly and pursuant to Rule 55, ordered to be read a second time later this day:

Bill No. 88 – The Saskatoon Riversdale Constituency By-election Act

(Hon. Mr. Serby)

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Serby: That Bill No. 88 – The Saskatoon Riversdale Constituency By-election Act – 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 by leave of the Assembly and pursuant to Rule 55, referred to a Committee of the Whole later this day.

The Assembly, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

The following Bills were reported without amendment, read the third time and passed:

Bill No. 89 – The Regina Elphinstone Constituency By-election Act

Bill No. 88 – The Saskatoon Riversdale Constituency By-election Act

The Committee was given leave to sit again.

11:04 a.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 several Bills which, in the name of the Assembly, I present to Your Honour and to which Bills respectfully request your Honour's Assent.

The Clerk of the Assembly then read the titles of the Bills that have been passed, severally, as follows:

Bill No. 89 – The Regina Elphinstone Constituency By-election Act
Bill No. 88 – The Saskatoon Riversdale Constituency By-election Act

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

Her Honour then retired from the Chamber.

11:06 a.m.

The Assembly recessed from 11:07 a.m. to 11:25 a.m. in order for the new members to be sworn in.

Mr. Lorne Calvert, Member for the Constituency of Saskatoon Riversdale, having previously taken the Oath, according to law, and subscribed the Roll containing the same, took his seat in the Assembly.

Mr. Warren McCall, Member for the Constituency of Regina Elphinstone, having previously taken the Oath, according to law, and subscribed the Roll containing the same, took his seat in the Assembly.

PROROGATION SPEECH

11:37 a.m.

Her Honour The Lieutenant Governor, having entered the Chamber, took her seat upon the Throne. Her Honour was then pleased to deliver the following speech:

Mr. Speaker, Members of the Legislature:

It is my duty to release you from further attendance at the First Session of The Twenty-fourth Legislature. In thus relieving you, I would like to thank you for the work you have done. This Session’s work is a positive step towards a new dawning of optimism and hope – a new vision of a fundamentally new government.

You successfully introduced legislation that helps families make ends meet. In keeping with your strong commitment to reducing taxes, you passed *The Income Tax Act* and *The Income Tax Amendment Act*.

The Income Tax Act eliminates the Saskatchewan flat tax, the debt reduction surtax, the high-income surtax and the basic tax on federal tax, and establishes a simpler tax system by setting up a single set of lower tax rates. *The Income Tax Amendment Act* introduces the Saskatchewan sales tax credit and allows the post-secondary graduate tax credit to be deducted from the income taxes otherwise payable by recent graduates.

You maintained your commitment to the people of Saskatchewan in regards to the protection of medicare – Saskatchewan's gift to Canada. To support your health system priorities, you passed several Bills. *The Medical Profession Amendment Act* allows physicians to professionally incorporate. This measure will help to recruit and retain physicians. *The Licensed Practical Nurses Act* permits LPNs to practice their skills without having to work under the direction of a registered nurse, registered psychiatric nurse or physician. *The Health Labour Relations Reorganization Amendment Act* extends the moratorium prohibiting the Labour Relations Board from changing what are referred to as the "Dorsey Regulations" until January 2003. This action will extend a period of stability in order to complete reorganization in the health care sector.

In December, you recognized the importance of the agricultural industry in our province by moving that this Assembly's Standing Committee on Agriculture meet in this Chamber to hear the voices of farmers and rural leaders. You also passed *The Farm Financial Stability Amendment Act* and *The Department of Agriculture Amendment Act*. These Bills support increased diversification in agriculture. Also, you passed *The Agricultural Equipment Dealerships Act*, which protects short-line manufacturers in the province and those implement dealers selling short-line products.

You successfully passed *The Automobile Accident Insurance Amendment Act*, *The Vehicle Administration Amendment Act* and *The Motor Carrier Amendment Act*, which improves safety for all Saskatchewan motorists.

To help Saskatchewan compete in today's new economy, you passed *The Electronic Information and Documents Act*. This Act promotes growth in the expanding world of electronic commerce and Internet trade.

You also passed *The Land Titles Act*, which computerizes the entire land titles system and will provide on-line search and registration capacity.

In recognition and respect for Aboriginal institutions, you passed *The Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technologies Act*. This Act recognizes the Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technologies as a technical institute governed by First Nations people that issues recognized certificates and diplomas and serves the post-secondary education and skills training needs of First Nations people.

You successfully passed *The Construction Industry Labour Relations Amendment Act*, which prohibits spin-off contracting in the construction industry and enables the Labour Relations Board to deal with applications and make related employer declarations.

You maintained your commitment to improve government accountability by passing *The Tabling of Documents Act*. This Act provides more timely information for the Legislative Assembly and the public by reducing the length of time allowable for the presenting of documents.

Finally, in taking leave of you, I wish to thank you for the diligent manner in which you have devoted your energies to the activities of the Session, and wish you the full blessing of Providence.

The Hon. Ms. Lorjé, Provincial Secretary, then said:

It is the will and pleasure of Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor that this Legislative Assembly be prorogued until later today, the 20th day of March 2001 at 2:30 p.m., and this Legislative Assembly is accordingly prorogued.

11:47 a.m.

Hon. P. Myron Kowalsky
Speaker

RETURNS, REPORTS AND PAPERS TABLED

The following papers were Tabled with the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly during the adjournment period June 30, 2000 to March 19, 2001:

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Research Council for the year ended March 31, 2000, including Supplementary Information

(Sessional Paper No. 272)

Annual Report of the Saskatchewan Women's Secretariat for the year ended March 31, 2000

(Sessional Paper No. 273)

Public Accounts of the Province of Saskatchewan for the year ended March 31, 2000 (Volumes 1 and 2) including General Revenue Fund, Supplementary Information

(Sessional Paper No. 274)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Wetland Conservation Corporation for the year ended March 31, 2000, including Supplementary Information

(Sessional Paper No. 275)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Communications Network Corporation for the year ended March 31, 2000

(Sessional Paper No. 276)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Associated Entities Fund for the year ended March 31, 2000

(Sessional Paper No. 277)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Judges of the Provincial Court Superannuation Plan for the year ended March 31, 2000

(Sessional Paper No. 278)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Members of The Legislative Assembly Superannuation Plan for the year ended March 31, 2000

(Sessional Paper No. 279)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Public Service Superannuation Board for the year ended March 31, 2000

(Sessional Paper No. 280)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Public Employees Pension Plan for the year ended March 31, 2000

(Sessional Paper No. 281)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Pension Annuity Fund for the year ended March 31, 2000

(Sessional Paper No. 282)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Public Employees Benefits Agency Revolving Fund for the year ended March 31, 2000

(Sessional Paper No. 283)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of Sask911 for the year ended March 31, 2000

(Sessional Paper No. 284)

Provincial Auditor's 2000 Fall Report, Volume 1, in accordance with the provisions of section 14 of *The Provincial Auditor Act*

(Sessional Paper No. 285)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Heritage Foundation for the year ended March 31, 2000

(Sessional Paper No. 286)

Chief Electoral Officer's Statement of Votes (Volume I) for the Twenty-fourth Provincial General Election held on September 16, 1999

(Sessional Paper No. 287)

Financial Statements of the Doukhobors of Canada C.C.U.B. Trust Fund Board, for the year ended May 31, 2000

(Sessional Paper No. 288)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the University of Regina Crown Foundation for the year ended April 30, 2000

(Sessional Paper No. 289)

Financial Statements of the University of Saskatchewan Crown Foundation for the year ended April 30, 2000, including Report of Activity

(Sessional Paper No. 290)

Annual Report of Saskatchewan Energy and Mines for the year ended March 31, 2000

(Sessional Paper No. 291)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Oil and Gas Environmental Fund for the year ended March 31, 2000

(Sessional Paper No. 292)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the St. Louis Alcoholism Rehabilitation Centre for the year ended March 31, 2000

(Sessional Paper No. 293)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Cancer Agency for the year ended March 31, 2000

(Sessional Paper No. 294)

Annual Statistical Report of Saskatchewan Health, Medical Services and Health Registration Branch, including the Medical Services Plan, Health Registration and Medical Education for the fiscal year 1999-2000

(Sessional Paper No. 295)

Annual Report of Saskatchewan Health for the year ended March 31, 2000

(Sessional Paper No. 296)

Financial Statements of the School Division Tax Loss Compensation Fund for the year ended March 31, 2000

(Sessional Paper No. 297)

Annual Report of Saskatchewan Environment and Resource Management for the year ended March 31, 2000

(Sessional Paper No. 298)

Annual Report of Saskatchewan Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs for the year ended March 31, 2000

(Sessional Paper No. 299)

Financial Statements of the Department of Environment and Resource Management, Resource Protection and Development and Revolving Fund, for the year ended March 31, 2000

(Sessional Paper No. 300)

Financial Statements of the Department of Environment and Resource Management, Big Game Damage Compensation Fund, for the year ended March 31, 2000

(Sessional Paper No. 301)

Financial Statements of the Department of Environment and Resource Management, Fish and Wildlife Development Fund, for the year ended March 31, 2000

(Sessional Paper No. 302)

Financial Statements of the Department of Environment and Resource Management, Commercial Revolving Fund, for the year ended March 31, 2000

(Sessional Paper No. 303)

- Annual Report of Saskatchewan Finance for the year ended March 31, 2000
(Sessional Paper No. 304)
- Annual Report and Financial Statements of Agricultural Credit Corporation of Saskatchewan, for the year ended March 31, 2000, including Supplementary Information
(Sessional Paper No. 305)
- Annual Report and Financial Statements of Agri-Food Innovation Fund, for the year ended March 31, 1999
(Sessional Paper No. 306)
- Financial Statements of the Livestock Services Revolving Fund for the year ended March 31, 2000
(Sessional Paper No. 307)
- Financial Statements of the Cattle Marketing Deductions Fund for the year ended March 31, 2000
(Sessional Paper No. 308)
- Financial Statements of the Conservation and Development Revolving Fund for the year ended March 31, 2000
(Sessional Paper No. 309)
- Orders under *The Provincial Lands Act* (No. 243/2000), dated May 2, 2000
(Sessional Paper No. 310)
- Orders under *The Provincial Lands Act* (No. 364/2000), dated June 28, 2000
(Sessional Paper No. 311)
- Orders under *The Provincial Lands Act* (No. 488/2000), dated August 16, 2000
(Sessional Paper No. 312)
- Orders under *The Provincial Lands Act* (No. 548/2000), dated September 6, 2000
(Sessional Paper No. 313)
- Annual Report of Agriculture and Food for the year ended March 31, 2000
(Sessional Paper No. 314)
- Annual Report of the Farm Land Security Board for the year ended March 31, 2000
(Sessional Paper No. 315)
- Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Law Foundation of Saskatchewan for the year ended June 30, 2000
(Sessional Paper No. 316)
- Annual Report of Saskatchewan Justice for the year ended March 31, 2000
(Sessional Paper No. 317)
- Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Legal Aid Commission for the year ended March 31, 2000
(Sessional Paper No. 318)

- Annual Report of the Saskatchewan Police Commission for the year ended March 31, 2000
(Sessional Paper No. 319)
- Annual Report of the Saskatchewan Police Complaints Investigator for the year ended March 31, 2000
(Sessional Paper No. 320)
- Annual Report under *The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* for the year ended March 31, 2000
(Sessional Paper No. 321)
- Annual Report of the Public Disclosure Committee for the year ended March 31, 2000
(Sessional Paper No. 322)
- Financial Statements of the Agricultural Implements Board for the year ended March 31, 2000
(Sessional Paper No. 323)
- Financial Statements of the Department of Justice, Correctional Facilities Industries Revolving Fund, for the year ended March 31, 2000
(Sessional Paper No. 324)
- Financial Statements of the Office of the Rentalsman, Rentalsman's Trust Account, for the year ended March 31, 2000
(Sessional Paper No. 325)
- Financial Statements of The Provincial Mediation Board Trust Accounts for the year ended March 31, 2000
(Sessional Paper No. 326)
- Financial Statements of the Department of Justice, Queen's Printer Revolving Fund, for the year ended March 31, 2000
(Sessional Paper No. 327)
- Financial Statements of the Law Reform Commission for the year ended March 31, 2000
(Sessional Paper No. 328)
- Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Legal Aid Commission, Staff Pension Plan for Employees, for the year ended December 31, 1999
(Sessional Paper No. 329)
- Consolidated Financial Statements of the University of Saskatchewan for the year ended April 30, 2000
(Sessional Paper No. 330)
- Report under *The Family Farm Credit Act*, dated July 19th, 2000
(Sessional Paper No. 331)
- Report under *The Penalties and Forfeitures Act*, dated September 6th, 2000
(Sessional Paper No. 332)

- Detail of Expenditures under *The Election Act, 1996* for the fiscal year 1999-00
(Sessional Paper No. 333)
- Annual Report and Financial Statements of Saskatchewan Student Aid Fund, for the year ended March 31, 2000
(Sessional Paper No. 334)
- Financial Statements of the Department of Justice, Victims' Fund for the year ended March 31, 2000
(Sessional Paper No. 335)
- Annual Report of Saskatchewan Economic and Co-operative Development for the year ended March 31, 2000
(Sessional Paper No. 336)
- Financial Statements of the First Nations Trust Fund for the year ended March 31, 2000
(Sessional Paper No. 337)
- Annual Report of the Saskatchewan Public Service Commission for the year ended March 31, 2000
(Sessional Paper No. 338)
- Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Western Development Museum for the year ended March 31, 2000, including Supplementary Information
(Sessional Paper No. 339)
- Annual Report of Saskatchewan Northern Affairs for the year ended March 31, 2000
(Sessional Paper No. 340)
- Financial Statements of the Training Completions Fund for the year ended March 31, 2000
(Sessional Paper No. 341)
- Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Gaming Corporation for the year ended March 31, 2000, including Supplementary Financial Information
(Sessional Paper No. 342)
- Annual Report of Saskatchewan Highways and Transportation for the year ended March 31, 2000
(Sessional Paper No. 343)
- Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Health Information Network for the year ended March 31, 2000, including Payee List
(Sessional Paper No. 344)
- Annual Report of Saskatchewan Labour Relations Board for the year ended March 31, 2000
(Sessional Paper No. 345)
- Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Property Management Corporation for the year ended March 31, 2000, including Supplementary Information
(Sessional Paper No. 346)

- Annual Report of Saskatchewan Labour for the year ended March 31, 2000
(Sessional Paper No. 347)
- Annual Report of Saskatchewan Municipal Affairs, Culture and Housing for the year ended March 31, 2000
(Sessional Paper No. 348)
- Annual Report of Saskatchewan Social Services for the year ended March 31, 2000
(Sessional Paper No. 349)
- Report under *The Crown Administration of Estates Act* dated October 24, 2000
(Sessional Paper No. 350)
- Annual Report of the Saskatchewan Human Rights Commission for the year ended March 31, 2000
(Sessional Paper No. 351)
- Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Water Appeal Board for the year ended March 31, 2000, including Honoraria paid to Board Members
(Sessional Paper No. 352)
- Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Law Reform Commission of Saskatchewan for the year ended March 31, 2000
(Sessional Paper No. 353)
- Financial Statements of the University of Regina for the year ended April 30, 2000
(Sessional Paper No. 354)
- Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Prairie Agricultural Machinery Institute for the year ended March 31, 2000
(Sessional Paper No. 355)
- Provincial Auditor's 2000 Fall Report, Volume 2, in accordance with the provisions of section 14 of *The Provincial Auditor Act*
(Sessional Paper No. 356)
- Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Centre of the Arts for the year ended March 31, 2000
(Sessional Paper No. 357)
- Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Archives Board for the year ended March 31, 2000, including Supplementary Information
(Sessional Paper No. 358)
- Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Agricultural Stabilization Fund for the year ended March 31, 2000
(Sessional Paper No. 359)
- Provincial Auditor, Business and Financial Plan for the year ended March 31, 2002
(Sessional Paper No. 360)

- Financial Statements of the Horned Cattle fund for the year ended March 31, 2000
(Sessional Paper No. 361)
- Annual Report and Financial Statements of Tourism Saskatchewan for the year ended September 30, 2000
(Sessional Paper No. 362)
- Orders under *The Provincial Lands Act* (No. 674/2000), dated November 8, 2000
(Sessional Paper No. 363)
- Annual Report of Saskatchewan Post-Secondary Education and Skills Training for the year ended June 30, 2000
(Sessional Paper No. 364)
- Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Correspondence School Revolving Fund for the year ended March 31, 2000
(Sessional Paper No. 365)
- Provincial Auditor's 2000 Fall Report, Volume 3, in accordance with the provisions of section 14 of *The Provincial Auditor Act*
(Sessional Paper No. 366)
- Notice pursuant to section 30(3) of *The Crown Corporations Act, 1993* and *The Tabling of Documents Act, 1991*, respecting the incorporation of two new subsidiaries of Saskatchewan Telecommunications Holding Corporation which are Foam Lake Holding Inc. and Esterhazy Holding, Inc.
(Sessional Paper No. 367)
- Subscription and Investment Agreement dated May 15, 2000 among SaskTel Investments, Inc., and Retx.com, Inc., and Ross D. Malme
(Sessional Paper No. 368)
- Purchase Agreement dated June 2, 2000, among Beacon Insurance Company and Telerent Leasing Corporation and Foam Lake Holding, Inc.
(Sessional Paper No. 369)
- Share Purchase Agreement dated August 29, 2000, between Regional Cablesystems Inc. and Saskatchewan Telecommunications Holding Corporation
(Sessional Paper No. 370)
- Notice pursuant to section 30(3) of *The Crown Corporations Act, 1993* and *The Tabling of Documents Act, 1991*, respecting the incorporation of a new subsidiary of Saskatchewan Telecommunications Holding Corporation, namely Grenfell Holding, Inc.
(Sessional Paper No. 371)
- Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Institute of Applied Science and Technology for the year ended June 30, 2000, including SIAST Services/Supplier Payments/Disbursements Report and SIAST Employees/Board Payments Report
(Sessional Paper No. 372)

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- Financial Statements of the Parkland Regional College for the year ended June 30, 2000
(Sessional Paper No. 373)
- Financial Statements of the Prairie West Regional College for the year ended June 30, 2000
(Sessional Paper No. 374)
- Financial Statements of the Northlands Regional College for the year ended June 30, 2000
(Sessional Paper No. 375)
- Financial Statements of the Cumberland Regional College for the year ended June 30, 2000
(Sessional Paper No. 376)
- Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technologies for the year ended June 30, 2000
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- Financial Statements of the Carlton Trail Regional College for the year ended June 30, 2000
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- Financial Statements of the Southeast Regional College for the year ended June 30, 2000
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- Financial Statements of the Cypress Hills Regional College for the year ended June 30, 2000
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- Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Apprenticeship and Trade Certification Commission for the year ended June 30, 2000
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- Annual Report of Saskatchewan Education for the year ended June 30, 2000
(Sessional Paper No. 383)
- Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Wanuskewin Heritage Park Authority for the year ended March 31, 1999
(Sessional Paper No. 384)
- Annual Report of the Saskatchewan Conflict of Interest Commissioner for the year ended December 31, 2000
(Sessional Paper No. 385)
- Financial Statements of the Agri-Food Equity Fund for the year ended March 31, 2000
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Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Grain Car Corporation for the year ended July 31, 2000

(Sessional Paper No. 387)

Financial Statements of the Highways Revolving Fund for the year ended March 31, 2000

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Financial Statements of the Transportation Partnerships Fund for the year ended March 31, 2000

(Sessional Paper No. 389)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Irrigation Projects Association for the year ended March 31, 2000

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Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Irrigation Crop Diversification Corporation for the year ended March 31, 2000

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Financial Statements of the Social Services Central Trust Account for the year ended March 31, 2000

(Sessional Paper No. 393)

Chief Electoral Officer's Report respecting Campaign Contributions and Expenditures (Volume II) for the Twenty-fourth Provincial General Election held on September 16, 1999

(Sessional Paper No. 394)

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Agri-Food Innovation Fund for the year ended March 31, 2000

(Sessional Paper No. 399)

Financial Statements of the Saskatchewan Learning Resources Distribution Centre for the year ended March 31, 2000

(Sessional Paper No. 400)

COMMITTEE REPORTS FILED AND DISTRIBUTED

The following report was filed with the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly during the adjournment period June 30, 2000 to March 19, 2001, pursuant to an Order of the Assembly dated June 27, 2000, to be Tabled and considered in the next session:

Final Report of the Special Committee on Tobacco Control dated January 2001

APPENDIX A
QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

DECEMBER 15, 1999

Ms. Julé asked the Government Question No. 1, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Atkinson:

To the Minister of Health, in fiscal year 1998-99: (1) How many pregnancies were recorded in Saskatchewan? (2) How many of these pregnancies ended in miscarriage? (3) How many ended in what physicians call natural undetected or retained abortions?

Answer:

The department does not have a means of tracking pregnancies and/or miscarriages. Counting the outcomes of known pregnancies is only done via vital statistics (births), via pre-natal care visits and in-hospital births. There is no procedure code or way to track the number of natural undetected and retained abortions.

Ms. Julé asked the Government Question No. 2, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Atkinson:

To the Minister of Health, in fiscal year 1997-98: (1) How many pregnancies were recorded in Saskatchewan? (2) How many of these pregnancies ended in miscarriage? (3) How many ended in what physicians call natural undetected or retained abortions?

Answer:

The department does not have a means of tracking pregnancies and/or miscarriages. Counting the outcomes of known pregnancies is only done via vital statistics (births), via pre-natal care visits and in-hospital births. There is no procedure code or way to track the number of natural undetected and retained abortions.

Ms. Julé asked the Government Question No. 3, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Atkinson:

To the Minister of Health, in fiscal year 1996-97: (1) How many pregnancies were recorded in Saskatchewan? (2) How many of these pregnancies ended in miscarriage? (3) How many ended in what physicians call natural undetected or retained abortions?

Answer:

The department does not have a means of tracking pregnancies and/or miscarriages. Counting the outcomes of known pregnancies is only done via vital statistics (births), via pre-natal care visits and in-hospital births. There is no procedure code or way to track the number of natural undetected and retained abortions.

Ms. Julé asked the Government Question No. 8, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Cline:

To the Minister of Finance: How much did the First Nations exemption from paying the PST cost the provincial government in 1998-99?

Answer:

\$9 million. In 1998-99, the Government of Saskatchewan collected \$11.8 million in tobacco and fuel purchased by status Indians on reserve.

Ms. Julé asked the Government Question No. 9, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Cline:

To the Minister of Finance: How much did the First Nations exemption from paying the PST cost the provincial government in 1997-98?

Answer:

\$9 million. In 1997-98, the Government of Saskatchewan collected \$11.2 million in tobacco and fuel purchased by status Indians on reserve.

Ms. Julé asked the Government Question No. 10, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Cline:

To the Minister of Finance: How much did the First Nations exemption from paying the PST cost the provincial government in 1996-97?

Answer:

\$10 million. In 1996-97, the Government of Saskatchewan collected \$11.1 million in tobacco and fuel purchased by status Indians on reserve.

Mr. Weekes asked the Government Question No. 11, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Melenchuk:

To the Minister of Education: How many middle management positions within your department have been terminated since you became minister?

Answer:

The Government is currently in the middle of a fiscal year. Positions are defined at the beginning of each budget year.

Mr. Boyd asked the Government Question No. 12, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter:

To the Minister of Agriculture and Food: (1) What mode of transportation did he use to attend the recent World Trade Organization meeting in Seattle? (2) How many staff members accompanied him? (3) Did any members of his immediate family accompany him on the trip?

Answer:

- (1) Executive Air.
- (2) Two. A Ministerial Assistant and the Deputy Minister Agriculture and Food.
- (3) Yes, the Minister's son. Saskatchewan Property Management Corporation Air Transportation Policy states that families of the Lieutenant Governor, Premier, Cabinet Ministers and qualifying MLA's may travel when accompanying the family member of the government and seats are available on the aircraft without bumping a government passenger.

Ms. Eagles asked the Government Question No. 13, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hillson:

To the Minister of Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs: (1) What mode of transportation did he use to attend the recent World Trade Organization meeting in Seattle? (2) How many staff members accompanied him? (3) Did any members of his immediate family accompany him on the trip?

Answer:

- (1) Executive Air.
- (2) Two. His Senior Ministerial Assistant and the Deputy Minister of Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs accompanied the Minister.
- (3) No.

Mr. Krawetz asked the Government Question No. 14, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Cline:

To the Minister of Finance: What effect does the bankruptcy of Eaton's department store have on the mortgages held by the provincial government against Cadillac Fairview and Eaton's due to mature on December 1, 2001?

Answer:

This question should have been directed to the Minister responsible for the Crown Investments Corporation. But Finance advises, based on CIC information, that there is no impact.

Mr. Toth asked the Government Question No. 15, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hillson:

To the Minister of Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs: How many middle management positions within your department have had their jobs terminated since you became Minister?

Answer:

The Government is currently in the middle of a fiscal year. Positions are defined at the beginning of each budget year.

Ms. Bakken asked the Government Question No. 16, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hillson:

To the Minister of Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs: How much has the advertising and communications budget within your department been reduced since you became Minister?

Answer:

The Government is currently in the middle of a fiscal year. Department budgets are defined at the beginning of each budget year.

Mr. D'Autremont asked the Government Question No. 17, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Cline:

To the Minister of Finance: How much is the Government of Saskatchewan spending on the program known as the Three Century Club wherein portions of the Trans-Canada Trail is purchased in the name of certain senior citizens to mark the new Millennium?

Answer:

This question should be directed to the Provincial Secretary.

Mr. D'Autremont asked the Government Question No. 18, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Nilson:

To the Minister of Crown Investments Corporation: How much has been cut from the Crown corporations' advertising budgets since October 1, 1999?

Answer:

Budgets are estimates for spending set at the beginning of the fiscal year. The actual amount spent will not be known until the end of the fiscal year, which coincides with the calendar year.

Mr. Bjornerud asked the Government Question No. 19, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Melenchuk:

To the Minister of Education: How much has the advertising and communications budget within your department been reduced since you became Minister?

Answer:

The Government is currently in the middle of a fiscal year. Department budgets are defined at the beginning of each budget year.

Mr. Bjornerud asked the Government Question No. 20, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Nilson:

To the Minister of Crown Investments Corporation: How much has been cut from all Crown legal, polling and consulting budgets since October 1, 1999?

Answer:

Budgets are estimates for spending set at the beginning of the fiscal year. The actual amount spent will not be known until the end of the fiscal year, which coincides with the calendar year.

Mr. Wall asked the Government Question No. 21, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Axworthy:

To the Minister of Justice: What specific role, if any, did the Deputy Minister of Justice play in drafting the coalition agreement between the Liberal Party of Saskatchewan and the New Democratic Party of Saskatchewan dated September 29th, 1999?

Answer:

The Deputy Minister of Justice advised the Government with respect to its constitutional responsibility to advise the Lieutenant Governor on its ability to enjoy the confidence of the Assembly. As part of that constitutional advice the Deputy Minister of Justice necessarily considered the terms and effects of the coalition agreement.

Mr. Stewart asked the Government Question No. 22, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Nilson:

To the Minister of Crown Investments Corporation: Why was the City of Moose Jaw denied the opportunity to set up its own enhanced 911 system – a system that would have cost taxpayers substantially less than what they will now have to pay to get emergency services routed from Swift Current?

Answer:

This question is best directed to the Minister of Municipal Affairs, Culture & Housing.

Mr. Hart asked the Government Question No. 23, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hagel:

To the Minister of Post-Secondary Education: (1) What role did the Department of Post-Secondary Education play in the current efforts to keep the Canadian Bible College in Regina? (2) Has there been an offer to the Canadian Bible College and the Canadian Theological Seminary about taking a place in the Knowledge Corridor in southeast Regina?

Answer:

(1) The department has historically provided funding (\$123 K/ 1999-2000) to the Canadian Bible College (CBC) and the Canadian Theological Seminary (CTS) in support of their affiliation with the University of Regina.

(2) The department is facilitating discussions respecting a new academic affiliation agreement between CBC and the University of Regina which could result in CBC/CTS being part of the new Knowledge Corridor. The discussions regarding the new academic affiliation agreement are a critical first step in CBC/CTS's potential move to the Knowledge Corridor. Once this issue has been satisfactorily resolved, other issues such as land and operating funding will be discussed. My department will continue to be involved in efforts to keep CBC/CTS in Regina.

Mr. Wakefield asked the Government Question No. 24, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Romanow:

To the Premier: (1) How many positions have been eliminated in the Executive Council's communication coordination and media services office since October 1, 1999? (2) How much money has this reduction saved?

Answer:

- (1) No positions have been eliminated since October 1, 1999.
- (2) Not applicable.

Mr. Brkich asked the Government Question No. 25, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Romanow:

To the Premier: (1) How many full-time-equivalent positions have been eliminated in Executive Council since October 1, 1999? (2) How much money has been saved with these staff reductions?

Answer:

- (1) No full-time equivalent positions have been eliminated since October 1, 1999.
- (2) Not applicable.

Ms. Harpauer asked the Government Question No. 26, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Romanow:

To the Premier: (1) How many positions have been eliminated from Executive Council's House Business and Research office since October 1, 1999? (2) How much money has this reduction saved?

Answer:

- (1) No positions have been eliminated since October 1, 1999.
- (2) Not applicable.

Mr. Kwiatkowski asked the Government Question No. 27, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Nilson:

To the Minister of Crown Investments Corporation: (1) How many middle management positions have been eliminated in Saskatchewan's Crown corporations since October 1, 1999? (2) How much money have these reductions saved?

Answer:

The question in its present form cannot be answered. CIC requires more information as to what specific positions are meant by the term "middle management."

Mr. Elhard asked the Government Question No. 29, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Melenchuk:

To the Minister of Education: (1) What in-province and out-of-province travel has been undertaken by you in your capacity of Minister? (2) Which Ministerial Assistants accompanied you on each trip?

Answer:

In the capacity of Minister of Education, the following in-province travel has been undertaken:

- from Saskatoon to Regina (unaccompanied by ministerial assistants)
- from Saskatoon to Regina (unaccompanied by ministerial assistants)
- from Saskatoon to Regina (unaccompanied by ministerial assistants)
- from Regina to Saskatoon and return (unaccompanied by ministerial assistants)
- from Regina to Swift Current and return (accompanied by R. Jozsa and R. Phillips)
- from Saskatoon to Regina (unaccompanied by ministerial assistants)

In the capacity of Minister of Education, no out-of-province travel has been undertaken.

- from Regina to Ottawa (accompanied by Richard Phillips), as part of Farm Delegation. Did not travel in capacity as Minister of Education.

Mr. Wiberg asked the Government Question No. 30, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hillson:

To the Minister of Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs: (1) What in-province and out-of-province travel has been undertaken by you in your capacity of Minister? (2) Which Ministerial Assistants accompanied you on each trip?

Answer:

A complete list of my travel including persons accompanying me on each trip is provided.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Origin</u>	<u>Destination</u>	<u>Other Persons</u>
Sept. 29/99	North Battleford	Regina	None
Oct. 19/99	Saskatoon	Regina	None
Oct. 27/99	Regina	Ottawa	None
Nov. 1/99	North Battleford	Saskatoon	None
Nov. 3/99	North Battleford	Saskatoon	None
		Regina	
Nov. 4/99	Regina	North Battleford	None
Nov. 9/99	North Battleford	Saskatoon	None
		Regina	
Nov. 10/99	Regina	North Battleford	None
Nov. 15-16/99	North Battleford	Saskatoon	None
Nov. 17/99	Saskatoon	Regina	None
Nov. 20/99	Regina	Saskatoon	None
Nov. 25-26/99	North Battleford	Saskatoon	Ministerial Assistants, David Hulyappa and Aaron Friedman
Dec. 1/99	Regina	Seattle	Ministerial Assistant, David Hulyappa
Dec. 3-5/99	Seattle	Quebec City	Ministerial Assistant, David Hulyappa

Mr. Heppner asked the Government Question No. 31, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Nilson:

To the Minister of Crown Investments Corporation: (1) What is the policy for the awarding of contracts by the Crowns from communication firms, marketing firms, market research firms or polling companies? (2) What role does Executive Council play in awarding contracts of this type by the Crown Corporations? (3) What contracts of this type have been awarded by Crown Corporations so far in 1999? (4) How many of these tenders follow government policy? (5) How many firms bid on each job? (6) How much was each contract worth? (7) How many companies bid on each?

Answer:

The policy for awarding contracts to communication firms is the Communications Procurement Policy administered by Executive Council. Information about communication contracts is tabled with the Crown Corporations Committee of the Legislature.

Mr. Gantfoer asked the Government Question No. 32, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Nilson:

To the Minister of Crown Investments Corporation: what new charges will SaskTel place on telephone bills related to in-home service calls in the year 2000?

Answer:

SaskTel has made no announcements regarding in-home service calls for the year 2000.

Mr. Gantfoer asked the Government Question No. 33, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Nilson:

To the Minister of Crown Investments Corporation: what new charges has SaskTel put on telephone bills related to in-home service calls in the year 1999?

Answer:

In 1999 there were no increases in in-home service calls.

Mr. Peters asked the Government Question No. 34, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Melenchuk:

To the Minister of Education: what are the names of all Ministerial Assistants employed in your ministerial office and their salaries?

Answer:

Richard Phillips	Senior Ministerial Assistant	monthly salary \$4,221
Marvin Schultz	Intermediate Ministerial Assistant	monthly salary \$3,598
Robert Jozsa	Intermediate Ministerial Assistant	monthly salary \$3,454
Wendy Wagner	Senior Secretary	monthly salary \$3,092
Joyce Cole	Intermediate Secretary	\$2,892

Mr. McMorris asked the Government Question No. 35, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hillson:

To the Minister of Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs: what are the names of all Ministerial Assistants employed in your ministerial office and their salaries?

Answer:

Senior Ministerial Assistant	David Huliyappa	\$4,221 monthly
Junior Ministerial Assistant	Joel Peterson	\$2,893 monthly
Junior Ministerial Assistant	Lynne Stuart*	\$2,893 monthly
Junior Ministerial Assistant	Aaron Friedman	\$2,893 monthly
Senior Secretary	Lynda Coderre	\$3,344 monthly

* Resigned effective December 30th, 1999

DECEMBER 17, 1999

Ms. Draude asked the Government Question No. 36, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Romanow:

To the Premier: Has any member of the staff of Executive Council been actively engaged in seeking private sector corporate directorships for you in 1999?

Answer:

No.

MARCH 29, 2000

Mr. Brkich, asked the Government the following Question No. 37, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Sonntag:

To the Minister responsible for SaskWater: (1) How many appeals are currently awaiting a hearing before or decision by the Water Appeal Board? (2) How many appeals have been concluded by the Water Appeal Board in each month of 1999? (3) Of the cases currently awaiting a hearing before the Water Appeal Board, what is the length of time that each has been waiting for a hearing?

Answer:

These questions should be asked directly to the Water Appeal Board, as the Board operates independently of Government.

Mr. Heppner, asked the Government the following Question No. 38, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Nilson:

To the Minister of Crown Investments Corporation: (1) What year was the Quebec Task Force on Whiplash-Associated Disorders adopted by SGI as the rehabilitation model to be used here? (2) What other studies were used by SGI in developing its rehabilitation program? (3) What clinical studies were used by the government or SGI in making the decision to use the Quebec Task Force as a model for its Personal Injury Protection Plan? (4) Has anyone at SGI or in the provincial government studied the four different critiques that have now been published arguing that the findings of the Quebec Taskforce were faulty? (5) What is SGI's view of these critiques? (6) What role does or did David Cassidy play in the research study being conducted at the University of Saskatchewan and funded in part by SGI, into no-fault insurance and rehabilitation? (7) Is Mr. Cassidy still working on this project? (8) If not, what are the circumstances surrounding his departure?

Answer:

(1) SGI implemented its Early Intervention Program for soft tissue injuries in 1996.

(2) As the program was developed, SGI considered the Official Report of the Quebec Task Force on Whiplash Associated Disorders, The Scientific Monograph of the Quebec Task Force on Whiplash Associated Disorders, 'Redefining "Whiplash" and its Management' (Spine Medical Journal, April 1995), and the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services Clinical Practice Guidelines for Acute Back Pain Problems in Adults.

The program was reviewed and approved by a Rehabilitation Advisory Board composed of representatives from the major recognized health care organizations and practitioner associations in Saskatchewan.

- (3) The Quebec Task Force published a scientific paper on the treatment of soft tissue injuries, which is the most exhaustive, up-to-date and authoritative review of the subject ever done. The research involved a systematic search through all world literature applying strict scientific protocols. The work was done by recognized world experts in the field, is the largest study and the most comprehensive review of world literature in the field ever done, and is based on evidence.
- (4) SGI is aware of articles written which criticize the work done by the Quebec Task Force.
- (5) With any research there are always dissenting opinions. The Quebec Task Force was comprised of world expert physicians, scientists, and professors, and its report was based on scientific evidence.
- (6) Dr. Cassidy is a recognized world leader in whiplash studies. He is currently Director of Research at the Institute for Health and Outcomes Research at the University of Saskatchewan, and Principal Investigator of three research projects funded in part or in full by SGI:
 1. Population-based Inception Cohort Study of Traffic Injuries in Saskatchewan (PICSTIS)
 2. Outcomes Measurement Project
 3. Mild Brain Injury Task Force
- (7) Dr. Cassidy has accepted a position with the University of Alberta, Centre of Injury Control and Research; however, he will continue to manage and complete all three research projects.
- (8) N/A

MARCH 31, 2000

Mr. D'Autremont asked the Government Question No. 39, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Nilson:

To the Minister of Crown Investments Corporation: (1) During 1999, how many times has the Sympatico e-mail system been out of service? (2) What was the reason for each of these outages? (3) For each outage incurred by this system in 1999, how many users were affected?

Answer:

- (1) In 1999 Sympatico e-mail was out of service on about ten occasions.
- (2) This occurred for a variety of reasons, including upgrades to the operating systems; server reconfiguration and maintenance as well as buildup on servers due to mass e-mails or stored e-mail messages.
- (3) During these outages all SaskTel Sympatico Internet customers would have been affected, however, to what degree would depend upon how many customers were using their systems during the respective outages.

APRIL 3, 2000

Mr. Krawetz asked the Government Question No. 40, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Cline:

To the Minister of Finance: (1) Has your Department referred the Final Report and Recommendations of the Saskatchewan Personal Income Tax Review Committee to an independent agency for a detailed economic analysis of the effects that each of the recommendations will have on the finances of the Government of Saskatchewan and forecasts of the impact on the Saskatchewan economy as a whole? (2) If the answer to question #1 is yes, which companies have been asked to perform such an analysis?

Answer:

(1) The selection of the Tax Committee was based on the Government's interest in receiving sound technical and tax policy advice from recognized tax professionals.

The report of the Tax Committee was released almost immediately to the public as a means to ensure wide public discussion and debate about its contents. The Government has received a wide range of views on the Report and is expecting many tax professionals and economists to voice an opinion on the impact of the recommendations.

Upon receipt of the report, the following individuals were asked to comment upon the Tax Committee's recommendations:

Professor Kenneth J. McKenzie, Department of Economics, University of Calgary
Professor Robert F. Lucas, Department of Economics, University of Saskatchewan;
Professor Bev Dahlby, Department of Economics, University of Alberta; and,
Professor Tom Courchene, School of Policy Studies, Queens University.

The Department of Finance also has the capability to examine the Committee's report from a fiscal and economic perspective. This will be completed as part of the Government's consideration of the Committee's recommendations.

As a result, while the Government hasn't formally contracted with an independent company for an economic assessment, it has and will continue to receive advice and comment on the Committee's recommendations from qualified professionals.

(2) N/A

Mr. D'Autremont asked the Government Question No. 41, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hillson:

To the Provincial Secretary: How much is the Government of Saskatchewan spending on the program known as the Three Century Club wherein portions of the Trans-Canada Trail are purchased in the name of certain senior citizens to mark the new Millennium?

Answer:

Three-Century Club members are those seniors who have lived in the 19th, 20th and 21st centuries. The cost to recognize each of the 192 seniors with 1 metre of the Trans-Canada Trail is approximately \$45. This includes their name being placed on a plaque in one of the Trail pavilions. Together with the framed certificates, the total cost of the Three-Century Club program was \$11,536.

Mr. Stewart asked the Government Question No. 42, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Serby:

To the Minister of Municipal Affairs, Culture and Housing: Why was the City of Moose Jaw denied the opportunity to set up its own enhanced 911 system – a system that would have cost taxpayers substantially less than what they will have to pay to get emergency services routed from Swift Current?

Answer:

An extensive consultation process, including with the City of Moose Jaw, dating back to 1996 confirmed that the most cost effective and efficient Enhanced 9-1-1 call-taking model for Saskatchewan was to build on the four existing Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) located in Regina, Saskatoon, Prince Albert and South Saskatchewan (Swift Current).

This consultation process included a cost-benefit analysis that addressed the possibility of additional centres to answer the initial 9-1-1 calls. It was determined that there was little justification or support for more than four PSAPs, due to the increase in SaskTel's infrastructure costs and the unacceptably high facility and staffing costs.

Operating costs for PSAPs are based on accepted international standards and equipment, minimum staffing levels, population to be served and the resulting Enhanced 9-1-1 call volumes. Benchmark calculations for Sask911 require that each PSAP serves a population base of 230,000 to 260,000 residents, generating an estimated 82,800 call per year.

Moose Jaw's population of 35,000 with approximately 20,000 telephone lines will generate an estimated 10,000 to 13,000 emergency 9-1-1 calls per year. These figures cannot justify or sustain a fifth PSAP for the province.

APRIL 4, 2000**Mr. Elhard asked the Government Question No. 43, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Sonntag:**

To the Minister of Highways and Transportation: (1) What are the names of all employees of your ministerial staff hired since September 30th, 1999? (2) What are their salaries?

Answer:

(1) Anne Marie Heffernan was hired on November 15, 1999, for a maternity leave replacement.

(2) Her salary is \$3,092/month

Mr. Heppner asked the Government Question No. 44, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Nilson:

To the Minister of Crown Investments Corporation: What was the total cost for administering provisions of the Crown Construction Tendering Agreement in 1998-99?

Answer:

We do not separate the administration costs of the CCTA from other costs associated with the tendering process. There were no staff hired specifically to administer the provisions of the Crown Construction Tendering Agreement.

Mr. Heppner asked the Government Question No. 45, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Nilson:

To the Minister of Crown Investments Corporation: (1) What are the names of all employees of your ministerial staff hired since September 30th, 1999? (2) What are their salaries?

Answer:

(1) Chris Veeman was hired on January 24th to March 3rd as a medical leave replacement.

(2) His salary was \$2,893/month.

Ms. Julé asked the Government Question No. 46, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hillson:

To the Provincial Secretary: How much in total has Saskatchewan spent so far on projects marking the turn of the millennium?

Answer:

A relatively small budget has been allocated in fiscal year 1999-2000 for provincial millennium initiatives and projects.

Under *Celebrating Saskatchewan*, five millennium projects have been or are being implemented in the year 2000, including the:

- *Atlas of Saskatchewan* (one for the 920 provincial schools; 3 copies to each of the 10 regional libraries, one copy to the provincial library);
- First Millennium Babies (recognition for 31 Saskatchewan-born babies);
- *Ringing in the Millennium* (over 1,000 communities participated in this New Year's Day celebration);
- Three-Century Club (recognition for 192 Saskatchewan seniors); and
- Saskatchewan portion of the Trans-Canada Trail.

Expenditures for these five initiatives do not exceed \$135,000; the cost to provide one *Atlas of Saskatchewan* to every school, the regional libraries and the provincial library in the province was \$100,000.

Ms. Julé asked the Government Question No. 47, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Hamilton:

To the Minister of Saskatchewan Property Management Corporation: (1) How many vehicles have been purchased by your Department in 1999 and at what cost? (2) What is the detail of each purchase?

Answer:

(1) SPMC purchased 230 vehicles at a net cost to the taxpayers of Saskatchewan of \$4.5 million, all recoverable through SPMC's Central Vehicle Agency's rental structure.

(2) SPMC's Central Vehicle Agency (CVA) provides vehicles to government for service delivery which includes highway workers, resource officers, public health nurses (mostly for rural and northern areas) and social workers.

CVA operates on a full cost-recovery basis. While year-to-date for 1999/2000 CVA has purchased 230 vehicles at a cost of \$6 million, all of these funds were recovered through the CVA rental structure, as well as the sale of surplus vehicles. CVA surplus vehicle sales recovered \$1.5 million for 1999/2000 through the sale of 436 vehicles. Vehicles must be kept a minimum of eight years or 160,000 kms before being considered for replacement. However, many of the vehicles purchased during 1999/2000 were replacing vehicles with mileage in excess of 250,000 kms.

To achieve the best possible deal for the taxpayer, SPMC issues an annual tender call to the various vehicle manufacturers as part of its Fleet Management System. As with other areas of Government Purchasing, Standing Orders are then established with the lowest bids from qualified suppliers, allowing CVA to purchase vehicles for a set-price at any time throughout that fiscal year.

Purchases are made according to the 19 categories of vehicles supplied to government. Each individual purchase falls under one of these categories and are purchased according to the successful tender agreement.

Mr. Krawetz asked the Government Question No. 48, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Cline:

To the Minister of Finance, in the 1999 Fall Report of the Provincial Auditor, it is noted that the Government does not publish overall planning or performance information for the entire Government and the Provincial Auditor recommends that the Government do so: Will the Finance Minister be providing to this House and to the people of Saskatchewan a complete fiscal plan of the entire Government for the next fiscal year?

Answer:

The December 1999 Speech from the Throne announced that Government will begin to implement a comprehensive accountability project. Once this new approach is fully implemented over the next several years, all Government departments will articulate their goals and objectives and report annually on their performance. This initiative will improve planning and performance reporting and complements the improvements to financial reporting made by this Government over the past number of years. In his Fall 1999 Report (Volume 1), the Provincial Auditor expresses his support for this initiative.

Mr. Krawetz asked the Government Question No. 49, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Cline:

To the Minister of Finance: (1) What are the names of all employees of your ministerial staff hired since September 30th, 1999? (2) What are their salaries?

Answer:

(1) No new staff have been hired in the Office of the Minister of Finance since September 30, 1999.

(2) N/A

Mr. Boyd asked the Government Question No. 50, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter:

To the Minister of Agriculture and Food: (1) What are the names of all employees of your ministerial staff hired since September 30th, 1999 (2) What are their salaries?

Answer:

Blair Wager	\$3,454/month
Jennifer Hume	\$2,893/month

Ms. Draude asked the Government Question No. 51, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter:

To the Minister of Agriculture and Food: How many Saskatchewan farmers have defaulted on loans to ACS since the beginning of the year?

Answer:

From January 1, 1999, 1,141 customers have accounts in arrears and their loans remain in arrears status as of March 31, 2000.

In total however, the number of customers in arrears has decreased from 3,088 at January 1, 1999 to 1,932 at March 31, 2000.

Mr. Gantfoer asked the Government Question No. 52, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Atkinson:

To the Minister of Health: (1) So far in 1999-2000, how many Saskatchewan residents have been approved by the Department of Health to seek medical treatment in the United States for procedures unavailable in Saskatchewan? (2) How many such procedures have been performed in 1999-2000? (3) What is the name of each procedure performed? (4) What was the cost of each procedure?

Answer:

The information for 1999-2000 will not be available until the fall of 2000.

Mr. Gantfoer asked the Government Question No. 53, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Atkinson:

To the Minister of Health: (1) In 1998-99, how many Saskatchewan residents were approved by the Department of Health to seek medical treatment in the United States for procedures unavailable in Saskatchewan? (2) How many such procedures have been performed in 1998-1999? (3) What are the names of each procedure performed? (4) What was the cost of each procedure?

Answer:

- (1) 20 Saskatchewan residents
- (2) 10 procedures were performed over and above consultation and assessment.
- (3) The Minister is unable to provide this answer in order to protect patient confidentiality.
- (4) The total cost, in Canadian funds, was \$522,228.76.

Mr. Gantfoer asked the Government Question No. 54, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Atkinson:

To the Minister of Health: (1) In 1997-98, how many Saskatchewan residents were approved by the Department of Health to seek medical treatment in the United States for procedures unavailable in Saskatchewan? (2) How many such procedures have been performed in 1997-98? (3) What are the names of each procedure performed? (4) What was the cost of each procedure?

Answer:

- (1) 26 Saskatchewan residents
- (2) 15 procedures were performed over and above consultation and assessment.
- (3) The Minister is unable to provide the answer to this question in order to protect patient confidentiality.
- (4) The total cost, in Canadian funds, was \$645,048.51

Mr. Toth asked the Government Question No. 55, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) What are the names of all employees of your ministerial staff hired since September 30th, 1999 (2) What are their salaries?

Answer:

- (1) No employees were hired as ministerial staff since September 30, 1999.
- (2) Not applicable

Ms. Eagles asked the Government Question No. 56, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Hamilton:

To the Minister of Saskatchewan Property Management Corporation: (1) What are the names of all employees of your ministerial staff hired since September 30th, 1999? (2) What are their salaries?

Answer:

- (1) James Winkel was hired on March 13, 2000.
- (2) \$3,598/month

Mr. Wall asked the Government Question No. 57, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Axworthy:

To the Minister of Justice: (1) What are the names of all employees of your ministerial staff hired since September 30th, 1999? (2) What are their salaries?

Answer:

- (1) The following employees have been hired as ministerial staff since September 30th, 1999: Ian Wagner, Sheila Harmatiuk, Rick Pollard, Paul Taylor, Cindy Wolk and Angela Kopp. The employment of Paul Taylor ended on December 31, 1999.
- (2) The monthly salary for each employee is as follows: Ian Wagner – \$4,221; Sheila Harmatiuk - \$3,750; Rick Pollard - \$2,893; Cindy Wolk - \$3,478; and Angela Kopp - \$2,785.

Ms. Bakken asked the Government Question No. 58, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Atkinson:

To the Minister of Health: (1) What are the names of all employees of your ministerial staff hired since September 30th, 1999? (2) What are their salaries?

Answer:

- (1) Gina Mitchell
- (2) \$3126/month

Mr. Bjornerud asked the Government Question No. 59, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Serby:

To the Minister of Municipal Affairs, Culture and Housing: (1) What are the names of all employees of your ministerial staff hired since September 30th, 1999? (2) What are their salaries?

Answer:

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| Kirk Brown | \$3,750/month |
| Brian Rusnak | \$2,893/month |
| Shauna Bergman (replacement for maternity leave) | \$2,141/month |

Mr. McMorris asked the Government Question No. 60, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Romanow:

To the Premier: (1) What are the names of all employees of your ministerial staff hired since September 30th, 1999? (2) What are their salaries?

Answer:

- (1) There have been no ministerial staff hired since September 30th, 1999.
- (2) N/A

Mr. Weekes asked the Government Question No. 61, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Crofford:

To the Minister of Labour: (1) What are the names of all employees of your ministerial staff hired since September 30th, 1999? (2) What are their salaries?

Answer:

- (1) No Ministerial staff have been hired since September 30th, 1999.
- (2) N/A

Mr. Brkich asked the Government Question No. 62, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Nilson:

To the Minister of Crown Investments Corporation: How much money has SaskPower given to Ducks Unlimited since 1995?

Answer:

In 1996, SaskPower provided Ducks Unlimited a \$75,000 contribution. Effective January 1, 1997, SaskPower signed an agreement with Ducks Unlimited to become the first Diamond Legacy Sponsor, providing a \$1 million trust fund to guarantee DU a minimum annual contribution of \$100,000 to be used for projects within Saskatchewan. The total donated to DU from 1996 to 1999 was \$375,000.

As well, since 1995, SaskPower has spent \$5,100 purchasing tickets for customers and Customer Services staff to attend Ducks Unlimited fundraising dinners across the province.

Ms. Harpauer asked the Government Question No. 63, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Nilson:

To the Minister of Crown Investments Corporation: How much money, including productions costs, salaries and ad buys has SaskTel spent on advertisements featuring comedian Brent Butt?

Answer:

To date, the spending for advertisements requested is the sum of \$2,546,317.91 which includes all spending. This includes complete production, media purchase, and agency time for three extensive mass media campaigns in the highly competitive long distance marketplace. The three campaigns included promoting SaskTel's 90 minute phone card campaign, SaskTel Bundles, and a Long Distance value campaign. These campaigns did not just include the production of single advertisements. A total of nine separate television commercials, 11 radio commercials, extensive print advertisements, direct mail, bill inserts, and billboards were produced. The campaigns were all developed through Saskatchewan advertising agencies, produced through Saskatchewan production houses.

As well, the campaign timeframes were expansive to ensure SaskTel's presence and awareness in the marketplace against numerous competitors such as Sprint. The Bundles campaign ran from November 1999 - February 1999. The 90-minute phone card campaign ran from September 1998 - December 1998. The Long Distance value campaign ran from September 1999 - November 1999. SaskTel's long distance marketplace is highly competitive, with both national and international competitors.

Advertising is necessary for SaskTel in order to keep its customers aware of their full line of communications solutions, and to help them understand the benefits of SaskTel products and services. SaskTel views its advertising as an investment designed to maintain market share (especially long distance and cellular), grow new services and generate increased revenue.

Mr. Wakefield asked the Government Question No. 64, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. MacKinnon:

To the Minister of Economic and Co-operative Development: (1) What are the names of all employees of your ministerial staff hired since September 30th, 1999? (2) What are their salaries?

Answer:

- (1) There have been no ministerial staff hired since September 30, 1999.
 (2) N/A

Mr. Hart asked the Government Question No. 65, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hagel:

To the Minister of Post-Secondary Education and Skills Training: (1) What are the names of all employees of your ministerial staff hired since September 30th, 1999? (2) What are their salaries?

Answer:

Brian Keith	Senior Ministerial Assistant	\$4,406/month
Carol Martynook	Senior Secretary	\$3,344/month
Mike Dalrymple	Intermediate Ministerial Assistant	\$4,216/month
Jacqueline Danyluk	Intermediate Secretary	\$3,381/month
Jaime McCormick	Junior Ministerial Assistant	\$2,893/month

Mr. Allchurch asked the Government Question No. 66, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Goulet:

To the Minister of Northern Affairs: (1) What are the names of all employees of your ministerial staff hired since September 30th, 1999? (2) What are their salaries?

Answer:

(1) The Minister of Northern Affairs has not hired any Ministerial staff since September 30th, 1999.

(2) N/A

Mr. Stewart asked the Government Question No. 67, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Lautermilch:

To the Minister of Energy and Mines: (1) What are the names of all employees of your ministerial staff hired since September 30th, 1999? (2) What are their salaries?

Answer:

(1) Mark Pitzel was hired as an Intermediate Ministerial Assistant effective October 1, 1999.

(2) His salary is \$3,598 per month.

Mr. Kwiatkowski asked the Government Question No. 68, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Belanger:

To the Minister of Environment and Resource Management: (1) What are the names of all employees of your ministerial staff hired since September 30th, 1999? (2) What are their salaries?

Answer:

The following is a list of all ministerial staff, titles and their salaries:

Beverly Cardinal Senior Ministerial Assistant	\$5171/month
Nadine Olson Intermediate Ministerial Assistant	\$3598/month
Roberta Soo-Oyewaste Intermediate Ministerial Assistant	\$3454/month
Vicky Heinemann Junior Ministerial Assistant	\$3018/month
Cheryl Wilkie Senior Secretary	\$3478/month

APRIL 12, 2000**Mr. Stewart asked the Government Question No. 69, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Lautermilch:**

To the Minister of Energy and Mines: What are the rate increases, service fee increases and all other increases in charges to the public for services rendered implemented by your department for the 2000-2001 fiscal year?

Answer:

Saskatchewan Energy and Mines has no increases in any fees or charges to the public for services rendered for the 2000-2001 fiscal year.

Mr. Peters asked the Government Question No. 70, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Hamilton:

To the Minister of Saskatchewan Property Management Corporation: What are the rate increases, service fee increases and all other increases in charges to the public for services rendered implemented by your department for the 2000-2001 fiscal year?

Answer:

SPMC has no increases in any fees or charges to the public for services rendered for the 2000-2001 fiscal year.

Mr. Wall asked the Government Question No. 71, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Axworthy:

To the Minister of Justice: What are the rate increases, service fee increases and all other increases in charges to the public for services rendered implemented by your department for the 2000-2001 fiscal year?

Answer:

During the 2000-2001 fiscal year, regulations will be approved to enact the following changes in service fees in the Department of Justice:

Corporations Branch

- Fees for computerized access to the Corporations registry system will change from \$3.00 for a name search and \$4.00 for detailed information to \$2.00 and \$5.00 respectively. While the total cost of obtaining detailed information (where a name search is required) remains at \$7.00, the change better reflects the cost of providing the information.
- Fees for information provided by telephone will increase from \$5.00 to \$8.00.
- Fees for computer printouts will increase from \$4.00 to \$10.00. Printouts are now certified, before they were not. Prior to this change, consumers had to pay \$35 to have their printouts certified.
- Fees for copies of documents will be set at \$1.00 per page as opposed to the current charge of \$5.00 per file. This fee change ties the cost of obtaining copies directly to the number of pages received.

Mediation Services

- Fees for facilitation and training will increase from \$60.00 per hour to \$90.00 per hour, consistent with private sector rates.

Mr. Kwiatkowski asked the Government Question No. 72, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Belanger:

To the Minister of Environment and Resource Management: What are the rate increases, service fee increases and all other increases in charges to the public for services rendered implemented by your department for the 2000-2001 fiscal year?

Answer:

2000-2001 Summary of Angling/Hunting Licence Changes

Effective for the 2000 Angling and Hunting Seasons

TYPE OF LICENCE / FEE	OLD FEE (with GST) (PST exempt)	NEW FEE (with GST) (PST exempt)	DATE OF LAST CHANGE
Sask Resident Annual Angling	16.05	25.00	1987
Sask Seniors Annual Angling Licence	10.70	10.70	1993
Sask Resident 3 Day Angling	8.03	12.00	1987
Canadian Resident Annual Angling (New licence - new fee)	16.05 ¹	40.00	1987
Canadian Resident 3 Day Angling (New licence - new fee)	8.03 ¹	20.00	1987
Non-Resident Annual Angling	32.10	50.00 ²	1987
Non-Resident 3 Day Angling	16.05	25.00 ³	1987
Non-Resident Bear Licence	110.00	165.00 ⁴	1993 (\$10.00 increase)
Canadian & Non-Resident coyote (New licence - new fee)	N/A	45.00 ⁵	New

¹ Old fee is the same as the old Sask resident fee as previously no distinction was made between Sask residents and non-Sask residents

² License will actually be \$33 US (amount is quoted in Can. funds above for comparative purposes)

³ License will actually be \$17 US (amount is quoted in Can. funds above for comparative purposes)

⁴ License will actually be \$110 US (amount is quoted in Can. funds above for comparative purposes)

⁵ License will actually be \$30 US (amount is quoted in Can. funds above for comparative purposes)

2000-2001 Summary of Park Fee Changes

Effective April 1, 2000

TYPE OF LICENCE / FEE	OLD FEE (with GST) (PST exempt)	NEW FEE (with GST) (PST exempt)	DATE OF LAST CHANGE
Park Entry Fees			
Daily	\$ 5.00	\$ 7.00	1996
3 Day	12.00	17.00	1996
Weekly	18.00	25.00	1996
Annual Transferrable	30.00	42.00	1996
Park Specific	13.00	18.00	1996
Motor Coach - Daily	15.00	20.00	1996
Motor Coach - Annual	70.00	100.00	1996
Camping Fees - Parks with service centres			
Full service site - per night	22.00	24.00	1998 (\$1.00 INCREASE)
Electrical site - per night	18.00	20.00	1998 (\$1.00 INCREASE)
Non-electrical site - per night	13.00	15.00	1996
Electrical - spring/fall discount	14.00	16.00	1998 (\$1.00 INCREASE)
Non-electrical - spring/fall discount	9.00	11.00	1996
Electrical - group - per site	18.00	20.00	1998 (\$1.00 INCREASE)
Non-electrical - group - per site	13.00	15.00	1996
Full service site - seasonal	850.00	1020.00	1998 6%
Electrical site - seasonal	690.00	830.00	1998 6%

Non-electrical site - seasonal	450.00	540.00	1998 6%
* Electrical - monthly (Level 1 parks)	400.00	465.00	1998 6%
* Non-electrical - monthly (Level 1 parks)	300.00	350.00	1996
* Electrical - monthly (Level 2 parks)	265.00	310.00	1998 6%
* Non-electrical - monthly (Level 2 parks)	200.00	230.00	1996
Camping Fees - Parks w/out service centres			
Electrical site - per night	16.00	18.00	1998 (\$1.00 INCREASE)
Non-electrical site - per night	11.00	13.00	1996
Economy	9.00	11.00	1996
Electrical - spring/fall discount	12.00	14.00	1998 (\$1.00 INCREASE)
Non-electrical - spring/fall discount	8.00	10.00	1996
Economy - spring/fall discount	7.00	9.00	1996
Electrical - group - per site	16.00	18.00	1998 (\$1.00 INCREASE)
Non-electrical - group - per site	11.00	13.00	1996
Electrical site - seasonal	590.00	710.00	1998 6%
Non-electrical site - seasonal	350.00	420.00	1998 6%
* Electrical - monthly (Level 1 parks)	350.00	410.00	1998 6%
* Non-electrical - monthly (Level 1 parks)	250.00	290.00	1996
* Electrical - monthly (Level 2 parks)	N/A	250.00	New
* Non-electrical - monthly (Level 2 parks)	N/A	175.00	New

Other			
Equestrian Camping Fee - per night	new fee	16.00	New
Greenwater Cabins - additional persons	5.00 Per night for each add'l person under 12	10.00 Per night for each add'l person under 18	1996

* Not available in all provincial parks. (Level 1 parks offer a broad range of services; Level 2 parks offer a limited range of services).

Mr. Elhard asked the Government Question No. 73, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Sonntag:

To the Minister of Highways and Transportation: What are the rate increases, service fee increases and all other increases in charges to the public for services rendered implemented by your department for the 2000-2001 fiscal year?

Answer:

Saskatchewan Highways and Transportation has no increases in any fees or charges to the public for services rendered for the 2000-2001 fiscal year.

Ms. Julé asked the Government Question No. 75, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hillson:

To the Minister of Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs: What are the rate increases, service fee increases and all other increases in charges to the public for services rendered implemented by your department for the 2000-2001 fiscal year?

Answer:

Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs has no increases in any fees or charges to the public for services rendered for the 2000-2001 fiscal year.

Ms. Draude asked the Government Question No. 76, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Melenchuk:

To the Minister of Education: What are the rate increases, service fee increases and all other increases in charges to the public for services rendered implemented by your department for the 2000-2001 fiscal year?

Answer:

The Department of Education has no increases in any fees or charges to the public for services rendered for the 2000-2001 fiscal year.

Mr. Gantfoer asked the Government Question No. 77, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Atkinson:

To the Minister of Health: What are the rate increases, service fee increases and all other increases in charges to the public for services rendered implemented by your department for the 2000-2001 fiscal year?

Answer:

Effective October 1, 2000, the maximum income-tested resident charge for nursing home residents will increase to \$1,500 per month, from the current April, 2000 rate of \$1,036. Approximately 2,000 of the current 9,000 long-term care residents will be affected by this change through increases ranging from \$1 per month to \$464 per month. Approximately 80 per cent of residents will not have their fees increased. Under the new fee structure, government will continue to subsidize to an estimated 73 per cent of costs. The average cost for residents is \$3500 per month. The 20 per cent of affected residents will be informed of their specific increases by July 1, 2000.

There are no other fee increases, stemming from the 2000/2001 budget, however two regular fee increases will occur in 2000/2001 fiscal year.

Long term care income-tested resident charges are adjusted quarterly in keeping with changes to Old Age Security (OAS) and Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS). This is current practice as indicated in the *Care and Regulations to The Housing and Special-care Homes Act* and is **not a new initiative**. The first quarterly adjustment occurred on April 1st, 2000.

The unit charge and the maximum monthly charge for chargeable home care services are adjusted annually based on the previous calendar year's increase in Old Age Security (OAS) and Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS). This is current practice as indicated in provincial home care policy, and is **not a new initiative**.

At this point, the Department of Health has not yet seen district health plans. Districts have just been informed of their budget allotment and are planning accordingly. Health districts charge fees for a variety of services, for example parking, private room accommodation, home care, and chiropody care.

Through the normal course of business some fees could change but are not tied to the 2000/2001 budget.

Mr. Toth asked the Government Question No. 78, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen:

To the Minister of Social Services: What are the rate increases, service fee increases and all other increases in charges to the public for services rendered implemented by your department for the 2000-2001 fiscal year?

Answer:

Social Services has no increases in any fees or charges to the public for services rendered for the 2000-2001 fiscal year.

Ms. Eagles asked the Government Question No. 80, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Hamilton:

To the Minister responsible for the Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority: What are the rate increases, service fee increases and all other increases in charges to the public for services rendered implemented by your department for the 2000-2001 fiscal year?

Answer:

The Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority has no increases in any fees or charges to the public for services rendered for the 2000-2001 fiscal year.

Mr. Bjornerud asked the Government Question No. 81, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Serby:

To the Minister of Municipal Affairs, Culture and Housing: What are the rate increases, service fee increases and all other increases in charges to the public for services rendered implemented by your department for the 2000-2001 fiscal year?

Answer:

Public Safety

- The provincial-wide Sask911 Program continues to be implemented throughout the province. A fee of \$1.00 per residential line is administered through SaskTel's billing system as comprehensive 9-1-1 call taking services are rolled out to different areas of the province. Municipal Affairs, Culture and Housing's share of .50 cents is directed to the implantation and operation of call taking services in the province. The other .50 cents goes to SaskTel for the operation of infrastructure.

Saskatchewan Housing Corporation

- Saskatchewan Housing Corporation, an agency of MACH, provides accommodations to over 19,000 households. There are two fee structures.
- In social housing units (80% of the portfolio), charges to low-income clients are based on a percentage of household income. SHC is making no change to this fee structure in 2000-01. However, it is inherent in the nature of this fee structure that charges to clients either increase or decrease as household incomes fluctuate up or down. The household income is reviewed once per year, or more frequently at the request of the client. Senior households tend to have income review dates in April through July when updated CPP and OAS figures are released.
- In affordable housing (20% of the portfolio), rents are set at the low end of market. In 2000-01, rents will increase by an average of 1.6 per cent, to take effect from July through October. The reason for the increase is to offset pressures on operating costs, such as utilities, property taxes, and building materials for repairs.

Mr. Hart asked the Government Question No. 82, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hagel:

To the Minister of Post-Secondary Education and Skills Training: What are the rate increases, service fee increases and all other increases in charges to the public for services rendered implemented by your department for the 2000-2001 fiscal year?

Answer:

Post-Secondary Education and Skills Training has no increases in any fees or charges to the public for services rendered for the 2000-2001 fiscal year.

Mr. Weekes asked the Government Question No. 83, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Crofford:

To the Minister of Labour: What are the rate increases, service fee increases and all other increases in charges to the public for services rendered implemented by your department for the 2000-2001 fiscal year?

Answer:

Labour has no increases in any fees or charges to the public for services rendered for the 2000-2001 fiscal year.

Mr. Brkich asked the Government Question No. 84, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Sonntag:

To the Minister of SaskWater: What are the rate increases, service fee increases and all other increases in charges to the public for services rendered implemented by SaskWater for the 2000-2001 fiscal year?

Answer:

SaskWater has no increases in any fees or charges to the public for services rendered for the 2000-2001 fiscal year.

Mr. Wakefield asked the Government Question No. 85, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Cline:

To the Minister of Finance: What are the rate increases, service fee increases and all other increases in charges to the public for services rendered implemented by your department for the 2000-2001 fiscal year?

Answer:

The Department of Finance has no increases in any fees or charges to the public for services rendered for the 2000-2001 fiscal year.

Mr. Wakefield asked the Government Question No. 86, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. MacKinnon:

To the Minister of Economic and Co-operative Development: What are the rate increases, service fee increases and all other increases in charges to the public for services rendered implemented by your department for the 2000-2001 fiscal year?

Answer:

Economic and Co-operative Development has no increases in any fees or charges to the public for services rendered for the 2000-2001 fiscal year.

Mr. Wiberg asked the Government Question No. 87, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Goulet:

To the Minister of Northern Affairs: What are the rate increases, service fee increases and all other increases in charges to the public for services rendered implemented by your department for the 2000-2001 fiscal year?

Answer:

The Department of Northern Affairs has no increases in any fees or charges to the public for services rendered for the 2000-2001 fiscal year.

Mr. McMorris asked the Government Question No. 88, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Cline:

To the Minister of Finance: How much money is your department planning to spend on advertising, direct mail or any other type of promotion of the 2000-2001 provincial budget?

Answer:

Approximately \$65,000, which includes all costs of developing, printing and mailing out the budget pamphlet to all Saskatchewan households.

Mr. Heppner asked the Government Question No. 89, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Nilson:

To the Minister of Crown Investments Corporation: What are the details of all programs and services in your department that were eliminated or reduced as the result of the 2000-2001 budget?

Answer:

No programs or services in Crown Investments Corporation were eliminated or reduced as the result of the 2000-2001 budget.

Mr. Elhard asked the Government Question No. 90, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Sonntag:

To the Minister of Highways and Transportation: What are the details of all programs and services in your department that were eliminated or reduced as the result of the 2000-2001 budget?

Answer:

- Mowing Program – Reduced from \$1.54 million to \$1.24 million.
- Wildlife Safety Program Advertising – eliminated - \$20,000

Mr. Hermanson asked the Government Question No. 91, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Cline:

To the Minister of Finance: What are the details of all programs and services in your department that were eliminated or reduced as the result of the 2000-2001 budget?

Answer:

No programs or services in the Department of Finance were eliminated or reduced as the result of the 2000-2001 budget.

Ms. Draude asked the Government Question No. 92, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Crofford:

To the Minister responsible for the Women's Secretariat: What are the details of all programs and services in your department that were eliminated or reduced as the result of the 2000-2001 budget?

Answer:

No programs or services in Women's Secretariat were eliminated or reduced as the result of the 2000-2001 budget.

Ms. Draude asked the Government Question No. 93, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Melenchuk:

To the Minister of Education: What are the details of all programs and services in your department that were eliminated or reduced as the result of the 2000-2001 budget?

Answer:

No programs or services in the Department of Education were eliminated or reduced as the result of the 2000-2001 budget.

Mr. Gantfoer asked the Government Question No. 94, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Atkinson:

To the Minister of Health: What are the details of all programs and services in your department that were eliminated or reduced as the result of the 2000-2001 budget?

Answer:

No programs or services in the Department of Health were eliminated or reduced as the result of the 2000-2001 budget.

At this point, the Department of Health has not yet seen district health plans. Districts have just been informed of their budget allotments and are planning accordingly.

Mr. Gantfoer asked the Government Question No. 95, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Junor:

To the Minister responsible for Seniors: What are the details of all programs and services in your department that were eliminated or reduced as the result of the 2000-2001 budget?

Answer:

No programs or services in regards to Seniors were eliminated or reduced as the result of the 2000-2001 budget.

At this point, the Department of Health has not yet seen district health plans. Districts have just been informed of their budget allotments and are planning accordingly.

Mr. Kwiatkowski asked the Government Question No. 96, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Belanger:

To the Minister of Environment and Resource Management: What are the details of all programs and services in your department that were eliminated or reduced as the result of the 2000-2001 budget?

Answer:

This year adjustments were identified as follows:

- SERM is reducing its level of involvement in developing federal/provincial initiatives and standards. SERM will continue to be involved in some work, but to a lesser degree
- Funding for the Fish Habitat Management Program will be redirected to other Environmental Resource Management Activities due to the Federal Government's expanded involvement in the program and the province's desire to avoid duplication.

Operational efficiencies and adjustments were also identified:

- additional administrative efficiencies of \$140,000 have also been identified (one vacant financial administrative position eliminated - \$40,000; two positions redeployed to program and policy work in other divisions - \$100,000)
- By balancing service levels at 49 recreation sites with public usage, savings of \$150,000 are expected within the Commercial Revolving Fund. These savings will be directly reallocated to improving service levels throughout the rest of the park system.

Mr. Stewart asked the Government Question No. 97, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Lautermilch:

To the Minister of Energy and Mines: What are the details of all programs and services in your department that were eliminated or reduced as the result of the 2000-2001 budget?

Answer:

The drafting unit that focuses on the preparation of geological maps and claim maps will be eliminated. The department will no longer produce maps manually since mineral claim maps have been converted to digital format. Geologists will continue to prepare maps for production. The maps will be released directly from the geologists' work rather than as a professional product prepared by draftspersons. Savings from the elimination of the drafting unit are estimated to be \$134,000 in the 2000-2001.

Mr. Hart asked the Government Question No. 98, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hagel:

To the Minister of Post-Secondary Education and Skills Training: What are the details of all programs and services in your department that were eliminated or reduced as the result of the 2000-2001 budget?

Answer:

Program/service reductions include:

- (1) Cancellation of the interest free component of the 6-month grace period on Saskatchewan student loans effective August 1st, 2000 – \$0.5M permitting a more harmonized approach, and enhancing the long-term security and availability of student loans
 - Students who graduate before August 1st, 2000 continue to receive interest forgiveness for the first six months after graduation.
 - No student will be required to make a payment for the first six months after graduation.
 - About two-thirds of an average student's loan is actually owed to the Canada Student Loan, which does not provide interest forgiveness for six months after graduation and charges interest upon graduation.
- (2) Elimination of the Saskatchewan Partnerships (summer employment) program which cost \$777,000 and where last year, 64% of employers who applied for provincial funds refused them in favour of the richer federal Summer Career Placements Program
 - Following an evaluation, funding has been redirected to other priorities, particularly improving financial access to students.
 - The federal Summer Career Placements Program had \$2.5 million in funding and provided funding ranging from \$5.60/hour for non-profit sector employers to \$2.50/hour for the private sector (the provincial program offered \$1.20/hour). It was considered fiscally imprudent to compete with a federal program, which is much more attractive to employers.

- (3) JobStart/Future Skills was reduced by \$2.0 million. This reduction is a result of canceling the retraining component of JobStart/Future Skills. It is expected that many employers will undertake training of their employees without government support and the JobStart/Future Skills program continues with a budget of \$16.9 million this year.
- The program provided up to 1/3 of the cost of retraining employees. Industry is well-equipped to meet retraining needs identified in the sector through partnerships with training institutions.
 - \$1.5 million is budgeted this year to assist employers in sector planning partnerships.
- (4) Cancellation of the Links to Employment Program - \$1.65 million, which duplicated services provided under the Bridging to Employment Program. This was offset with a \$1.15 million increase to Bridging and Basic Education.
- This program provided funding to help community-based organizations deliver training and develop job links in local labour markets. Program budgets in Basic Education and Bridging have been increased by \$1.15 million this year. A new funding framework for community-based organizations will also be implemented in 2000-01 to support them in employment-related training. We are working to be more accountable to the people of Saskatchewan.
- (5) Reduction of the Universities Strategic Initiatives Fund - \$1.5 Million. The remaining funds will be rolled into the basic operating grant.
- This pilot project, part of the MacKay Report recommendations and university revitalization process provides incentives and support for collaborative projects between the Universities.

Mr. Wakefield asked the Government Question No. 99, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. MacKinnon:

To the Minister of Economic Development: What are the details of all programs and services in your department that were eliminated or reduced as the result of the 2000-2001 budget?

Answer:

No programs or services were eliminated. The REDA Enhancement program, was reduced from \$1 million to \$350,000.

Core funding for the province's 28 REDAs remains at the 1999-2000 level of \$1.5 million. Support for the REDA Youth Employment Program has also been maintained at \$200,000.

Mr. Wiberg asked the Government Question No. 100, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Goulet:

To the Minister of Northern Affairs: What are the details of all programs and services in your department that were eliminated or reduced as the result of the 2000-2001 budget?

Answer:

No programs or services in the Department of Northern Affairs were eliminated or reduced as the result of the 2000-2001 budget.

Mr. Brkich asked the Government Question No. 101, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Sonntag:

To the Minister responsible for SaskWater: What are the details of all programs and services in your department that were eliminated or reduced as the result of the 2000-2001 budget?

Answer:

No programs or services in SaskWater were eliminated or reduced as the result of the 2000-2001 budget.

Mr. Weekes asked the Government Question No. 102, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Crofford:

To the Minister of Labour: What are the details of all programs and services in your department that were eliminated or reduced as the result of the 2000-2001 budget?

Answer:

No programs or services in the Department of Labour were eliminated or reduced as the result of the 2000-2001 budget.

Mr. Weekes asked the Government Question No. 103, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen:

To the Minister responsible for Disability Issues: What are the details of all programs and services in your department that were eliminated or reduced as the result of the 2000-2001 budget?

Answer:

No programs or services the Department in Social Services for persons with disabilities were eliminated or reduced as a result of the 2000-2001 budget.

Mr. Toth asked the Government Question No. 104, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen:

To the Minister of Social Services: What are the details of all programs and services in your department that were eliminated or reduced as the result of the 2000-2001 budget?

Answer:

No programs or services in the Department of Social Services were eliminated or reduced as the result of the 2000-2001 budget.

Mr. Peters asked the Government Question No. 105, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Hamilton:

To the Minister of Saskatchewan Property Management Corporation: What are the details of all programs and services in your department that were eliminated or reduced as the result of the 2000-2001 budget?

Answer:

No programs or services in SPMC were eliminated or reduced as the result of the 2000-2001 budget.

Ms. Eagles asked the Government Question No. 106, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Hamilton:

To the Minister responsible for Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming: What are the details of all programs and services in your department that were eliminated or reduced as the result of the 2000-2001 budget?

Answer:

No programs or services in the Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority were eliminated or reduced as the result of the 2000-2001 budget.

Mr. Wall asked the Government Question No. 107, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Axworthy:

To the Minister of Justice: What are the details of all programs and services in your department that were eliminated or reduced as the result of the 2000-2001 budget?

Answer:

No programs in the Department of Justice were eliminated as the result of the 2000-2001 budget.

During the 2000-2001 fiscal year, the following services will be reduced or changed as a result of the budget:

- Mediation Services Branch will reduce the amount of direct fee-for-service mediation it provides. Fee-for-service mediation will be provided only in those communities where services cannot be provided by local mediators. This change will result in an annual saving of \$232,000.
- The Personal Property Registry will be transferred to the Saskatchewan Land Information Services Corporation. No services will be reduced or eliminated as a result of the transfer. The 2000-2001 Justice budget has been reduced by \$440,000 in anticipation of the transfer.
- The White Gull Correctional Camp, a low security facility, was closed effective April 1st, 2000. The offenders have been accommodated in other low security facilities in the North and Prince Albert and the \$720,000 budget for the Camp has been reallocated within the Corrections Division.
- Support for the Film Classification Board will be assumed by the Consumer Protection Branch, rather than provided by two part-time individuals formerly assigned to the Board. The annual saving is \$50,000 per year.

Ms. Bakken asked the Government Question No. 108, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hillson:

To the Minister of Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs: What are the details of all programs and services in your department that were eliminated or reduced as the result of the 2000-2001 budget?

Answer:

No programs or services in the Department of Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs were eliminated or reduced as the result of the 2000-2001 budget.

Mr. Boyd asked the Government Question No. 109, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter:

To the Minister of the Agriculture and Food: What are the details of all programs and services in your department that were eliminated or reduced as the result of the 2000-2001 budget?

Answer:

No programs or services in the Department of Agriculture and Food were eliminated or reduced as the result of the 2000-2001 budget.

Mr. Elhard asked the Government Question No. 110, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Sonntag:

To the Minister of Highways and Transportation: For each of the fees or charges your department levies against the public for a provision of a certain service, what is the annual amount collected by your department with each charge or fee and what is the cost to your department on an annual basis for providing each service?

Answer:

Name of fee	<u>Fee for 2000-2001</u>	<u>Forecasted Revenue 1999-2000</u>	<u>Cost to Department</u>
1. Wrecker's Licence	No Change	\$1600	No administrative fee charged to public
2. Cultivating/Grazing/Haying etc.		\$53,738	No administrative fee charged to public
- Cultivated Land: Soil Zones	No Change		
- Native/Seeded Pasture Land	No Change		
- Cultivated Hay Land	No Change		
3. Current land use fees – private signs	No Change	\$5,770	No administrative fee charged to public
4. Maps/Manuals/Books /Publications		\$2,536	No administrative fee charged to public
- Maps	No Change		
- Book/Manuals/Publications	No Change		
5. Barge Fees		\$12,948	No administrative fee charged to public
Single Vehicle	No Change		
Trailer/Truck	No Change		
Full Combination	No Change		

Ms. Draude asked the Government Question No. 111, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Melenchuk:

To the Minister of Education: For each of the fees or charges your department levies against the public for a provision of a certain service, what is the annual amount collected by your department with each charge or fee and what is the cost to your department on an annual basis for providing each service?

Answer:

The Department of Education levies a number of fees and charges to the public through the following three programs:

The Saskatchewan Learning Resources Distribution Centre (LRDC) is a retail distributor of a wide variety of teaching and learning resources, in support of curriculum implementation and actualization across Saskatchewan. Such resources include student and teacher resource books, CD-ROMs and other multi-media packages, reference books, calculators, etc. Resources are purchased from suppliers at bulk discount rates and sold at cost-recovery prices, primarily to school divisions and teachers. The LRDC is established as a revolving fund. The Department has projected \$3.2 million of revenue for 2000-2001, which approximates the cost of purchasing resource materials and providing these services.

The Saskatchewan Correspondence School provides individuals with life-long learning opportunities at the Grade 9-12 level through distance education. The Correspondence School is established as a revolving fund. A portion of the overall costs are covered by fees and charges levied by the fund on Saskatchewan schools and students. These consist of registration and tuition fees, and charges for course materials and examinations. The fund is projecting revenue in 2000-2001 of \$1.784 million. Total costs of providing the services are estimated at \$2.279 million for 2000-2001. Since the revenue is not sufficient to cover all costs, the balance is provided through a subsidy in the Department's budget. In 2000-2001 it is anticipated that approximately \$495K will be provided by the Department of Education to subsidize the operation of the Correspondence School.

The Provincial Examinations, Student and Teacher Services administers policies relating to credit requirements for secondary level completion; Grade 12 departmental examinations; teach certification and accreditation; and maintenance of a central registry of student marks at the Grade 10, 11, and 12 levels. The Department charges fees to Saskatchewan teachers and students for the maintenance and provision of records, evaluations, certificates and transcripts. Revenue from these fees and charges for 2000-2001 is estimated at \$380K which approximates the cost of providing these services.

Mr. Gantfoer asked the Government Question No. 113, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Atkinson:

To the Minister of Health: For each of the fees or charges your department levies against the public for a provision of a certain service, what is the annual amount collected by your department with each charge or fee and what is the cost to your department on an annual basis for providing each service?

Answer:

Provincial Laboratory

- Annual estimated fee revenue \$181,300
- Annual estimated branch expenditures \$8,892,000

- Includes the sale of dip slides, blood culture outfits, tubes in bulk and stoppered vacutainers
- Rate structure: Cost recovery
- Test fees for non-standard analysis of water
- Fees payable for tests performed for the purpose of verifying the portability of private water supplies.
- Rate structure for the following tests:
 - Nitrates \$10.00
 - Nitrates and total coliform \$15.00
 - Coliform bacteria \$12.50
 - Fecal Coliform \$20.00
- Test fees for water analysis:
 - Major ion analysis \$52.00
 - Herbicide scan \$150.00

Drug Plan and Extended Benefits

- Annual estimated fee revenue \$77,750
- Annual estimated branch expenditures \$5,189,000
- Saskatchewan Formulary (\$9.35 for a hard copy or \$25 for an electronic version).
- Drug Plan patient profiles.
 - Rate: Cost recovery

Medical Services and Health Registration

- Annual estimated fee revenue: \$71,900
- Annual estimated branch expenditures: \$5,463,000
- Covered Population Reports (\$10)
- Fees for the preparation of income statements and profiles for physicians, optometrists and chiropractors.
 - The fees are \$18 for income statements and \$20 for yearly profiles.
- Law firms are provided with authorized medical information.
 - Rate: Cost recovery

Community Care Branch

- Annual estimated fee revenue: \$22,000
- Annual estimated branch expenditures: \$3,402,000
- Personal care homes are charged a license fee of \$10 per licensed bed per year

Population Health Branch

- Annual estimated fee revenue: \$588,150
- Annual estimated branch expenditures: \$4,234,000
- Undertakers are charged a \$2.00 license fee.
- Pharmacoepidemiology and drug plan research studies, information from database, drug utilization reports.
 - Rate: Cost recovery

Air Ambulance

- Annual estimated fee revenue: \$1,056,700
- Annual estimated expenditures: \$2,743,000
- The federal government is charged \$5.29 per kilometer for air ambulance services provided to status Indians.
- Third parties (for example, Worker's Compensation, health insurance companies) are charged \$5.29 per kilometer for emergency air medical evacuation
- Private individuals \$350.

Vital Statistics

- Annual estimated fee revenue: \$1,412,980
- Annual estimated branch expenditures: \$1,433,000
- Fees payable for the registration and advertisement in the Saskatchewan Gazette for legal name changes.
 - The fees are \$125 for each registration and \$10 for each notice in the Gazette, and an additional \$3 for each subsequent name listed in the Gazette
- A \$20 fee payable for certificates, amendments, corrections and delayed registrations of birth, marriage and death certificates.
- The fee payable for an alteration or delayed registration is \$20 and the issuance of certified copies is \$25
- In addition, a \$30 surcharge applies if there is a request for same day service for issuing the certificates.
- Fees payable for the sale of electronic data and microfilm of births, deaths and marriage registrations to Statistics Canada.
 - The fee is \$0.10 per microfilm image.

Mr. Toth asked the Government Question No. 114, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen:

To the Minister of Social Services: For each of the fees or charges your department levies against the public for a provision of a certain service, what is the annual amount collected by your department with each charge or fee and what is the cost to your department on an annual basis for providing each service?

Answer:

Post Adoption Services in Saskatchewan refers to the disclosure of information following a legal adoption. Post adoption services may include provisions of non-identifying background information, copies of legal documents, and search and contact services. Annual amount collected for 1999-2000 was \$37,190. Staffing costs to the Department for the Post Adoption Unit was approximately \$310,000.

Saskatchewan Social Services will help residents of this province who are interested in adopting children internationally. Annual amount collected for 1999-2000 was \$2,900. Staffing costs in this area costs the Department approximately \$279,000.

Mr. Peters asked the Government Question No. 115, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Hamilton:

To the Minister of Saskatchewan Property Management Corporation: For each of the fees or charges your department levies against the public for a provision of a certain service, what is the annual amount collected by your department with each charge or fee and what is the cost to your department on an annual basis for providing each service?

Answer:

As the central service provider to government, the business units and program areas of Saskatchewan Property Management Corporation offer their products and services primarily to government and government-funded agencies, and therefore do not levy fees or charges directly to the general public.

Ms. Bakken asked the Government Question No. 118, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hillson:

To the Minister of Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs: For each of the fees or charges your department levies against the public for a provision of a certain service, what is the annual amount collected by your department with each charge or fee and what is the cost to your department on an annual basis for providing each service?

Answer:

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS
List of fees and charges for 2000-01

Service	Fee	Budgeted Revenue	Cost to Provide Service	Effective Date
Rental for use of Ballroom, Conservatory, and kitchen facilities at Government House.	\$250	\$2,000	\$53/hour for staffing with the average event lasting 5 hours (\$265 for accommodation charge for an average event.)	This amount has been in effect for at least 5 years.
A certificate authenticating the appointment, or the appointment and signature, of any notary public or other official whose commission, letters patent, license or other instrument or document effecting his appointment is or is required to be in the possession of the Provincial Secretary. A certified copy of an instrument or document. A certified extract from a register	\$10 for the first certificate, instrument or extract and \$5 for the second and any subsequent certificate, instrument or extract requested at the same time	\$2,000	\$7.00 for labour to research and print the required item and \$3.00 for materials and overhead costs (including items such as certificate printing, postage, paper, IT costs and space occupancy.)	This amount has been in effect since November 30, 1988.

Mr. McMorris asked the Government Question No. 119, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Serby:

To the Minister of Municipal Affairs, Culture and Housing: For each of the fees or charges your department levies against the public for a provision of a certain service, what is the annual amount collected by your department with each charge or fee and what is the cost to your department on an annual basis for providing each service?

Answer:

Public Safety

- Municipal Affairs, Culture and Housing annually collects about \$2,210,000 for various licences, inspections, certifications, registrations and examinations related to the administration of *The Amusement Ride Safety Act*, *Fire Prevention Act*, *Boiler and Pressure Vessel Act*, *Electrical Licensing Act*, *Gas Licensing Act* and *The Passenger and Freight Elevator Act*. The estimated cost to the department of administering those acts is \$2,225,000 including: staff salaries and benefits, operating costs, accommodation and accounting.
- Starting on January 1, 1999, a Sask911 fee of \$.50/residential line, \$.14/ business line and \$1.00/trunk line has been charged on monthly phone bills for comprehensive 9-1-1 emergency call taking, as service has been rolled-out to different parts of the province. Based on SaskTel's technical delivery plan, it is estimated that \$1,8162,760 in Sask911 fees will be collected in 2000-01 for provincially directed expenditures. Through the Sask911 Account, these fees will be allocated for costs related to Public Safety Answering Points (\$1,164,230), communications and start-up (\$521,570), central coordination (\$130,390), and education and training (\$46,570).

Saskatchewan Housing Corporation

- The Saskatchewan Housing Corporation estimates that it collects \$51,140,000 annually for the rent of social housing units. Social housing tenants pay rent based on 25% of their income. The difference between the cost of operating social housing units and the rents collected is subsidized by contributions from the provincial, federal, and municipal governments.
- The Saskatchewan Housing Corporation estimates that it collects \$18,860,000 annually for the rent of affordable housing accommodations. Affordable housing rents are set at the low end of prevailing market rates. The difference between the cost of operating affordable housing units and the rents collected is subsidized by Saskatchewan Housing Corporation's other sources of income, including contributions from the provincial, federal, and municipal governments.

Mr. Weekes asked the Government Question No. 120, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Crofford:

To the Minister of Labour: For each of the fees or charges your department levies against the public for a provision of a certain service, what is the annual amount collected by your department with each charge or fee and what is the cost to your department on an annual basis for providing each service?

Answer:

Occupational Health and Safety took in a total of \$41,993.36 for services in the last fiscal year. The Division provides these services on a break-even basis, with the exception of the radiation safety exams, which cost approximately \$30 in administrative and staff time, compared to the \$25 charged. The additional \$5 cost is considered an internal cost of providing this service to the public.

The Labour Standards Branch charges a fee to cover the costs of issuing wage assessments against an employer. The fee, as set out in the regulations, is 10 percent of the amount of the wage assessment, with a minimum of \$100 and a maximum of \$500. A total of \$1,365.18 was collected in the last fiscal year. The Department's administrative and staff costs to issue and collect the wage assessments is equal to the amount collected.

Mr. Brkich asked the Government Question No. 121, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Nilson:

To the Minister of Crown Investments Corporation: For each of the fees or charges your department levies against the public for a provision of a certain service, what is the annual amount collected by your department with each charge or fee and what is the cost to your department on an annual basis for providing each service?

Answer:

Crown Investments Corporation levies no charges or fees to the public.

Mr. Wakefield asked the Government Question No. 122, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Cline:

To the Minister of Finance: For each of the fees or charges your department levies against the public for a provision of a certain service, what is the annual amount collected by your department with each charge or fee and what is the cost to your department on an annual basis for providing each service?

Answer:

The Department of Finance levies no charges or fees to the public.

Mr. Wiberg asked the Government Question No. 123, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Goulet:

To the Minister of Northern Affairs: For each of the fees or charges your department levies against the public for a provision of a certain service, what is the annual amount collected by your department with each charge or fee and what is the cost to your department on an annual basis for providing each service?

Answer:

The Department of Northern Affairs levies no charges or fees to the public.

Mr. Hart asked the Government Question No. 124, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hagel:

To the Minister of Post-Secondary Education and Skills Training: For each of the fees or charges your department levies against the public for a provision of a certain service, what is the annual amount collected by your department with each charge or fee and what is the cost to your department on an annual basis for providing each service?

Answer:

The Department of Post-Secondary Education and Skills Training levies fees and charges to the public in the following program areas:

The Northern Teacher Education Program The Department provides residences for northern students in LaRonge and Creighton, through accommodation grants to the NORTEP Council and Northlands Regional College. The total of the grants in the 2000-2001 fiscal year is \$366,000. Estimated rent received by the Department on behalf of the students is \$88,000 in the 2000-2001 fiscal year.

The Programs Branch The Department is estimating revenue in 2000-2001 of \$68,400 for examination fees and issuance of transcripts and certificates. The direct costs to the Department to provide these services is approximately \$118,000 annually.

The Programs Branch of the Department provides General Educational Development (GED) examinations and GED/Adult Basic Education (ABE) transcripts and certificates to Saskatchewan learners.

Training Completion Fund The Department is estimating revenue of about \$50,000 from private vocational schools in 2000-2001. This revenue is contributed to the Training Completion Fund to provide for alternate student course completion in the event that a school is unable to complete a training program due to bankruptcy or insolvency. Costs against the fund materialize in the case of insolvency of a private vocational school. The fund can also be used to mediate disputes between private vocational schools and students.

The funds from the private vocational schools do go into the General Revenue Fund, however, they are held in a special account and interest is paid on that money held in trust. It is in effect a "trust account" only held in the General Revenue Fund. Appropriate accountability mechanisms are in place to account for the money.

The Department collects fees from private vocational schools for the annual renewal of certificates of registration. The revenue from these fees is estimated for 2000-2001 at \$40,000. The Department incurs annual costs of about \$200,000 to provide annual registration services and regulation of private vocational schools under *The Private Vocational Schools Regulation Act*.

Mr. Kwiatkowski asked the Government Question No. 125, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Belanger:

To the Minister of Environment and Resource Management: For each of the fees or charges your department levies against the public for a provision of a certain service, what is the annual amount collected by your department with each charge or fee and what is the cost to your department on an annual basis for providing each service?

Answer:

The attached Table 1 lists the annual amount collected for fees and charges levied by Saskatchewan Environment and Resource Management.

With respect to the annual cost of providing each service, Table 2 summarizes the various activities and costs of providing these services.

User fees and charges only make up a portion of the cost required to provide the various services SERM provides related to those fees (revenue \$46.2 million - expenditures \$59.2 million). The majority of funding received by SERM is through general revenue and providing these services cost government and the taxpayer approximately \$13 million more than received through public fees and charges.

TABLE 1 - REVENUE

Privileges, Licences & Permits	Estimated 2000-01
Fisheries	4,407,580
Game	5,574,726
Lands	955,470
Forests	9,550,833
Universal Reforestation Fee	500,000
Fur	77,968
Other Natural Resources	<u>196,230</u>
TOTAL	21,262,875
Park Fees	
Campground	3,346,000
Cottage Lots/Permits	1,530,000
Park Entry	1,711,000
Commercial Leases	598,000
Surface Leases	407,000
Other revenue	385,000
Accommodation	228,000
Hay & Grazing Fees	201,000
Swimming Pool Fees	<u>159,000</u>
TOTAL	8,565,000
Sales, Services & Service Fees	
Sales & Service	226,221
Other Commodity Sales	0
Sales - Mineral and Forestry Products	63,000
Miscellaneous Materials and Supplies	589
Documentation - Search Request	62,000
Other Services	1,000
Other Service Fees - SARCAN & Multi Material	<u>16,063,682</u>
TOTAL	16,416,492
Total Fees and Charges	46,244,367

TABLE 2 - COSTS

Field staff delivery of resource conservation, monitoring, enforcement and compliance	\$22 million
Forest resource management, reforestation and insect and disease control	\$13.2 million
Fish and wildlife conservation, habitat protection and enhancement	\$5.3 million
Park operating costs	\$13.7 million
Other indirect costs - policy development and administrative costs	\$5 million
Total	\$59.2 million

* based on 2000-2001 budget estimates

Mr. Stewart asked the Government Question No. 126, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Lautermilch:

To the Minister of Energy and Mines: For each of the fees or charges your department levies against the public for a provision of a certain service, what is the annual amount collected by your department with each charge or fee and what is the cost to your department on an annual basis for providing each service?

Answer:

The Department of Energy and Mines levies no charges or fees to the public.

APRIL 14, 2000

Mr. Allchurch asked the Government Question No. 127, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Axworthy:

To the Minister of Justice: With reference to the Assiniboia Court House: (1) How many Court of Queen's Bench trials or other Queen's Bench proceedings took place in the Assiniboia Court House in 1999? And what are the dates of each proceedings and/or trial? (2) What is the detailed breakdown of cost savings the provincial government will experience through the removal of Court of Queen's Bench services from Assiniboia? (3) What will be the increase in costs for other court houses be in other communities as the result of the closure of the Assiniboia Courthouse? (4) How many jobs will be lost as the result of this closure and how many of the current employees have been offered other jobs within the justice system?

Answer:

- (1) There were no trials held at the Court of Queen's Bench in Assiniboia in 1999. There was one civil pre-trial held on August 24th, 1999, and one family law pre-trial, held on September 14th, 1999. There were 150 proceedings commenced at the Assiniboia Court House in 1999. The proceedings commenced throughout the year, at a time when the Queen's Bench Registry was open to the public for the filing of documents (1:00 pm to 4:00 pm daily – Monday to Friday). There were 128 Chambers applications (39 by motion, 89 by ex parte). These chambers applications were heard on Chambers days in Assiniboia – January 26th, 1999; February 23rd, 1999; March 23rd, 1999; April 20th, 1999; May 18th, 1999; June 15th, 1999; July 27th, 1999; August 24th, 1999; September 14th, 1999; December 6th, 1999.
- (2) N/A.
- (3) N/A.
- (4) N/A.

APRIL 17, 2000

Ms. Julé asked the Government Question No. 128, which was answered by the Hon. Mr Axworthy:

To the Minister of Justice: With reference to the Humboldt Court House: (1) How many Court of Queen's Bench trials or other Queen's Bench proceedings took place in the Humboldt Court House in 1999? What were the dates of each proceeding and/or trial? (2) What is the detailed breakdown of cost savings the provincial government will experience through the removal of Court of Queen's Bench services from Humboldt? (3) What will be the increase in costs for other court houses in other communities as the result of the closure of the Humboldt Courthouse? (4) How many jobs will be lost as the result of this closure and how many of the current employees have been offered other jobs within the justice system? (5) How many applications for trial are currently before the Humboldt court?

Answer:

- (1) There were eight trials scheduled to be held at the Court of Queen's Bench in Humboldt in 1999. Four of these trials proceeded and were held on February 19, 1999; April 15, 1999; June 9, 1999; December 9, 1999. The other four trials were heard at the Saskatoon Court of Queen's Bench. There were six civil pre-trials held – January 22, 1999; February 18, 1999; April 5, 1999; June 15, 1999; September 14, 1999; December 7, 1999. There were seven family law pre-trials held – May 15, 1999; June 8, 1999; June 15, 1999; June 29, 1999; July 23, 1999; September 16, 1999; October 15, 1999. There were 245 proceedings commenced at the Humboldt Court House in 1999. The proceedings commenced throughout the year, at a time when the Queen's Bench Registry was open to the public for the filing of documents (10:00am to 4:00pm daily – Monday to Friday). There were 246 Chambers applications (88 by motion, 158 by ex-parte). These chambers applications were heard on Chambers days in Humboldt – January 18, 1999; February 15, 1999; March 15, 1999; April 12, 1999; May 10, 1999; June 8, 1999; July 22, 1999; August 19, 1999; September 13, 1999; October 12, 1999; November 8, 1999; December 7, 1999.
- (2) N/A.
- (3) N/A.
- (4) N/A.
- (5) There are 3 applications for trial currently before the Humboldt Court.

APRIL 18, 2000**Ms. Julé asked the Government Question No. 129, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Axworthy:**

To the Minister of Justice: (1)(a) What are the details of all revenues and all transactions and/or services provided for a fee at the Queen's Bench Court in the Humboldt Judicial District in fiscal year 1998-99? (b) What was the total revenue generated through these transactions? (2) What was the yearly rental charge to the government for the Queen's Bench Court in Humboldt for the 1998-99 fiscal year and how was this rental charge determined?

Answer:

(1)(a) Sheriff's fees, Surrogate Court fees and Local Registrar fees were collected at the Court of Queen's Bench Humboldt Judicial District in fiscal year 1998-99.

(b) Sheriff's Fees	\$ 8,367
Surrogate Court Fees	\$146,236
Local Registrar Fees	\$ 13,822

(2) Rent for 1998-99: \$97,695. Saskatchewan Property Management Corporation (SPMC) develops charges to departments for its owned facilities on the basis of a cost recovery-pricing model. The costs to SPMC include building maintenance, building operations, insurance, property management, planning and project management services, security services and furniture acquisition services.

MAY 4, 2000**Ms. Draude asked the Government Question No. 130, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Melenchuk:**

To the Government of Saskatchewan: How many school divisions will not receive any funding in this fiscal year 2000 - 2001 from the Department of Education?

Answer:

Four school divisions, two of which have no students and two of which have recognized revenues far in excess of their recognized expenditure, will not receive any operating grant funding for the Department of Education in the 2000/2001 fiscal year.

The operating grant distributes funds based on an equity principle. The formula takes into account the costs of providing education services, and a school divisions relative ability to pay for these services through local revenues.

Ms. Draude asked the Government the following Question No. 131, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Melenchuk:

To the Government of Saskatchewan: How many school divisions will receive less funding from the Department of Education this fiscal year (2000 - 2001) as compared to the previous fiscal year (1999 - 2000)?

Answer:

Thirty-five school divisions most of which have reduced enrollment will receive less funding from the Department of Education this fiscal year. Fifty-four school divisions whose enrollment is growing will see an increase this fiscal year, while eleven will see no change in 2000/2001 compared to the last fiscal year.

Provincial funding for K-12 education is distributed to school boards throughout the province on a fair and equitable basis through the Foundation Operating Grant formula. The Saskatchewan School Trustees Association (SSTA) and other major stakeholder organizations strongly endorse the operating grant formula as the most effective and equitable way to distribute provincial grant dollars. The formula takes into account both the costs of providing education services, i.e. transportation and student enrollment, and a school divisions relative ability to pay for these services.

MAY 9, 2000

Mr. Heppner asked the Government Question No. 132, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Nilson:

To the Minister of Crown Investments Corporation: How much has SGI and/or CIC spent to date on the review of the no-fault insurance program?

Answer:

Total expenses paid by CIC as of April 30, 2000, were \$86,929.20. SGI is not paying the costs of the Personal Injury Protection Plan (PIPP) review. On average, Saskatchewan has the lowest auto insurance rates in Canada.

Mr. Heppner asked the Government Question No. 133, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Nilson:

To the Minister of Crown Investments Corporation: What lawsuits are currently pending against CIC and/or its subsidiaries and, for each lawsuit, who is the plaintiff, what is the nature of the action and what damages are being sought?

Answer:

There are two lawsuits against CIC and/or its subsidiaries:

- (1) Potash Corporation of Saskatchewan Inc. v. Crown Investments Corporation of Saskatchewan
Plaintiffs: Potash Corporation of Saskatchewan Inc. and John L.M. Hampton
Nature of the Action: Breach of trust.
Damages Sought: Return of a portion of unvested contributions to the Retirement Annuity Fund, plus interest. The amount of unvested contributions is \$832,000.
- (2) Fosseneuve v. Government of Saskatchewan and Saskatchewan Forest Products Corporation
Plaintiffs: Charlie Fosseneuve, Marcel Fosseneuve, Harold Fosseneuve, Phillip Fosseneuve and Dennis Fosseneuve.
Nature of the Action: Negligence.
Damages Sought: Loss of wild rice production and cost of reseedling.

Mr. Brkich asked the Government Question No. 134, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Nilson:

To the Minister of Crown Investments Corporation: How much is SaskPower planning to spend for computers to be installed in company vehicles in 2000?

Answer:

SaskPower does not have plans to install computers in company vehicles in the year 2000.

Ms. Draude asked the Government Question No. 135, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Nilson:

To the Government of Saskatchewan: What was the total cost of producing the SaskPower 1999 annual report ("Priorities") and what was the total number of copies made of this report?

Answer:

The total cost of producing the SaskPower 1999 annual report, Priorities, was \$130,533.77 (including PST), and the total copies made of this report were 7,500.

MAY 12, 2000**Ms. Draude asked the Government Question No. 139, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Axworthy:**

To the Government of Saskatchewan: What classification has been given to each of the films to be shown in conjunction with the Community/Porn panel discussion at the upcoming Queer City Cinema film festival and which films, if any, have been granted an exemption under the Saskatchewan Film and Video Classification Regulations?

Answer:

In circumstances such as this film festival, films are normally either granted an exemption to *The Film and Video Classification Act* and can be shown subject to any terms and conditions set by the Saskatchewan Film Classification Board, or are not granted an exemption and cannot be shown. None of the films have been given a classification.

Ninety films have been exempted by the Saskatchewan Film Classification Board and can be shown subject to the following conditions set by the Board:

- that absolutely no one under the age of 18 will be admitted to view any of these films;
- that the festival organizers have a person at the ticket/admission entrance to check on the age of any patron who appears to be under the age of 18, and if questioned, and proof of age cannot be demonstrated, the patron in question is to be refused entry to the festival; and
- that the festival organizers have in the proximity of the entrance to the theatre and by the ticket station, public notices with print of sufficient size so as to be easily read from a distance of six feet with the following information:
 - to enter this festival you must be 18 years of age or older; and
 - the films being shown are meant for mature audiences and may contain scenes or include themes that some may find offensive.

Two films were not made available for review, consequently, they will not be granted an exemption and cannot be shown.

MAY 18, 2000**Mr. Boyd asked the Government Question No. 140, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Nilson:**

To the Minister of Crown Investments Corporation: Has any CIC Crown Corporation or subsidiary purchased shares in the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool in 2000? If so, when was each purchase made?

Answer:

No CIC Crown Corporation or subsidiary has purchased shares in the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool in 2000.

Mr. Boyd asked the Government Question No. 141, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Romanow:

To the Premier: Has any Government of Saskatchewan department or any other Government of Saskatchewan agency purchased shares of the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool in 2000? If so, when was each purchase made?

Answer:

No Government of Saskatchewan department or agency has purchased shares of the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool in 2000.

Mr. Brkich asked the Government Question No. 142, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Sonntag:

To the Minister of Highways and Transportation: (1) How much did your department pay out in 1999-2000 to cover the costs of repairing damage to vehicles owned by people or businesses where such damage was found to have been caused by highway conditions? (2) How many requests for compensation were made to the Department of Highways in 1999-2000 and how many were granted?

Answer:

(1) For the 1999/2000 fiscal year ending March 31, 2000 the Department of Highways and Transportation paid \$93,935.60 for Vehicle Damage Claims.

(2) For the 1999/2000 fiscal year ending March 31, 2000 the Department of Highways and Transportation received 392 vehicle damage claim requests. To date, 224 have been settled.

MAY 24, 2000**Ms. Harpauer asked the Government Question No. 143, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Atkinson:**

To the Minister of Health: What are the names and salaries of all Chief Executive Officers, Chief Financial Officers, Directors of Client Services, Directors of Human Resources, Directors of Organizational Development, Directors of Health Promotion and Prevention, and Directors of Communication in each health district in Saskatchewan?

Answer:

The information should be obtained directly from the health districts.

MAY 29, 2000

Mr. Toth asked the Government Question No. 146, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen:

To the Minister of Social Services: (1) Did the Minister of Social Services, any employees of the Minister's Office, or any employee of the Department of Social Services review the final report or a draft of the final report by the Children's Advocate entitled *Children and Youth in Care Review: Listen to their Voices* prior to its release on April 12, 2000? (2) If yes, who reviewed the document, when did they review it, and for what purpose did they review it?

Answer:

- (1) Yes, the report was reviewed prior to release.
- (2) A draft of the report was reviewed by staff in the Family and Youth Services Division in early March, 2000. The Children's Advocate provided the draft to departments for their review and comments. In early April, 2000, the department received an embargoed copy of the final report.

Mr. Brkich asked the Government Question No. 147, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter:

To the Minister of Agriculture and Food: How much has the Government of Saskatchewan spent so far on payments to farmers under the 1999 Agriculture Income Disaster Assistance program?

Answer:

The federally administered AIDA program payments to date are \$7.5 million for the 1999 claim year. This represents interim payments only. 1,670 claims have been received so far, and 687 of those have been paid to producers. This represents an average payment of nearly \$11,000. The application deadline for 1999 is July 31, 2000.

For the 1998 claim year, total AIDA payments to producers amounted to \$140.5 million.

The cost sharing for the basic AIDA program is 60 per cent federal, 40 per cent provincial. Therefore, Saskatchewan's share of 1999 AIDA to date is approximately \$3 million.

Mr. Wakefield asked the Government Question No. 148, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. MacKinnon:

To the Minister of Economic and Co-operative Development: (1) What was the cost to fly Economic and Co-operative Development Minister from Regina to Prince Albert and back to Regina on May 11, 2000? (2) What time did the aircraft land in Prince Albert, and what time did it depart Prince Albert? (3) Was the Minister accompanied by any staff? If yes, what is/are their name(s)?

Answer:

- (1) \$228.00
- (2) Landed in Prince Albert at 18:47 and departed at 20:37
- (3) Yes, Kam Teo

MAY 31, 2000

Mr. Heppner asked the Government Question No. 149, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Nilson:

To the Minister of Crown Investments Corporation: What is the average age of vehicles insured by SGI at this time?

Answer:

The average age of “private vehicles” insured by SGI is 10.5 years; the average age of all vehicles insured by SGI is 11.2 years.

Ms. Julé asked the Government Question No. 150, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Nilson:

To the Government of Saskatchewan: Does SGI charge people who incur vehicle damage due to highway conditions a \$100 surcharge on their drivers’ licenses, registration or auto insurance if they make a claim? Is this surcharge applied in those cases where the Department of Highways accepts responsibility for the damage? If so, is this policy under review?

Answer:

SGI will only surcharge a responsible motorist if they are negligent in the operation of their motor vehicle. If the Department of Highways accepts responsibility or is found liable, the motorist would not be surcharged. Liability is assessed on the individual circumstances of each motor vehicle accident. Drivers have the ability to appeal surcharge decisions made by SGI to the Rates Appeal Board or Small Claim Court, both of which are independent of SGI.

Mr. Gantfoer asked the Government Question No. 151, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Atkinson:

To the Minister of Health: How many MRIs are provided annually in Saskatchewan? What is the cost to the health system to provide an MRI?

Answer:

In 1999/2000 there were 10,833 scans performed, (compared to the 5,031 performed in 1998/99 – an increase of 115%), on the three MRIs, compared to one MRI in 1998/99, in Saskatchewan at a cost of in excess of \$3.9 million (this results in an average cost of approximately \$365 per scan but excludes maintenance contracts on new units).

JUNE 1, 2000

Mr. Weekes asked the Government Question No. 152, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Crofford:

To the Minister of Labour: With regard to the recent certification of Doepker Industries of Anaheim, Saskatchewan, how many employees of this company signed certification cards and what percentage of the total workforce at this company at the time of certification was this?

Answer:

The Saskatchewan Labour Relations Board is a quasi-judicial tribunal, similar to a court of law, and independent of government.

The Board is empowered to issue orders certifying trade unions as bargaining representatives for appropriate units of employees. Signed certification cards are central to this process, and are provided to the Board in strictest confidence. Consequently, the only information that is disclosed is contained in the Board's *Reason for decision*. That is, whether or not there is majority support for the application.

According to the employer's statement of employment, there were 193 eligible employees in the bargaining unit.

Mr. Brkich asked the Government Question No. 153, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Atkinson:

To the Minister of Health: How many people is the Saskatchewan health system currently treating for Nephrotic Syndrome and Focal S. Glommeriolous? How many of these people receive all or part of their treatment in another jurisdiction?

Answer:

In 1999-2000, 118 patients were seen in Saskatchewan with a diagnosis of Nephrotic Syndrome. Ten patients received all or part of their treatment in another jurisdiction.

There is no diagnostic code in regards to Focal S. Glommeriolous, therefore further information is required in order to provide an answer.

JUNE 5, 2000

Mr. Weekes asked the Government Question No. 155, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Crofford:

To the Minister of Labour: (1) How many union certification applications to the Labour Relations Board in 1999-2000 were approved and how many were rejected? (2) How many union decertification applications to the Labour Relations Board were approved in 1999-2000 and how many were rejected?

Answer:

- (1) 114 certification applications
 - 103 granted
 - 1 dismissed
 - 10 withdrawn
- (2) 14 recission applications
 - 6 granted
 - 2 dismissed
 - 6 withdrawn

Mr. Weekes asked the Government Question No. 156, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Crofford:

To the Minister of Labour: (1) How many union certification applications to the Labour Relations Board in 1998-1999 were approved and how many were rejected? (2) How many union decertification applications to the Labour Relations Board were approved in 1998-1999 and how many were rejected?

Answer:

(1) 88 certification applications

- 80 granted
- 2 dismissed
- 6 withdrawn

(2) 15 recission applications

- 7 granted
- 4 dismissed
- 3 withdrawn
- 1 Sine Die*

* Sine Die – application adjourned (by consent of the parties) without setting another date, but can be brought before the Board at any time

Mr. Weekes asked the Government Question No. 157, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Crofford:

To the Minister of Labour: (1) How many union certification applications to the Labour Relations Board in 1997-1998 were approved and how many were rejected? (2) How many union decertification applications to the Labour Relations Board were approved in 1997-1998 and how many were rejected?

Answer:

(1) 92 certification applications

- 81 granted
- 5 dismissed
- 6 withdrawn

(2) 8 recission applications

- 4 granted
- 3 dismissed
- 1 withdrawn

Mr. Weekes asked the Government Question No. 158, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Crofford:

To the Minister of Labour: (1) How many union certification applications to the Labour Relations Board in 1996-1997 were approved and how many were rejected? (2) How many union decertification applications to the Labour Relations Board were approved in 1996-1997 and how many were rejected?

Answer:

(1) 81 certification applications

- 59 granted
- 5 dismissed
- 16 withdrawn
- 1 Sine Die*

(2) 11 recission applications

- 8 granted
- 2 dismissed
- 1 withdrawn

* Sine Die – application adjourned (by consent of the parties) without setting another date, but can be brought before the Board at any time

Mr. Weekes asked the Government Question No. 159, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Crofford:

To the Minister of Labour: (1) How many union certification applications to the Labour Relations Board in 1995-1996 were approved and how many were rejected? (2) How many union decertification applications to the Labour Relations Board were approved in 1995-1996 and how many were rejected?

Answer:

(1) 120 certification applications

- 109 granted
- 4 dismissed
- 7 withdrawn

(2) 14 recission applications

- 9 granted
- 3 dismissed
- 2 withdrawn

JUNE 6, 2000

Ms. Julé asked the Government Question No. 161, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen:

To the Government of Saskatchewan: (1) Regarding the report entitled “*Children and Youth in Care – A Review: Listen to their Voices*”, were there any differences between the draft report – which was reviewed by the Department of Social Services in March of this year – and the final report which was reviewed and released by the Children’s Advocate in April of this year? If so, what were those differences? (2) Also, did the Department of Social Services request and/or make changes to the draft report? What were those changes?

Answer:

- (1) While the department did not do a line by line comparison, there appears to be no difference between the draft and the final report other than some final formatting changes.
- (2) Comments were provided to the Advocate, however specific changes were not requested. The Children’s Advocate is an independent officer of the legislature and therefore any changes to the report between the draft stage and final report was at the Advocate’s discretion.

JUNE 7, 2000

Mr. Heppner asked the Government Question No. 162, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Nilson:

To the Minister of Crown Investments Corporation: Of the three remaining members of the Personal Injury Protection Program review committee (as of May 30, 2000), which were once employed by SGI, which are or have been involved with organizations which have received funding from SGI, which have been involved in other Saskatchewan Government review committees and please name those committees?

Answer:

Donna Larsen is a former senior management consultant with Deloitte & Touche in Saskatoon. She has more than 10 years of experience, specializing in public sector and health care assignments. She also has 14 years of experience working with the governments of Canada, Saskatchewan and Manitoba, primarily involved in expenditure decision-making processes for policies and programs. Ms. Larsen was once employed by SGI as Assistant to the President for four months in 1982.

Gail Graham is employed by the Prince Albert Health District. She is manager of the Saskatchewan North Acquired Brain Injury Outreach Team. This team is part of the Acquired Brain Injury Partnership Project which is funded by SGI, but managed by Saskatchewan Health. Graham is an employee of, and is paid by, the Prince Albert Health District.

Carol Lafond has served on the Saskatchewan Judicial Appointments Review Committee and the Regional Colleges Review Committee. Donna Larsen and Gail Graham have not served on other Saskatchewan Government review committees.

Mr. Heppner asked the Government Question No. 163, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Nilson:

To the Minister of Crown Investments Corporation: (1) Were officials from Saskatchewan Government Insurance consulted about who should be appointed to the review committee studying the Personal Injury Protection Program? If so, who was consulted, when were they consulted, why were they consulted, who consulted with them and what advice was offered by SGI? (2) Which groups or individuals were consulted by the Minister or other government officials regarding who was appointed to this committee?

Answer:

Prior to the establishment of the PIPP review committee, a number of organizations and individuals sent suggestions to CIC about qualified people who could be nominated to serve on the committee. The Canadian Bar Association, the Law Society of Saskatchewan, and SGI, were among the organizations that provided input. CIC used this input in its selection process.

JUNE 8, 2000

Mr. Brkich asked the Government Question No. 164, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter:

To the Minister of Agriculture and Food: (1) How many outstanding claims are currently being processed or otherwise handled by the Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Corporation? (2) How many of the current outstanding claims were submitted less than six months ago? (3) How many of the current outstanding claims were submitted between six months ago and one year ago? (4) How many of the outstanding claims were submitted between one and two years ago? (5) How many of the outstanding claims were submitted between two and three years ago? (6) How many of the outstanding claims were submitted between three and four years ago? (7) How many of the outstanding claims were submitted between four and five years ago? (8) How many of the outstanding claims were submitted five years ago or more?

Answer:

As of June 1, 2000, the following claims are outstanding:

- (1) The total number of outstanding claims currently being handled by the Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Corporation (SCIC) is 1,084.
- (2) There were 989 claims, which were submitted less than 6 months ago that are currently outstanding. To date, there have been 974 claims for the 2000 crop year (971 claims on crops which failed to establish and 3 hail claims). There are also 15 outstanding appeals where producers have appealed the adjustment of prior year claims. The oldest outstanding appeal was received by crop insurance on January 6, 2000.
- (3) There are 95 claims, which were submitted between 6 months and 1 year ago that are currently outstanding. All 95 outstanding claims are extensions of insurance where producers requested and received an extension to adjust their claim after the November 15, 1999 deadline, as they were not able to get their crop off before winter set in. They have until June 10, 2000 to harvest the crop to determine if they have a loss under the terms of their contracts of insurance.
- (4) 0
- (5) 0
- (6) 0
- (7) 0
- (8) 0

Mr. Gantfoer asked the Government Question No. 166, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Atkinson:

To the Government of Saskatchewan: In the fiscal year 1999-2000, what was the total number of Saskatchewan residents who received medical treatment in Alberta? As well, what was the total number of Alberta residents who received medical treatment in Saskatchewan for that same time period?

Answer:

In 1999-2000, 40,425 Saskatchewan residents received at least one service by a physician in Alberta. Also, in 1999-2000, 17,459 Alberta residents received at least one service by a physician in Saskatchewan.

Ms. Draude asked the Government Question No. 167, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Junor:

To the Associate Minister of Health: Regarding the two audits done for the provincial government regarding the Uranium City Hospital which the Minister discussed in the Legislature on May 31, 2000, what was the cost to the government to have these audits conducted and who conducted them?

Answer:

The cost of the forensic audit performed by SPMC for the Dept. of Health was \$17,500. The cost of the review of operations prompted by the fraud allegations was \$11,400. The review was conducted by Dr. Jake Letkeman and Jan McKenzie, a Registered Nurse who has held many senior management positions in the health care system.

Ms. Draude asked the Government Question No. 168, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Crofford:

To the Minister responsible for the Women's Secretariat: (1) Which employees of the Women's Secretariat attended the Women's Organization On-line Conference in Saskatoon on May 29 and 30, 2000 and what are their job titles? (2) What was the role of each at this conference? (3) Were any instructed by their superiors to make any statements or allegations about any members of the Legislature to those attending the conference? (4) What is the Minister's policy regarding public servants making political statements while at such conferences in their role as employees of the Secretariat?

Answer:

(1) Faye Rafter – Executive Co-ordinator
Joan Pederson – Assistant Executive Co-ordinator
Jocelyn Mohr - Administrative Assistant
Jan Joel – Senior Policy Analyst
Neena Saxena – Senior Communications Consultant

(2) The roles of the staff varied throughout the conference: set-up of displays and materials; registration desk staff; information desk staff; workshop assistant/support; provide feedback/advice to conference presenters; listen to participants and discuss issues.

(3) No

(4) My expectation as Minister, is that public servants maintain the professionalism of their positions.

Ms. Draude asked the Government Question No. 169, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. MacKinnon:

To the Minister of Economic and Co-operative Development: Of the companies listed under the Accounts Resolved column in the 1999 Saskatchewan Opportunities Corporation annual report, what were the details regarding the final resolution of each of these accounts?

Answer:

Batco Manufacturing Ltd. Swift Current	250,000	Loan Paid in Full
Bep's Flower Shops Inc. Swift Current	38,252	Loan Paid in Full
Blue Line Pine Mfg. Ltd. Candle Lake	17,624	Loan Paid in Full
Capital "I" Industries Inc. Tisdale	15,409	Loan Paid in Full
Groupe Limagrain Saskatoon	6,000,000	Equity Paid in Full
Harvest Industries Inc. Regina	124,777	Loan Paid in Full
Microgro International Research Inc. Biggar	100,000	Guarantee no longer required
Midwestern Marketing Ltd. Saskatoon	42,500	Guarantee no longer required
Prairie Systems & Equipment Ltd. Saskatoon	150,204	Loan Paid in Full
Recknell Industries Ltd. Saskatoon	400,000	Loan Paid in Full
Regina Motion Picture Video & Sound Regina	121,231	Equity Paid in Full
Royer's Trucking Ltd. Maple Creek	28,353	Loan Paid in Full
RRR Environmental Services Ltd. Regina	300,000	Loan Paid in Full
Sinnett Pork Farm Ltd. Leroy	250,000	Equity Paid in Full
SLS Manufacturers Inc. Yorkton	15,000	Loan Paid in Full
The Edge Productions Saskatoon	50,000	Loan Paid in Full
UFR Urban Forest Recyclers Inc. Swift Current	43,252	Loan Paid in Full
WaterGroup Companies Inc. Regina	1,000,000	Loan Paid in Full
Subtotal	\$8,946,602	

JUNE 12, 2000

Mr. Brkich asked the Government Question No. 170, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Atkinson:

To the Minister of Health: What was the cost to the government for each of the Saskatchewan residents treated for Nephrotic Syndrome outside of the province in 1999-2000? What was the reason each of these cases were treated outside of Saskatchewan?

Answer:

The cost incurred for the ten Saskatchewan residents treated for a diagnosis of "Nephrotic Syndrome" outside of Saskatchewan in 1999-2000 was \$2,561.26 in physician payments and \$8,325 in patient hospital payments. The hospital costs are only available for 6 months.

Under the portability principle of our Medicare system, residents do not require prior approval to receive care in other provinces. Therefore, the reason these ten patients treated for the condition diagnosed as "Nephrotic Syndrome" received all or part of their care outside of Saskatchewan is unavailable.

Ms. Draude asked the Government Question No. 171, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. MacKinnon:

To the Minister of Economic and Co-operative Development: How many provincial government regulations were in place when the government made a promise to reduce regulations by 25 per cent over 10 years? How many regulations have been eliminated since then? How many regulations have been added?

Corrected Answer (Tabled June 14, 2000):

In May of 1996 when the government embarked on the regulatory reform initiative, there were 810 regulations in place. Since then and to May 31, 2000, a total of 187 new regulations have been enacted (or added) and 292 have been repealed (or eliminated) leaving a current total of 705. This represents a net reduction of 105 regulations or 13% in the four years since the start of the initiative.

As well, an omnibus repeal is planned for the fall of 58 regulations. This will bring the total to 350 regulations that have been repealed since the start of the initiative, leaving a total of 647. This will mean a net reduction of 163 regulations or 20% since the initiative started.

Ms. Julé asked the Government Question No. 172, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen:

To the Minister of Social Services: How many Saskatchewan farmers have been granted monies through the Employment Supplement Program since this program began?

Answer:

The Saskatchewan Employment Supplement (SES) is a monthly payment provided to supplement the income earned by lower income parents from wages, self-employment (including farming) and child/spousal maintenance payments. The supplement is intended to assist parents with the child-related costs of working. Since the SES program began in July of 1998, 12,507 families, including 460 farm families have received benefits under the program.

JUNE 13, 2000

Mr. Brkich asked the Government Question No. 173, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Sonntag:

To the Minister of SaskWater: What was the cost to the government for the Minister's recent flight to Lucky Lake for an announcement dealing with the Pak-Wel investment?

Answer:

The cost for the Minister's flight to travel to Lucky Lake for the announcement regarding Pak-Wel was \$300.

Ms. Harpauer asked the Government Question No. 174, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Belanger:

To the Minister of Environment and Resource Management: Who is presently leasing the Blackstrap Ski Lodge and Hill? What is the cost of the lease and how long have they been leasing the property?

Answer:

The Blackstrap Ski Hill has been leased by Trollhaugen Management Inc. since December 18, 1996, with the on-site management being provided by Mr. Tom Hedemann. Lease fees are \$200 per year.

Ms. Harpauer asked the Government Question No. 175, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Belanger:

To the Minister of Environment and Resource Management: Have there been any grants made available to the Blackstrap Ski Resort in the last fiscal year?

Answer:

No.

JUNE 14, 2000

Mr. Brkich asked the Government Question No. 176, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Nilson:

To the Minister of Crown Investments Corporation: How much did SaskTel, SaskEnergy, SaskWater and SaskPower spend on advertising in the last fiscal year?

Answer:

SaskTel	\$ 11,557,914
SaskEnergy	\$ 656,621
SaskWater	\$ 34,700
SaskPower	\$ 2,759,557

JUNE 19, 2000

Ms. Eagles asked the Government Question No. 180, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Hamilton:

To the Minister responsible for the Liquor and Gaming Authority: How much profit was generated through horse racing in the last fiscal year?

Answer:

The Government receives no profit from the horse racing industry. The Government collected \$1.47 million in pari-mutual taxes in the 1999/2000 fiscal year. This tax is subsequently granted back to the horse racing industry.

The Regina Exhibition Association and the Saskatoon Prairieland Exhibition Association both recorded losses from the horse racing industry.

Mr. McMorris asked the Government Question No. 181, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hillson:

To the Minister of Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs: How many urban reserves are there in Saskatchewan and how many applicants are currently applying for urban reserve status?

Answer:

All reserves are created solely by the Federal Government. There are currently 15 urban reserves in Saskatchewan and 32 applications have been submitted to the Federal Government for consideration.

JUNE 20, 2000**Mr. Brkich asked the Government Question No. 183, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter:**

To the Minister of Agriculture and Food: How much farmland and grazing land does the province own?

Answer:

As of March 31, 2000 Saskatchewan Agriculture and Food administered the following Crown owned land used for agricultural purposes:

Cultivation	713,380 acres
Grazing	5,069,537 acres
Hay	131,076 acres
Saskatchewan Pastures Program	797,760 acres
PFRA Pastures	456,733 acres

Mr. Hermanson asked the Government Question No. 184, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Romanow:

To the Government of Saskatchewan: What are the names of all persons on personal services contracts with the Department of Executive Council? For each person, what is the purpose and term of the contract and the remuneration being paid?

Answer:

The Department of Executive Council has no personal service contracts.

Mr. Wiberg asked the Government Question No. 185, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hagel:

To the Minister of Post-Secondary Education and Skills Training: How much have all provincial regional colleges, SIAST campuses and the University of Regina and University of Saskatchewan contributed in this fiscal year to the Saskatchewan Savings Bonds?

Answer:

Cypress Hills Regional College plans to purchase \$100,000 in Saskatchewan Savings Bonds this fiscal year.

None of the other Colleges, SIAST or University campuses are planning to purchase Saskatchewan Savings Bonds this fiscal year.

Ms. Harpauer asked the Government Question No. 186, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Atkinson:

To the Minister of Health: Is acute care a core service and if so, does it not have to be provided within each health care district?

Answer:

There are levels of specialization in acute care services which are commonly defined as primary, secondary and tertiary care. All districts provide some level of acute care services.

All levels of acute care services are available to all Saskatchewan residents regardless of where they reside in the province.

JUNE 21, 2000

Mr. Heppner asked the Government Question No. 188, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Romanow:

To the Premier: What is a musical pump jack?

Answer:

A “pump jack” is a piece of equipment normally used in an oil field to pump oil.

The “musical pump jack” received by the Premier, is a small desk top version of the above-mentioned. When the pump moves up and down it plays music.

Mr. Heppner asked the Government Question No. 189, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Sonntag:

To the Minister of Highways and Transportation: Has your department conducted a safety study regarding the intersection of Highway 305 and the Dalmeny access road? If so, when will it be released? If not, when will such a study be done?

Answer:

The Department of Highways is concerned about safety in regards to all highways and intersections in Saskatchewan.

A Saskatoon and Area Transportation Study is currently ongoing. The results of the Saskatoon and Area Study will be available later this year.

Mr. Heppner asked the Government Question No. 190, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Sonntag:

To the Minister of Highways and Transportation: What is your department’s plan to fix the railway crossing on Highway 12 north of Martensville?

Answer:

CNR has jurisdiction over this particular crossing.

The department has been in contact with CN over the past few months about this crossing. The work will be done in July or August. CN will not have resources available until then. A survey was done the week of June 12 to determine how much the department should raise the track. A detour has been planned with the R.M.

Mr. Heppner asked the Government Question No. 191, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Belanger:

To the Minister of Environment and Resource Management: Has your department studied whether or not to make plastic beer bottles mandatory as a way to reduce incidents of broken glass?

Answer:

Yes

Mr. Heppner asked the Government Question No. 192, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Melenchuk:

To the Minister of Education: How many complaints have been lodged regarding mold in the Dalmeny School and what are the plans for getting rid of the mold in Dalmeny School?

Answer:

The Department has not received any complaints directly, but has received a request from the school division for financial assistance to resolve the problem. A project to clean the school and renovate the mechanical system to avoid future problems has been tendered. The department approved a contribution of \$300,000 in May 2000. The crawl space under the school was cleaned up during the Easter break. The school division anticipates work on the project to begin in July and be complete by September 2000.

Mr. Heppner asked the Government Question No. 193, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Hagel:

To the Minister of Post-Secondary Education and Skills Training: What is your department doing to correct the discrepancy between the tuition charged by SIAST Saskatoon versus that charged by SIAST in Prince Albert for the Chemical Dependency Worker program?

Answer:

A differential tuition fee for the Chemical Dependency program exists due to a policy made by the SIAST Board of Directors. However, consistent with a recommendation of the recent SIAST Review Report, SIAST is re-examining the issue of core-funded programs and extension activity, including the Chemical Dependency program.

Ms. Harpauer asked the Government Question No. 194, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter:

To the Minister of Agriculture and Food: Has your department looked into a program similar to one in British Columbia known as the cottage industry program which accessed a speciality pool of milk quota for organic milk from the federal government?

Answer:

Yes

Ms. Harpauer asked the Government Question No. 195, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter:

To the Minister of Agriculture and Food: Has your department looked into taking the necessary steps required for the production of organic milk in Saskatchewan since we currently import it from other provinces?

Answer:

Yes

Mr. Elhard asked the Government Question No. 196, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Serby:

To the Minister responsible for the Liquor and Gaming Authority: What is the Province's share in the profit generated by Lotto 6/49 and what criteria are used to determine which provincial projects will benefit from the profits?

Answer:

In 1999-2000, the province's share of the profits from the sale of 6/49 tickets was \$15 million. The profits are placed into the Saskatchewan Lotteries Trust Fund for Sport, Culture and Recreation.

The profits from the fund are administered arms-length from the government by Sask Sport Inc., SaskCulture and the Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association. Based on policy direction in the lottery agreement, the three organizations determine funding criteria and administer the distribution and use of the funds.

Lottery profits are used by urban, rural and northern municipalities, First Nations and other aboriginal organizations, as well as a number of volunteer organizations, to support the development and provision of sport, culture and recreation programs.

JUNE 23, 2000**Mr. Brkich asked the Government Question No. 197, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Lingenfelter:**

To the Minister of Agriculture and Food: How much revenue is generated through cash lease agreements and crop share lease agreements?

Answer:

For the fiscal period of April 1, 1999, to March 31, 2000, the agricultural rental revenues were as follows:

Cultivation Rental Revenue	\$7,894,785
Grazing Rental Revenue	\$7,135,124
Hay Rental Revenue	\$ 412,113

JUNE 26, 2000**Mr. Heppner asked the Government Question No. 198, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Lautermilch:**

To the Minister of Energy and Mines: (1) In the last five years, how much in the way of mineral rights for farm land have reverted to the Crown as the result of banks not paying the mineral rights taxes on repossessed farmland? (2) Under what circumstances will the Crown give back the mineral rights to farmers who reacquire their repossessed land where the banks have failed to pay mineral rights taxes?

Answer:

(1) Banks and other lending institutions that acquire mineral rights through foreclosure or other means are subject to the province's mineral rights tax levied under provisions of *The Mineral Taxation Act, 1983*. Over the past five years, the province has acquired approximately 2,185 acres of mineral rights from these institutions under the forfeiture provisions of the Act.

Since department records do not contain information on how the banks and lending institutions acquired their mineral rights, it is not known what portion relates to repossessed farmland.

- (2) The forfeiture of mineral rights takes up to two years to complete. A warning of impending forfeiture cannot be placed on a title describing the mineral rights until after May 1st of the year following the year the tax was assessed. A copy of this warning, as well as the final tax notice, must be sent to all individuals and companies with a registered interest in the mineral rights. Once the warning is on the title, the owner has at least six months to pay the tax before the Crown can forfeit the mineral rights. Forfeiture proceedings are immediately terminated if the tax arrears are paid in full.

Once mineral rights have been forfeited, the Crown will only transfer the rights back to a former owner if:

- the taxes were improperly assessed and no tax arrears existed at the time of the forfeiture; or
- the forfeiture procedures set out in *The Mineral Taxation Act, 1983* were improperly applied.

Mr. Heppner asked the Government Question No. 199, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Van Mulligen:

To the Minister of Social Services: Why are the shelter allowance rates paid in Dalmeny based on the rural tier while shelter allowances paid in Warman and Martensville are included in the urban tier? Why are their two tiers of rates? How does the department determine which tier should apply? And how does a community move from one tier to the other?

Answer:

As a result of a department review of satellite communities near large urban centres, Dalmeny was moved from Tier 3 to Tier 2 in October 1999. Warman and Martensville are considered as Tier 1 communities because of their proximity to Saskatoon and their larger population bases.

Social assistance shelter rates are grouped into three tiers to reflect costs in various areas. Tier 1 is large urban centres (mostly cities) and satellite communities, Tier 2 is small urban centres and towns and Tier 3 is villages and rural areas.

Social Services' reviews all social assistance allowances on an on-going basis. Adjustments are made where appropriate and as finances permit.

Mr. Heppner asked the Government Question No. 200, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Nilson:

To the Minister of SaskTel: Does SaskTel Mobility use an out-of-province firm as its collection agency for outstanding accounts? If so, why isn't a Saskatchewan company used?

Answer:

SaskTel Mobility awarded its collection agency service through a competitive process in 1998. Three firms currently receive collection placements from SaskTel Mobility. Initial or 1st placement accounts are assigned to FCA and New Age Collections. FCA is an international company with a local office in Regina. New Age Collections is a local Regina company.

Accounts not collected within the contracted time span of the 1st placement agencies are placed with a 2nd placement agency. CBV of Vancouver receives SaskTel Mobility's 2nd placement accounts. The service provided by CBV fills a niche roll in the collection process. The CBV concept was unique at the time. It has proved a successful addition to the collection tool-set used by SaskTel Mobility. SaskTel Mobility is currently in the process of re-tendering its collection agency business.

Mr. Wall asked the Government Question No. 201, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Axworthy:

To the Minister of Justice: How many cases have been tried in Saskatchewan in which the legal aid lawyer has been paid above and beyond the regular legal aid tariff and please outline the additional cost to the Legal Aid Commission?

Answer:

No cases have been tried in Saskatchewan in which the Legal Aid Commission has paid lawyers above and beyond the regular legal aid tariff.

JUNE 27, 2000

Ms. Eagles asked the Government Question No. 202, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Hamilton:

To the Minister responsible for the Liquor and Gaming Authority: What are the detailed losses recorded in horse racing at the Regina Exhibition Association and Saskatoon Prairieland Exhibition and who are the board members and what are their salaries for both of these organizations?

Answer:

The Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority does not have the authority to release this information.

Ms. Eagles asked the Government Question No. 203, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. Hamilton:

To the Minister responsible for the Liquor and Gaming Authority: (1) How much money did the horse racing industry receive in grants in the last fiscal year? (2) Who is on the advisory board for the horse racing industry and are they appointed?

Answer:

(1) The Liquor and Gaming Authority collected \$1.47M in pari-mutuel tax from horse racing which was rebated back to the horse racing industry. In addition a grant of \$187,821 was made.

(2) The Members of the Saskatchewan Horse Racing and Breeding Advisory Board are appointed by Minister's Order. These appointees represent stakeholder groups in the industry and the names are forwarded to the Minister from the Stakeholder groups.

Canadian Thoroughbred Horse Society – Jean Hayden
Saskatoon Prairieland Exhibition Corp – Doug King
Saskatchewan Standardbred Horsemen's Association – Ron Webb
Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association – Jim Hoffman
FSIN - Elmer Seesequasis
Regina Exhibition Park Limited – Doug Cressman
Saskatchewan Standardbred Breeders and Owners Association – Alvey Halbegewachs
Saskatchewan Speed Horse Association – Leonard Ketchemonia

Mr. Brkich asked the Government Question No. 204, which was answered by the Hon. Ms. MacKinnon:

To the Minister of Economic and Co-operative Development: How much money has your department invested in Ethanol Plants in Saskatchewan?

Answer:

No money from Saskatchewan Economic and Co-operative Development has been invested in ethanol plants in the province.

Mr. McMorris asked the Government Question No. 205, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Nilson:

To the Minister of Agriculture and Food: How much profit did Saskferco make in the last fiscal year?

Answer:

The government's investment in Saskferco is held by Crown Investments Corporation. CIC acts merely as a shareholder, and is unable to report profits or losses on behalf of the company. Those kinds of questions would have to be put directly to Saskferco's management.

JUNE 28, 2000

Mr. Heppner asked the Government Question No. 206, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Sonntag:

To the Minister of Highways and Transportation: Regarding the portions of highway your department plans to revert to gravel this year, what is the traffic count on each of these sections of highway?

Answer:

The Department's first priority is public safety and maintaining our road infrastructure. The condition of the TMS highway and its impact on traffic safety is the primary factor resulting in a decision to convert a section of TMS highway to gravel.

When a piece of highway needs repair there is no extraordinary traffic count taken at the specific site. Traffic counts are taken annually to help plan our transportation system.

Mr. Brkich asked the Government Question No. 207, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Sonntag:

To the Minister responsible for SaskWater: (1) How much money has SaskWater invested in operations outside the Province of Saskatchewan? (2) Are there consultants working on any SaskWater operations outside of Saskatchewan and provide detailed information of their salaries and names?

Answer:

SaskWater has no operations outside of Saskatchewan.

Mr. Stewart asked the Government Question No. 208, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Sonntag:

To the Minister of Highways and Transportation: (1) Is your department developing a policy with regard to citizens wishing to fix highways on their own? (2) Will your department co-operate with citizens wishing to fix highways? (3) If you do plan to co-operate, what form will this co-operation take?

Answer:

- (1) We have stated our concerns regarding safety issues over the past few weeks and for those reasons the department is not developing a policy with regard to citizens wishing to fix highways on their own.
- (2) The department has always attempted to work with local residents to address transportation concerns.
- (3) The form of co-operation will depend on the specific circumstances. We have and we are willing to discuss the transportation issues with each individual group and would try to develop an acceptable strategy.

Mr. Brkich asked the Government Question No. 209, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Sonntag:

To the Minister of Highways and Transportation: Which staff members from your department were in attendance at the roads conference in Saskatoon on Monday, June 19, 2000?

Answer:

The department of Highways and Transportation sent 15 delegates to answer questions and provide information to the 93 delegates from 11 countries who attended the 6th International Symposium on Heavy Vehicle Weights and Dimensions.

- Senior Policy Advisor, Logistics, Freight and Passenger, Transportation Policy Branch
- Municipal Project Engineer, Southern Region
- Operations Engineer, Central Region
- Bridge Preservation Engineer, Northern Region
- Executive Director, Engineer, Services Branch
- Manager, Carrier Services, Transport Compliance Branch
- Executive Director, Partnerships, Programs & Services Branch
- Trucking Specialist, Trucking Programs, Partnerships, Programs & Services Branch
- Director, Trucking Programs, Partnerships, Programs & Services Branch
- Preservation Engineer, Central Region
- Executive Director, Transportation Policy Branch
- Manager, CVSA Programs, Transport Compliance
- Trucking Systems Analyst, Trucking Programs, Partnerships, Programs & Services Branch
- Director, Operations Support and Planning Branch
- Assistant Deputy Minister, Policy

In addition, Ron Styles, Deputy Minister, and Honourable Maynard Sonntag attended some of the events. Barry Martin, Assistant Deputy Minister, Operations Division could not attend due to illness.

Ms. Julé asked the Government Question No. 210, which was answered by the Hon. Mr. Cline:

To the Minister of Finance: (1) How much money from the Associated Entities Fund went to Métis affiliates that are registered under the non-profit corporations Act in the last fiscal year? (2) The Métis Nation entity and affiliates are registered under the Provincial Non-Profit Corporations Act and is allowed to raise funds through bingos, etc - how much monies are the Métis Nations of Saskatchewan and affiliates allowed to raise every year, and who audits the spending of this money?

Answer:

- (1) In 1999-2000, the Clarence Campeau Development Fund received \$2,005,187 from the Associated Entities Fund (AEF) specifically for Métis organizations for economic development purposes. In addition to this dedicated funding, Métis organizations can also apply for funding out of the portion of AEF funding dedicated to community organizations for programs and services for vulnerable children, youth and families. The 1998-99 AEF Annual Report shows that 15 Métis incorporated organizations applied for 22 separate projects and received a total of \$181,901 out of this community funding.

- (2) SLGA issues licenses to various Métis organizations who apply for a license in order for them to raise funds for charitable purposes through gaming. Upon registration for a license, the organization must state the charitable purpose of the fund-raising and the amount the organization intends to raise. These organizations must also submit financial statements regarding the amount of funding they have raised. SLGA provides a license if the purpose is charitable and the amount of funds to be raised are related to the purpose. There is no specific limit or base amount set.

SLGA does random audits on charitable organizations that have gaming fundraising licenses to ensure compliance.

APPENDIX B

BILLS

[To find when a Bill was considered, see Index under “Bills – Alphabetical List”]

GOVERNMENT BILLS

NO.	TITLE	1 R	C.R.	2 R	COMM.	AMDT.	3 R	R.A.
1	Farm Financial Stability Amendment Act, 2000	29	87	235	281	280	281	299
2	Animal Identification Amendment Act, 2000	29		235	281	281	281	299
3	Health Labour Relations Reorganization Amendment Act, 2000	29		223	249	248	249	272
4	Saskatchewan Pension Plan Amendment Act, 2000	29	53	158	240	239	240	272
5	Parks Amendment Act, 2000	29	54	231	292	284	292	299
6	Mentally Disordered Persons Amendment Act, 2000	29		231	276	276	276	298
7	Student Assistance and Student Aid Fund Amendment Act, 2000	34	53	235	256	255	256	272
8	Department of Post-Secondary Education and Skills Training Act	59	59	Withdrawn from Order Paper – 69				
9	Child and Family Services Amendment Act, 2000	34	52	230	256	256	256	273
10	Department of Health Amendment Act, 2000	34	53	244	265	262	265	273
11	Electronic Information and Documents Act	46	Withdrawn from Order Paper – 148					
12	Agricultural Equipment Dealerships Act	38		41	44		44	45
13	Education Amendment Act, 2000 / Loi de 2000 modifiant la Loi de 1995 sur l'éducation	67		236	265	264	265	273
14	Film Employment Tax Credit Amendment Act, 2000	67	91	244	276		276	298
15	Department of Justice Amendment Act, 2000	72		238	265		265	273
16	Justice Statutes (Consumer Protection) Amendment Act, 2000	72		239	276		276	298
17	Child Care Amendment Act, 2000	79		231	256		256	273

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NO.	TITLE	1 R	C.R.	2 R	COMM.	AMDT.	3 R	R.A.
18	Public Employees Pension Plan Amendment Act, 2000	83	91	158	168		168	187
19	Saskatchewan Telecommunications Amendment Act, 2000	85		245	274		274	298
20	Saskatchewan Telecommunications Holding Corporation Amendment Act, 2000	85	105	245	274		274	298
21	Appropriation Act, 2000 (No. 1)	88		88			88	89
22	Local Improvements Amendment Act, 2000	90		245	276		276	298
23	Planning and Development Amendment Act, 2000	90	90	245	276		276	298
24	Department of Agriculture Amendment Act, 2000	95	110	235	281		281	299
25	Irrigation Amendment Act, 2000	95	197	248	281		281	299
26	Tabling of Documents Amendment Act, 2000	97		199	226		226	272
27	Certified Management Accountants Act	101		213	226		226	272
28	Ombudsman and Children's Advocate Amendment Act, 2000	112	123	239	265		265	273
29	Residential Tenancies Amendment Act, 2000	123	146	239	265		265	273
30	Vital Statistics Amendment Act, 2000 / Loi de 2000 modifiant la Loi de 1995 sur les services de l'état civil	134		183	249		249	272
31	Police Amendment Act, 2000	138	138	239	276		276	298
32	Municipal Employees' Pension Amendment Act, 2000	143	143	213	240		240	272
33	Provincial Emblems and Honours Amendment Act, 2000	140		140	141		141	141
34	Saskatchewan Evidence Amendment Act, 2000	145		248	276		276	298
35	Automobile Accident Insurance Amendment Act, 2000 (No. 2)	149	163	245	256	255	256	272
36	Motor Carrier Amendment Act, 2000	149		246	256		256	273
37	Public Libraries Amendment Act, 2000	150	164	248	265		265	273
38	Electronic Information and Documents Act, 2000	150		213	249		249	272

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NO.	TITLE	1 R	C.R.	2 R	COMM.	AMDT.	3 R	R.A.
39	Department of Post-Secondary Education and Skills Training Act, 2000	154	175	235	256		256	272
40	Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technologies Act	154	174	236	256		256	272
41	Medical Profession Amendment Act, 2000	156	175	212	249		249	272
42	Cattle Marketing Deductions Amendment Act, 2000	156	178	254	281		281	299
43	Summary Offences Procedure Amendment Act, 2000	156		222	249		249	272
44	Insurance Premiums Tax Amendment Act, 2000	157	166	248	265		265	273
45	Fuel Tax Act, 2000	157	166	247	265		265	273
46	Tobacco Tax Amendment Act, 2000	157	166	166	226		226	272
47	Power Corporation Superannuation Amendment Act, 2000	157		218	274		274	298
48	Adult Guardianship and Co-decision-making Act	160		222	249		249	272
49	Highways and Transportation Amendment Act, 2000	160	178	260	276		276	299
50	Interpretation Amendment Act, 2000 / Loi de 2000 modifiant la Loi d'interprétation de 1995	160		253	297		297	299
51	Interpretation Act Consequential Amendment Act, 2000	160		253	297		297	299
52	Wildlife Amendment Act, 2000 / Loi de 2000 modifiant la Loi sur la faune	160		261	292		292	299
53	Wildlife Act Consequential Amendment Act, 2000	160		223	292		292	299
54	Vehicle Administration Amendment Act, 2000 (No. 2)	160		246	256		256	273
55	Land Titles Act, 2000	176	176	251	300		300	330
56	Land Titles Consequential Amendment Act, 2000 / Loi de 2000 apportant des modifications corrélatives à la loi intitulée The Land Titles Act, 2000	176		252	300		300	330
57	Land Surveys Act, 2000	176	176	252	300		300	330
58	Condominium Property Amendment Act, 2000	176		252	300		300	330

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NO.	TITLE	1 R	C.R.	2 R	COMM.	AMDT.	3 R	R.A.
59	Construction Industry Labour Relations Amendment Act, 2000	160-1		296	314	303-13	316	330
60	Forest Resources Management Amendment Act, 2000	165		261	292		292	299
61	Engineering and Geoscience Professions Amendment Act, 2000	165		222	276		276	299
62	Miscellaneous Statutes Repeal (Regulatory Reform) Act, 2000	166		229	265		265	273
63	Legal Aid Amendment Act, 2000	166	182	261	297		297	299
64	Fiscal Stabilization Fund Act	166	186	284	300		300	330
65	Crown Corporations Amendment Act, 2000	166	197	260	271		271	298
66	Personal Property Security Amendment Act, 2000	166	186	222	249		249	272
67	Northern Municipalities Amendment Act, 2000	172	202	253	265	264	265	273
68	Rural Municipality Amendment Act, 2000	172	202	253	265	264	265	273
69	Urban Municipality Amendment Act, 2000	173	202	252	265	263	265	273
70	Education (Elimination of Business Tax) Amendment Act, 2000 / Loi de 2000 modifiant la Loi sur l'éducation (élimination de la taxe professionnelle)	173		229	276		276	298
71	Health Districts Amendment Act, 2000	181	207	229	265		265	273
72	Appropriation Act, 2000 (No. 2)	187		187			187	188
73	Licensed Practical Nurses Act, 2000	185	197	221	242		244	272
74	Alcohol and Gaming Regulation Amendment Act, 2000	189		229	274		274	298
75	Alcohol and Gaming Regulation Amendment Act, 2000 (No. 2) / Loi n° 2 de 2000 modifiant la Loi de 1997 sur la réglementation des boissons alcoolisées et des jeux de hasard	189		230	274		274	298
76	Research Council Amendment Act, 2000	194	211	230	256		256	272
77	Saskatchewan Human Rights Code Amendment Act, 2000	194	211	230	265		265	273

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78	Highway Traffic Amendment Act, 2000 (No. 2)	195		246	256		256	273
79	Saskatchewan Centre of the Arts Act, 2000	201	217	252	276		276	298
80	Court of Appeal Act, 2000 / Loi de 2000 sur la Cour d'appel	205		271	297		297	299
81	Income Tax Act, 2000	226	251	269	292	284-91	292	299
82	Income Tax Amendment Act, 2000	226	250	268	292		292	299
83	Income Tax Consequential Amendment Act, 2000	226		269	292		292	299
84	Education and Health Tax Amendment Act, 2000	226	251	270	292		292	299
85	Post-Secondary Graduate Tax Credit Act	226	251	270	292		292	299
86	Wood River Constituency By-election Act	297		297	297		297	299
87	Appropriation Act, 2000 (No. 3)	328		328-9			328-9	330
88	Saskatoon Riversdale Constituency By-election Act	334		334	334		334	335
89	Regina Elphinstone Constituency By-election Act	334		334	334		334	335

PRIVATE MEMBERS' PUBLIC BILLS

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202	Respect for Constituents Act	38						
203	Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Amendment Act, 2000	130						
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209	Agricultural Implements Amendment Act, 1999	26	Withdrawn from Order Paper – 50-1					

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218	Saskatchewan Farm Security Amendment Act, 2000	234						
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220	Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Amendment Act, 2000 (Votes of Confidence)	149						
221	Crown Construction Tendering Agreement Nullification Act	160						
222	Crown Corporation Managers' and Permanent Heads' Salaries Act	122						
223	Trade Union Amendment Act, 2000	267						
224	Regulatory Reform Act	137						
225	Crown Corporations Amendment Act, 2000 (Foreign Investments)	123						
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228	Crown Corporations Disclosure Act	123						
229	Children's Law Amendment Act, 2000 Loi de 2000 modifiant la Loi de 1997 sur le droit de l'enfance	259						
230	Crown Corporations Amendment Act, 2000 (Referendums)	123						
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ABBREVIATIONS

1R	–	First Reading	Comm	–	Committee of the Whole or Standing Select or Special Committee
2R	–	Second Reading			
3R	–	Third Reading			
R.A.	–	Royal Assent			
C.R.	–	Crown Recommendation	NCBC	–	Standing Committee on Non-controversial Bills
M.	–	Motion			
amdt.	–	amendment			
neg.	–	negated	PMBC	–	Standing Committee on Private Members' Bills
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